TRANSPORTING APPARATUS FOR DISCRETE SHEETS INTO ENVELOPES AND RELATED METHODS

ABSTRACT

An apparatus (110) transports a discrete paper or film object (131) in a machine direction (15) for insertion into an envelope (132). A guide assembly (120) of the apparatus (110) includes opposed first and second channels (125, 129) facing one another for guiding the object (131) in the machine direction (15), with the channels (125, 129) extending upwardly to thereby define an uphill path of travel (130) for the object (131). A drive apparatus (300) includes engaging elements (310) for moving the object (131) along the first and second channels (125, 129). At least one support element (144, 148) holds the object (131) against the guide assembly (120).

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