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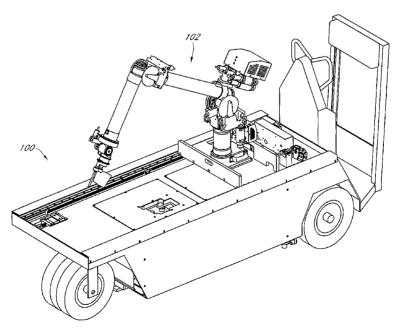
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(57) Abstract: Systems and methods for a vehicle mounted articulator are described, the articulator of the type comprised in a coordinate measuring machine. A vehicle (100) conveniently allows an articulator (102) to be moved to various remote work sites. In one embodiment, the articulator can be mounted on a movable base (322), thereby increasing the flexibility of use and/or reach of the articulator. Such vehicle-mounted articulators can be subjected to various potentially damaging situations due to motion of the vehicle. Various features that allow safe operation of the vehicle and the articulator are disclosed.





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