

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING BLADES

Abstract

A method of supporting a cantilevered component prior to machining the cantilevered component, wherein the cantilevered component is mounted on a hub, the method
5 comprising the step of providing an adhesive carrier, applying adhesive to the carrier and adhering the carrier to the cantilevered component and allowing the adhesive to cure. The carrier may rigid and braced against adjacent blades or against another carrier located on an opposing side of the aerofoil. Alternatively, the carrier may be a flexible fabric that can be wrapped around the blade. Advantageously, the blade can be machined through the
10 carrier.

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