Claims:

1. A method of supporting a cantilevered component prior to machining the cantilevered component, wherein the cantilevered component is mounted on a hub, the method comprising the step of providing an adhesive carrier, applying adhesive to the carrier and adhering the carrier to the cantilevered component and allowing the adhesive to cure.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is braced against a further component.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein the further component is a further cantilevered component.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the carrier is rigid and comprises a first wing for adhering to a first surface of the cantilevered component and a second wing for adhering to a first surface of the further cantilevered component.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the carrier has a base connecting the first and second wings.

6. A method according to claim 4 or claim 5, wherein the first wing is adhered to the cantilevered component with a stronger bond than the second wing is adhered to the further cantilevered component.

7. A method according to claim 2, wherein the carrier is braced against a further carrier.

8. A method according to claim 7, wherein the carrier is adhered to a first surface of the cantilevered component and the further carrier is adhered to a second surface of the cantilevered component.

9. A method according to claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the carrier is braced to the further carrier around an edge of the cantilevered component.

10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is flexible and wrapped around the cantilevered component.

11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the adhesive is applied whilst the carrier is wrapped around the cantilevered component.

12. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein the cantilevered component is a blade mounted to a hub.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein the blade is integrally mounted to the hub.

14. A method according to any preceding claim, wherein following adherence of the carrier to the cantilevered component the cantilevered component is machined in a machining step.

15. A method according to claim 17, wherein the blade is machined in the machining step whilst the blade is supported by the carrier.

16. A method according to claim 18, wherein the machining step machines the blade and removes at least a portion of the carrier.

17. A carrier for supporting a blade mounted on a hub, the carrier having two spaced wings connected by a base, each wing having an internally facing surface facing the opposing wing and an outwardly facing surface facing away from the opposing wing, at least one of the outwardly facing surfaces being configured to receive an adhesive.

18. A carrier for supporting a blade mounted on a hub, the carrier having two halves, each half having a surface configured to receive an adhesive for adhering to a respective side of the blade and a connector portion that engages with the connector portion of the other half to secure the halves together.

19. A carrier according to claim 15 or claim 16, wherein the surface configured to receive an adhesive comprises a plurality of depressions separated by a plurality of lands.

20. A carrier according to any of claim 15 to claim 17, wherein the surface configured to receive an adhesive further comprises a adhesive break, the adhesive break having a channel and a ridge extending across the width of the surface.