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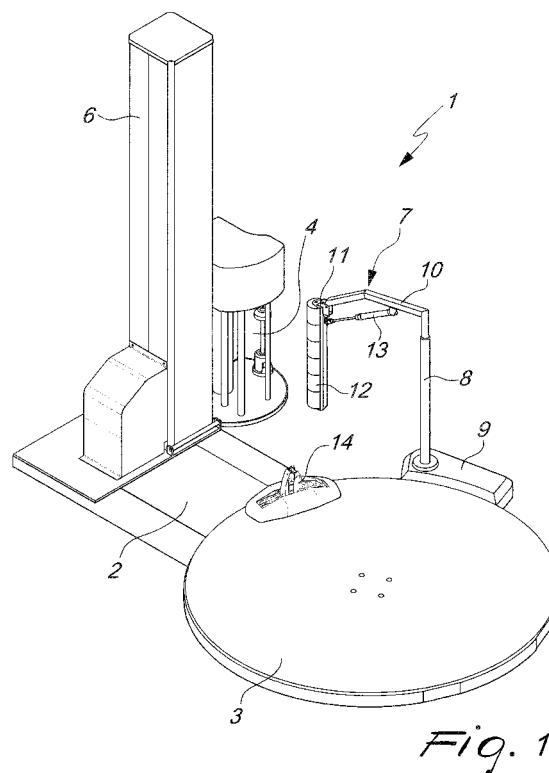
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(54) **Wrapping machine**

(57) A machine (1) for wrapping polymeric film, comprising a fixed frame (2), a platform (3), which can rotate on the frame (2) and is actuated by a respective motor, a shaft (4), which can also perform a translational motion, for supporting a roll of polymeric film (5), a substantially oscillating contrast element (7), which is associated with the frame (2), and an assembly (14) for gripping and cutting the polymeric film (5), which is associated with the platform (3). The contrast element (7) presses the polymeric film (5) so that it adheres against the outer surface of the product (P) to be wrapped after the cutting operation.





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1. claims: 1-4, 12

A wrapping machine with a roller as end portion of the contrast element.

2. claims: 5-11, 13-14

A wrapping machine with a special construction of the assembly for gripping and cutting the polymeric film.

3. claim: 15

A method for wrapping a product in which an end flap of the polymeric film is clamped within the grip and cutting assembly before the rotating platform starts turning.

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