

## ABSTRACT

### MACHINE FOR CUTTING FLAT STOCK

A machine (1) for cutting flat stock, especially sheets of material. The machine has a counter (3) that accommodates the stock and a cutting assembly. The cutting assembly comprises a knife (10) mounted on a beam (9) that travels up and down toward and away from the counter in a machinery frame (4). The beam accommodates at least two separated and knife-positioning components (20) that force the back (28) of the knife against the beam.

Each knife-positioning component rests against a pressure-accommodating component (20) on the back of the knife. At least that area of the pressure-accommodating component that comes into contact with the knife-positioning component is hard.

The invention provides simple means of stabilizing the position of the knife in relation to the beam, whereby the force-accommodating component prevents the blade positioning components from digging into the back of the knife.

(Figure 2)