#### Title (en)

# WEB RETENTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CUTOFF BLADE

Title (de)

VORRICHTUNG ZUR FIXIERUNG EINES BAHNFÖRMIGEN MATERIALS UND FIXIERUNGSVERFAHREN UNTER VERWENDUNG EINER SCHNEIDKLINGE

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## APPAREIL DE RETENTION DE TISSU ET PROCEDE DESTINE A UNE LAME DE COUPE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO0071332A2] A web retention apparatus and method for securing the edge of a severed web against movement or piling up during subsequent web operations. The invention preferably utilizes a vacuum aperture which draws in and holds a portion (e.g., the edge) of a web which has been severed. The vacuum aperture is connected to a vacuum generator which creates a suction force pulling the web portion into and holding it within the vacuum aperture. For this purpose, the aperture is preferably an elongated groove or slot located near the position at which the web is cut, thereby permitting the web portion to lie near and be pulled into the vacuum aperture. The aperture can have a throat defined by one or more walls extending below the surface in which the aperture is located. The present invention finds particular applicability on a cutoff roll, where one or more cutoff blades are mounted on a cutoff roll surface. In such a system, the vacuum aperture preferably runs alongside and behind the cutoff blade and pulls (via suction through the vacuum aperture) the portion of the severed web into the vacuum aperture after the web has been cut by the cutoff blade. In other embodiments of the invention, the vacuum aperture can be located in front of the cutoff blade to secure that part of the severed web which lies in front of the cutoff blade. In fact, a vacuum aperture can be located on both sides of the cutoff blade if desired. [origin: WO0071332A2] A web retention apparatus (40) and method for securing the edge of a severed web (26, 28) against movement or piling up during subsequent web operations. The invention preferably utilizes a vacuum aperture (30) which draws in and holds a portion (e.g., the edge) of a web (10) within the vacuum aperture (30) by a suction force created by a vacuum generator. The aperture (30) is preferably an elongated groove or slot located near the position at which the web (10) is cut, thereby permitting the web portion to lie near and be pulled into the vacuum aperture (30). The aperture (30) can have a throat (36) defined by one or more walls (32, 34) extending below the surface (12) in which the aperture (30) is located. The present invention finds particular applicability on a cutoff roll (14), where one or more cutoff blades (20) are mounted on a cutoff roll surface (12).

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