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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHANGING SPACERS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUM WECHSELN VON ABSTANDHALTERN

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉ ET DISPOSITIF DE CHANGEMENT D'ÉCARTEURS

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2014063173A1] The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for the, preferably automated, changing of spacers (1, 2) in a plant having at least one applicator head (12) for applying spacers (1, 2) to panel-shaped workpieces (22, 23), in particular glass panes. According to the invention, spacers (1, 2) from at least two sources are fed to the applicator head (12) in an offset manner with respect to one another. A first spacer (1) from a first source is separated. The resulting end (13) of the first spacer (1) and a start (14) of the second spacer (2), which comes from a second source, are moved into a mutually assigned position by means of a changing device. Then, the end (13) of the first spacer (1) is connected to the start (14) of the second spacer (2). A resulting connection (11) of the first spacer (1) with the second spacer (2) runs through the plant until the connection (11) has passed the applicator head (12). After the connection (11) has passed the applicator head (12), the second spacer (2) is separated in a region between the connection (11) and the applicator head (12).

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