

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEAT-PRESSING  
LAMINATE OF CERAMIC SHEETS

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an apparatus for heat-pressing a laminate (1) of ceramic sheets by using a pair of heating press dies (4, 5) for heat-pressing the laminate (1) in the direction of lamination. The heat-pressing apparatus is characterised in that it further comprises a sealing sleeve (21) for forming a hermetically closed space which entirely encloses the laminate (1) interposed between the pair of press dies (4, 5), and a vacuum source (15) for evacuating the hermetically closed space. The present invention also provides a method for heat-pressing a ceramic sheet laminate.

(To be accompanied by Fig. 5)

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