

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING GAS TURBINE ENGINE STRUTS

ABSTRACT

A method for installing an expandable stiffener (100) includes providing an assembly (60) including a first sidewall (110) and a second sidewall (112) connected at a leading (64) and trailing edge (66) such that a cavity (80) is defined therebetween, forming an opening (102) extending through the first sidewall and the second sidewall, inserting a first expandable sleeve (140) through the assembly opening such that the sleeve extends between the first and second strut sidewalls, and coupling the sleeve to the first and second sidewalls.

Fig. 2

