

**METHODS FOR ATTACHING AND DETACHING
CUTTING BLADE, AND BLADE GRIPPING TOOL**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a method for attaching a cutting blade to a blade mount fixed on a distal end of a spindle. The method includes the following steps: gripping a hub base of the cutting blade by a blade gripping tool, the hub base defining therethrough a hole to be fitted; heating the hub base by a heater disposed in the blade gripping tool, so that the hole is enlarged in inner diameter; and moving the blade gripping tool with the cutting blade gripped by the blade gripping tool and inserting a boss portion of the blade mount into the hole.

[Fig. 4]