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ABSTRACT

LABELS AND MANUFACTURE THEREOF

A method of producing a succession of self-adhesive labels carried on a length of release material, the method including the steps of: (a) digitally printing a succession of images on a web; and (b) die cutting the web to form a succession of self-adhesive labels on a length of release material. There is also provided a method of producing a succession of self-adhesive labels carried on a length of release material, the method including the steps of:- (a) digitally printing a succession of images on a web; (b) cutting the printed web into a succession of labels; and (c) applying the succession of labels to a second web including a release material. There is further provided an apparatus for producing a succession of self-adhesive labels on a length of release backing material, the apparatus comprising a digital printing unit for printing a web with a succession of images and a die-cutting device for cutting self-adhesive labels from the web. There is further provided a method of producing a succession of self-adhesive labels carried on a length of release backing material, the method comprising the steps of:- (a) feeding a first web to a cutting and folding unit in which the web is formed into a succession of folded labels; (b) feeding, with a label feeder, the folded labels in succession from the cutting and folding unit onto a second web including a length of release backing material; and (c) moving the second web past the label feeder. The invention also provides apparatus for use in the methods.