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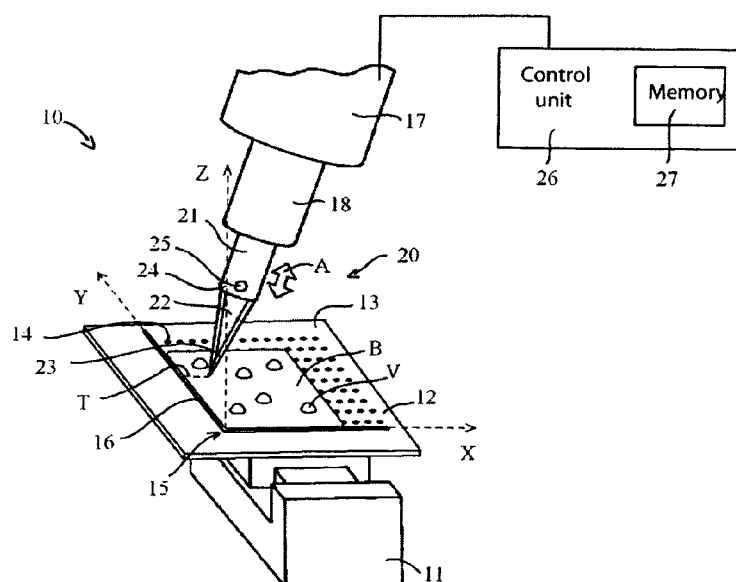


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A device for singling out products that are grouped in blister packs or similar multiple packages comprises a support structure (11, 12, 30) for at least one multiple package (B) to be singled out, with a bearing surface (13, 31) defining a reference plane (X-Y). Clamping means (14, 33, 34) can be activated selectively in order to clamp the at least one multiple package against the bearing surface. A cutting head (20, 36) comprises a cutting unit, preferably an ultrasound unit, with means for cutting the multiple package, and control means (26, 42) are operatively connected to the cutting head (20, 36) and to the clamping means (14, 33, 34) in order to control relative movement between the cutting unit (22, 23, 39, 40) and the multiple package (B) in accordance with a cutting scheme which is predetermined or is defined in real time, and which depends on the configuration of the multiple package.



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