

Title (en)  
Sheet set separation using folded strips.

Title (de)  
Vorrichtung zum Trennen eines Blättersatzes mittels gefaltete Bänder.

Title (fr)  
Dispositif pour séparer un ensemble de feuilles au moyen de bandes pliées.

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Abstract (en)  
Apparatus and a method are disclosed for associating a strip (33) with a set (16) of stacked sheets. The strip (33) which may be paper tape, is positioned intersecting a path (24) along which a set (16) of sheets such as paper sheets is advanced. The sheet set (16) is advanced towards the strip (33) so that the downstream edge (38) of the sheet set engages the strip (33) with portions of the strip (33) extending substantially beyond opposed major sides of the sheet set. The strip (33) is then folded at least once to the sheet set (16) adjacent the downstream edge (38) of the sheet set (16) with the strip portions extending generally adjacent the major sides of the sheet set (16). The strip (33) is folded by advancing the sheet set (16) and the strip (33) through a nip (60). The strip (33) is indexed from a roll (34) to the position in the path (24) of the sheet set (16). The strip (33) is tensioned and is drawn against a knife edge (178) as the sheet set (16) advances through the nip (60) to sever the strip (33) from the roll. <IMAGE>

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