

Device Handler and Method of Control Thereof**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A device handler comprises a device holder 6 for detachably holding a device, a pressure cylinder 10 for making the device holder 6 move in a Z-axial direction, a motor 18 for making the device holder 6 and the pressure cylinder 10 move in an X-axial or Y-axial direction different from the Z-axial direction, an interruption signal generation circuit 22 for generating an interruption signal at a time before the device holder 6 and the pressure cylinder 10 moving along the X-axial or Y-axial direction have reached a predetermined stopping position A, a timer circuit 22 for counting a wait time using as a reference the time at which the interruption signal generation circuit 22 generates the interruption signal, and a pressure cylinder drive signal generation circuit 22 which outputs a signal driving the pressure cylinder 10 when the timer circuit 22 detects that the predetermined wait time has elapsed. The device handler is designed to increase the speed of a sequential operations of an actuator attached to the device handler and thereby improve the throughput of device processing.

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