

FILM APPLYING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME

ABSTRACT

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In a film applying apparatus (10) for applying a film (12) including a photosensitive layer to a printed circuit board (26) and the like, a film holding member (42) for wrapping the leading edge of a film (12) and stationary-knife support members (52) are supported on the same fore-and-aft guide rails (28) for synchronous reciprocating
10 movement relative to a film passage plane (12A); the film holding member (42) is floatingly supported by floating mechanisms for movement in a direction perpendicular to a base-plate conveyance plane I-I; and the film holding member (42) is driven by the tacking member (20) via pressure mechanisms to move between a position in which it is spaced from the stationary-knife support members (52), and a position in which it
15 comes in contact with the stationary-knife support members (52).

Figure 1