Title: SEAM ENVELOPE GAUGE SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Abstract: Various embodiments of the present invention are directed to a measuring gauge for determining whether envelopes meet predetermined specifications. The measuring gauge may comprise a first body, a second body protruding from the first body, a first indicia located along a side of the first body for indicating an in or out of specification of a first portion of an envelope, a second indicia located on the second body for indicating an in or out of specification for a second portion of an envelope, and a third indicia located on a side of the first body opposite from the first indicia for indicating an in or out of specification for a third portion of an envelope.

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