

PEELING APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A peeling apparatus includes a holding table for holding a plate-shaped workpiece having an upper surface and a lower surface, the upper surface of the workpiece being covered with a protective member, the lower surface of the workpiece being held on the holding table, a peeling mechanism for peeling off the protective member from the workpiece held on the holding table, and a recovery box adapted to be set in the peeling apparatus for recovering the protective member peeled off by the peeling mechanism. The recovery box has an upper opening from which the protective member is to be put into the recovery box. The peeling apparatus further includes a removing mechanism for allowing the protective member to be put into the recovery box from the upper opening and also allowing the protective member recovered into the recovery box to be removed from the recovery box, during the operation of operating the peeling mechanism to peel off the protective member.

Figure 4B.