

Title (en)

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DRILLING HOLES AND INSTALLING FASTENERS IN VEHICLE STRUCTURES

Title (de)

SYSTEM UND VERFAHREN ZUM BOHREN VON LÖCHERN UND INSTALLIEREN VON BEFESTIGUNGSELEMENTEN BEI FAHRZEUGSTRUKTUREN

Title (fr)

SYSTÈME ET PROCÉDÉ DE PERÇAGE DE TROUS ET D'INSTALLATION D'ÉLÉMENTS DE FIXATION DANS DES STRUCTURES DE VÉHICULE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2021126733A1] A system and method for drilling a hole in a vehicle structure and installing a fastener in the hole. A drill plate having openings and associated machine-readable elements is positioned on the structure. A drill gun is positioned in a particular opening and reads hole information from the associated element, and a computer determines whether the drill gun is properly set-up to drill the hole. A fastener insertion gun is positioned in the particular opening and reads fastener information from the element, and the computer determines whether the hole has been drilled and, if so, whether the fastener insertion gun is properly set-up to insert the fastener. A fastener delivery subsystem stores, tracks, and delivers fasteners to the fastener insertion gun. A system computer monitors the drilling of every hole, the insertion of every fastener, and the overall operation of the fastener delivery subsystem.

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