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### (54) Machine for packaging articles in blister packs

(57) A machine for packing articles into blister packs includes a series of modular units which can be removably connected with one another. The machine includes a unit (3) where a reel (20) of a thermoformable material band (2) is loaded; a unit (4) for thermoforming the band

(2); a unit (5) for feeding the articles (10) to the blister band (2), the feeding unit being disposed beside the thermoforming unit (4); a unit (6) for sealing the blister band (2) and a unit (7) for cutting the blister band (2) into single blister packs.

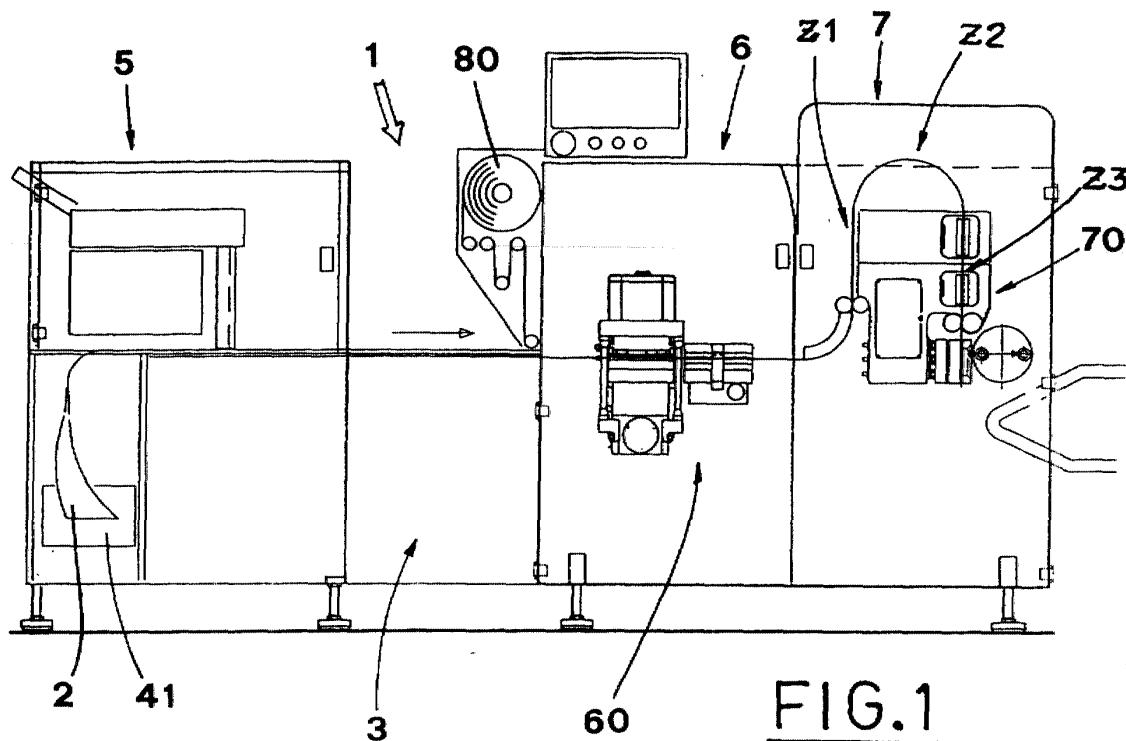


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