

Title (en)

Apparatus for bottom feeding articles from a stack.

Title (de)

Vorrichtung zum Zuführen des untersten Gegenstandes eines Stapels.

Title (fr)

Dispositif pour alimenter l'objet inférieur d'une pile.

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Abstract (en)

A normal force applicator (11) for apparatus for bottom feeding articles from the stack. The normal force application (11) forms a rolling nip (28) between a roller (27) and a feed belt designed to apply force to only a few of the bottom articles in the stack to be fed at the time. The rolling nip (28) ensures a constant normal force between the articles and the feed belt (5) that feeds articles to a separator (16) even using a very low applied force, independent of stack size. Also, since the roller (27) contacts only a few of the bottom articles, additional articles can be added to the stack readily even while the feeder is operating.

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