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[origin: WO8202872A1] A clamp assembly (12) for controllably gripping an article (10). Automated material handling devices generally require sensor and control devices to adapt the device to variously sized and shaped articles. Also, the application of excess contact force between the clamping device and article may damage vulnerable surfaces and features of the article being handled. The present invention solves the above problem by providing a clamp assembly (12) having opposed, pressurizable gripping members (64, 66). The gripping members (64, 66) each have a compliant, article-contacting surface (67, 68) which form about the article (10) upon pressurization of the gripping members (64, 66). The invention is of particular benefit in handling a wide range of differently sized stepped-diameter shafts.

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