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(54) **Robotic apparatus for the surface treatment, in particular cleaning of rotating rollers**

(57) A robotic apparatus for cleaning a train of rotating rollers (2) for processing metal products, comprises: abrasive means (5) for removing dirt and/or surface irregularities from the rotating rollers (2); first (4a) and second (4b) means for advancement on the train of rotating rollers (2), and a navigation device (15), provided with absolute transducer means for detecting the position of the apparatus (1) on the train of rotating rollers (2), and with a processing and driving module that, depending on

the position indicated by the absolute transducer means and taking account of the rotation speed of the rotating rollers (2), consequently drives the first and second advancement means (4) in a manner that is selective and differentiated from one another to generate a desired transverse and longitudinal advancement on the train of rotating rollers (2), enabling the abrasive means (5) to treat the entire surface of each rotating roller (2) underneath and/or possible further rollers placed above said robotic apparatus (1).

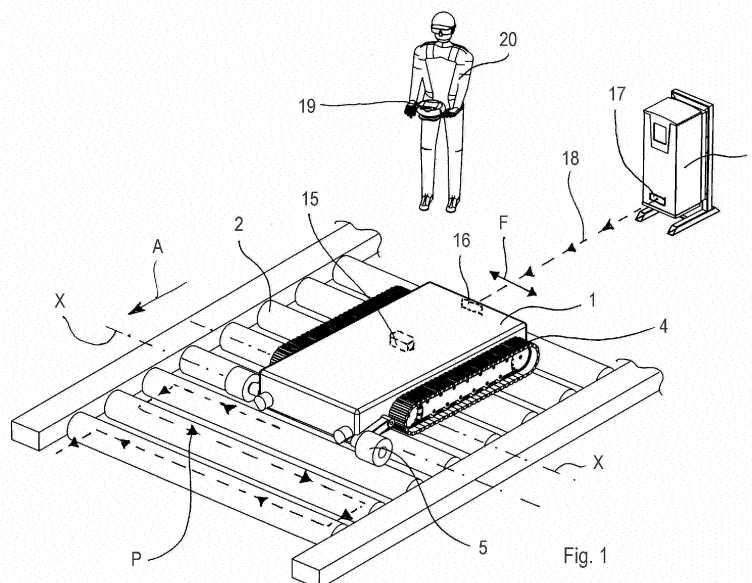


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