

Title (en)

ACOUSTO-OPTIC TUNABLE FILTER-BASED SURFACE SCANNING SYSTEM AND PROCESS.

Title (de)

OBERFLÄCHENABTASTSYSTEM UND VERFAHREN AUF DER BASIS AKUSTO-OPTISCHER FILTER.

Title (fr)

SYSTEME ET PROCEDE DE BALAYAGE DE SURFACE AU MOYEN D'UN FILTRE ACOUSTO-OPTIQUE ACCORDABLE.

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO9322655A1] A scanning system (10) for inspecting a surface (16) including a light source (30) which generates a beam of light (32) that is reflected, scattered or causes fluorescence at the surface to be inspected. An optical interface (14) receives the beam of light and directs it along a predetermined path extending to and from the surface. An acousto-optic tunable filter (34) tuned to pass light having a wavelength corresponding to a known optical property of a predetermined material is positioned within the path of light. A detector (42) is positioned to receive light emanating from the surface and is configured to monitor the intensity of light at each predetermined wavelength being monitored and generate a corresponding signal. The system is preferably attached to a scan board (90) thereby enabling the system to be used in scanning a surface. The system also includes a signal processor (22) which processes the signal generated by the detector. The resulting data is displayed by an output device (26).

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