

Abstract

Printing Operation with Improved Stencil Separation

Separation between a printing screen or stencil and at least one singulated workpiece following a printing operation is controlled by selective vertical actuation of a surround plate.

- 5 In particular, an upward force may be supplied to the surround plate following printing, before and / or during separation. Drive means are provided to control movement of the surround plate, which may conveniently be located intermediate the surround plate and a conveyance unit.

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