

**PROTECTIVE MEMBER ATTACHING APPARATUS AND PROTECTIVE
MEMBER ATTACHING METHOD**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A protective member attaching apparatus includes a pressure reduction chamber having an upper housing and a lower housing, a support table that is provided inside the lower housing and on which a substrate is mounted, a sheet fixing section for fixing the sheet in such a manner as to partition the inside space of the pressure reduction chamber into a first space and a second space, a heating unit that heats the sheet to soften the sheet, and a control unit. The sheet fixing section has an outer periphery fixing section that fixes an outer periphery of the sheet, and a temporary fixing section that temporarily fixes a central portion of the sheet to the substrate mounted on a support table through a gap between the sheet and the substrate.

[Fig. 1]