ABSTRACT

In a handler attracting and transporting ICs by the use of a vacuum pick-up head, a control system is provided which provides for removing a jammed IC without the need for opening the door of the constant temperature chamber, if the vacuum pick-up head's failure to grasp an IC should cause jamming. A jam detecting means 22B detects the occurrence of jam to interrupt the operation of the handler, whereupon a motion control means 22C is activated to move the vacuum pick-up head to and stop it at a position distant from the site of jamming whereby the space above the site of jamming is cleared. This allows for removing the jammed IC by using a manipulator rod 11 inserted through a through-hole 11 formed through the outer wall of the constant temperature chamber 9.

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