

12 **EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION**

21 Application number: 82300253.0

51 Int. Cl.³: **B 41 F 27/12**
B 41 L 29/12

22 Date of filing: 19.01.82

30 Priority: 23.01.81 GB 8102041

43 Date of publication of application:
04.08.82 Bulletin 82/31

88 Date of deferred publication of search report: 18.08.82

84 Designated Contracting States:
AT DE GB IT NL

71 Applicant: **AUTO-MASTERS LIMITED**
Manchester Road
Hyde Cheshire, SK14 2BP(GB)

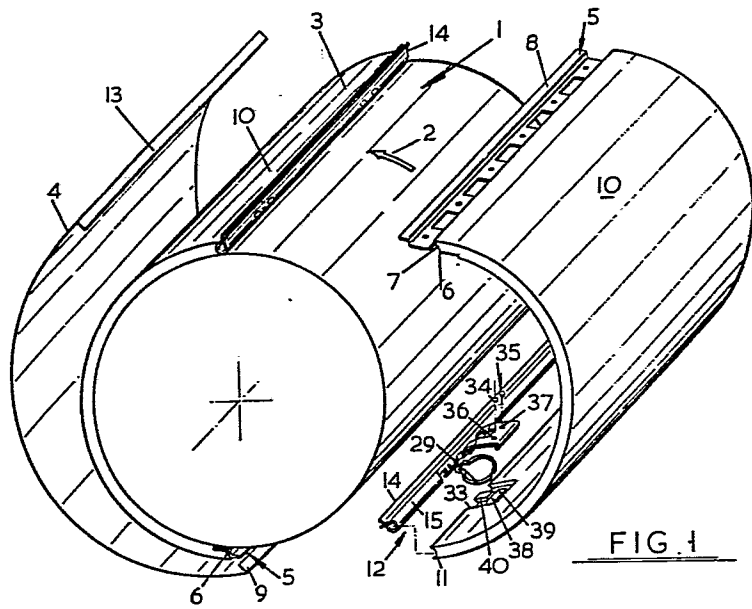
72 Inventor: **Davies, Kevin Graham**
47 Ladysmith Road
Ashton-under-Lyne Lancashire(GB)

72 Inventor: **Marsh, John Richard**
6, The Ceal Compstall
Marple Bridge Cheshire(GB)

74 Representative: **Mock, Hans et al,**
MARKS & CLERK Scottish Life House Bridge Street
Manchester M3 3DP(GB)

54 **A mechanism for securing a printing plate to a printing cylinder.**

57 In apparatus for securing a flexible printing plate (4) to a printing cylinder (1) a locking element (12) engages the controlling edge (13) of a flexible printing plate (4) and is pivotal in use between a locking position in which the printing plate (4) is tensioned and a release position in which the printing plate (4) can be fitted or removed. Biasing means is provided with over-centre action spring means (29) for urging the body (14) into the locking position and the release position depending upon the position of the locking member (14).





DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int. Cl. 3)
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	
X	<u>US - A - 3 727 551 (KOSTAS et al)</u> * Column 1, lines 8-29, line 62 - column 2, line 3; column 3, lines 23-55; column 5, line 59 - column 7, line 17; figures 1,2, 5,6 * --	1,2	B 41 F 27/12 B 41 L 29/12
A	<u>US - A - 3 757 690 (SKIERA)</u> * Column 3, lines 21-27; figures 4,5 * --	2	TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int. Cl. 3)
A	<u>DE - A - 2 637 661 (WIFAG)</u> * Page 4, lines 7-17 * --	4	B 41 F B 41 L
A	<u>GB - A - 1 575 017 (FERMI et al)</u> ----		
			CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS
			X: particularly relevant if taken alone Y: particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A: technological background O: non-written disclosure P: intermediate document T: theory or principle underlying the invention E: earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D: document cited in the application L: document cited for other reasons
			&: member of the same patent family, corresponding document
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Place of search	Date of completion of the search	Examiner	
The Hague	31-03-1982	LUTZ	