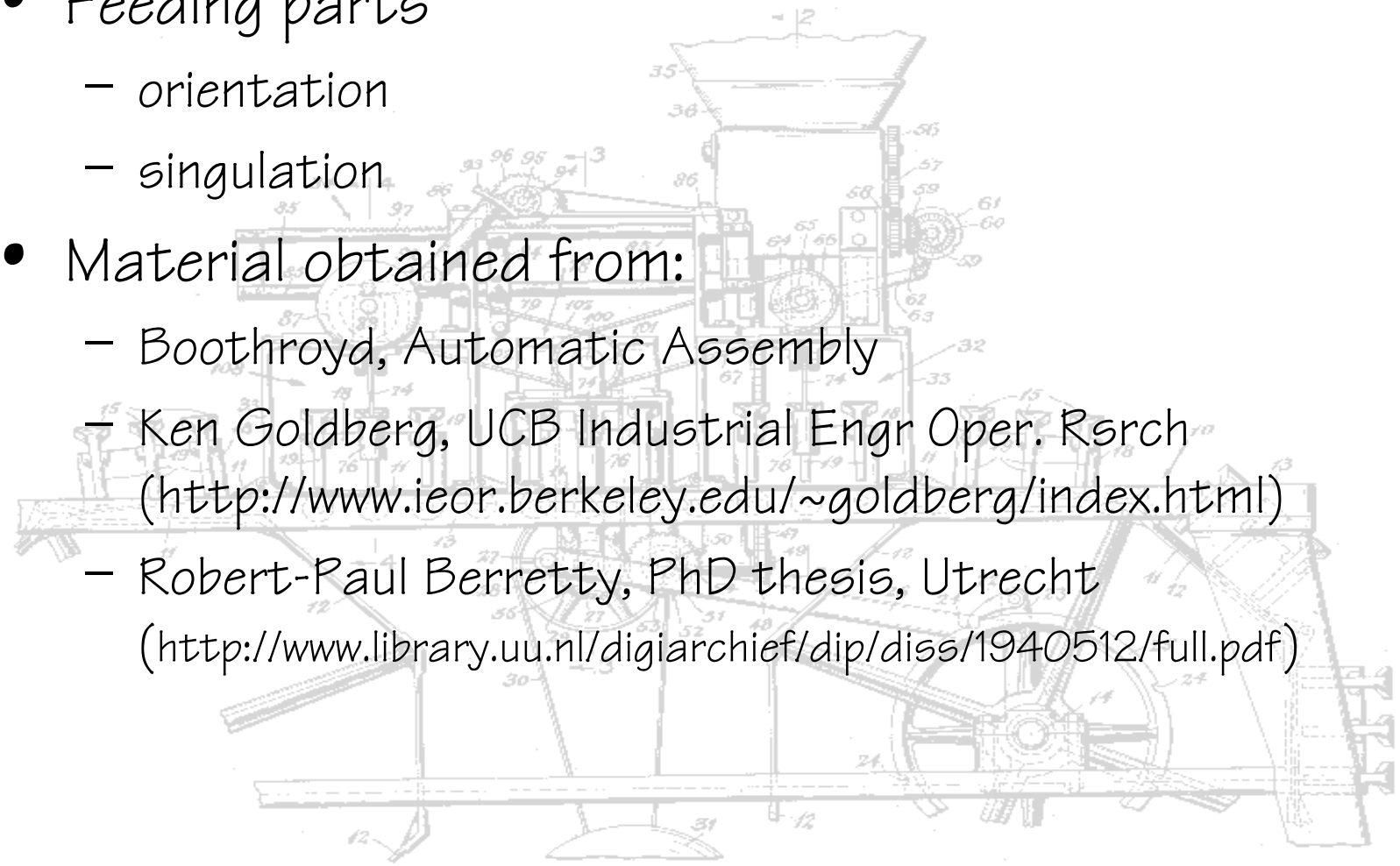
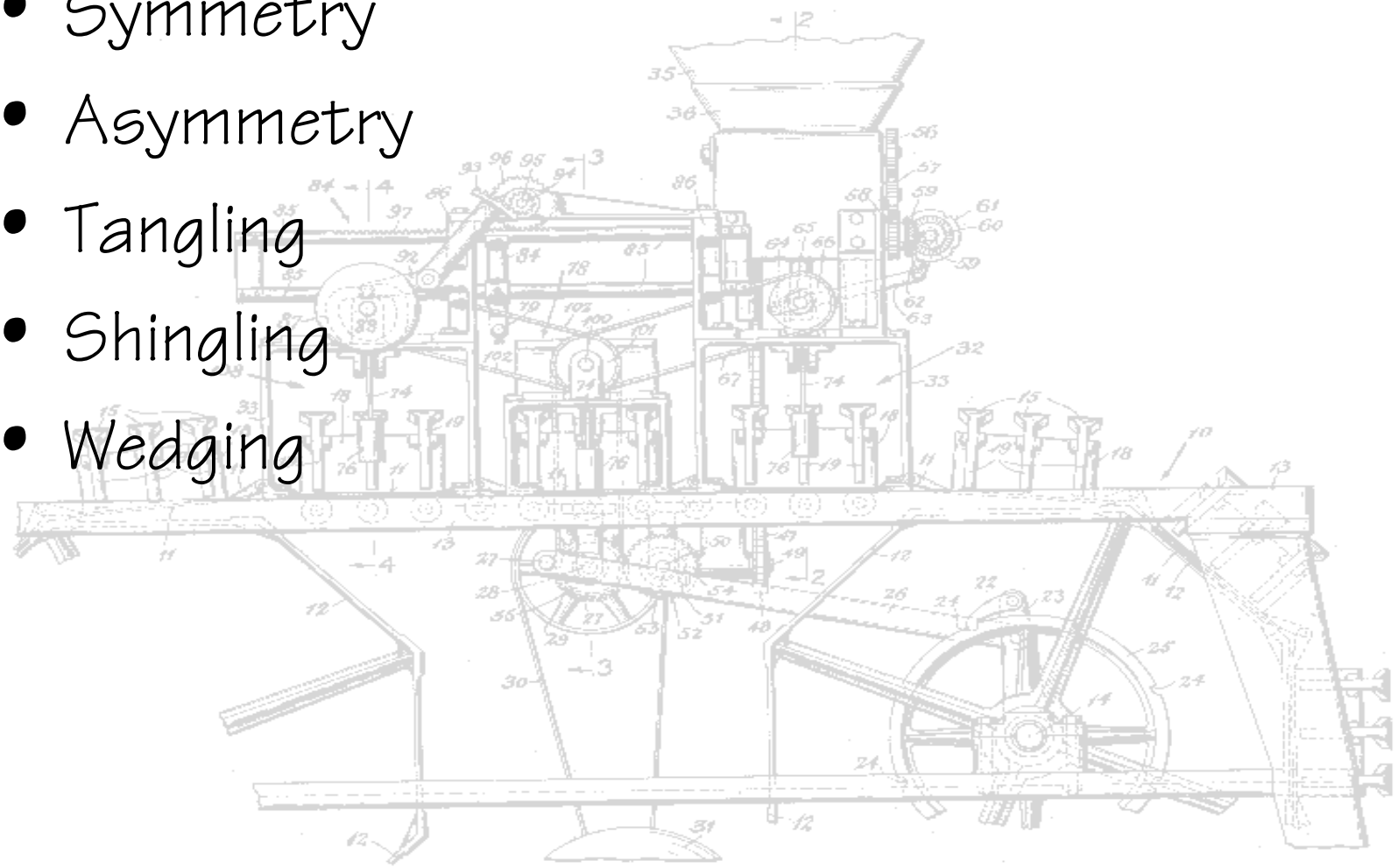
Care & Feeding of Machines

- Feeding parts
  - orientation
  - singulation
- Material obtained from:
  - Boothroyd, Automatic Assembly
  - Ken Goldberg, UCB Industrial Engr Oper. Rsrch (http://www.ieor.berkeley.edu/~goldberg/index.html)
  - Robert-Paul Berretty, PhD thesis, Utrecht (http://www.library.uu.nl/digiarchief/dip/diss/1940512/full.pdf)



Designing Parts for Feeding

- Symmetry
- Asymmetry
- Tangling
- Shingling
- Wedging



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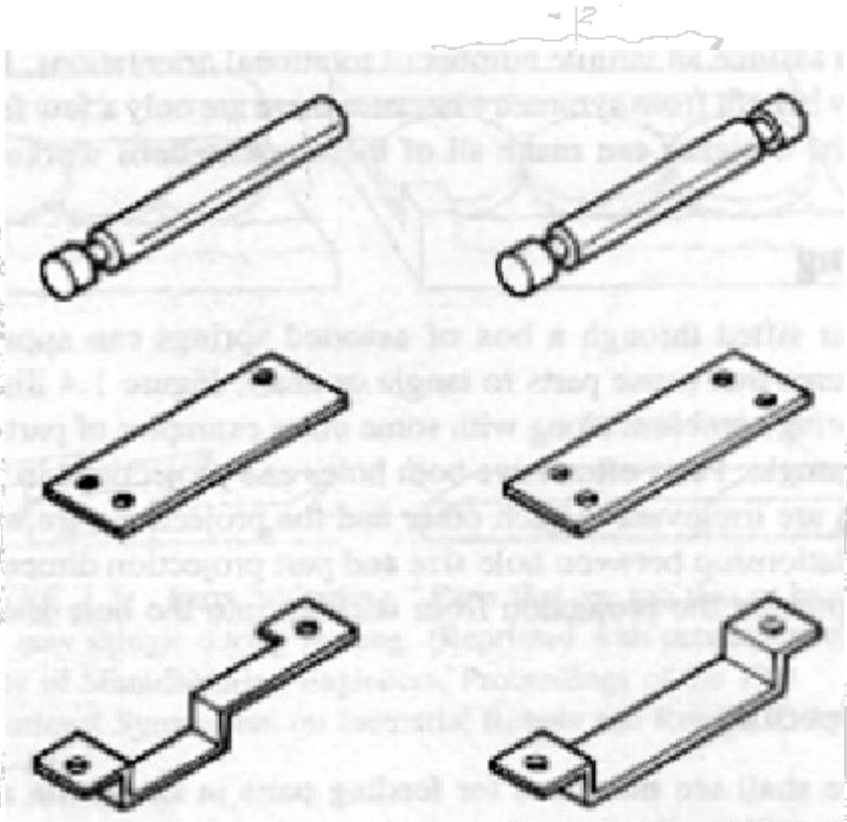

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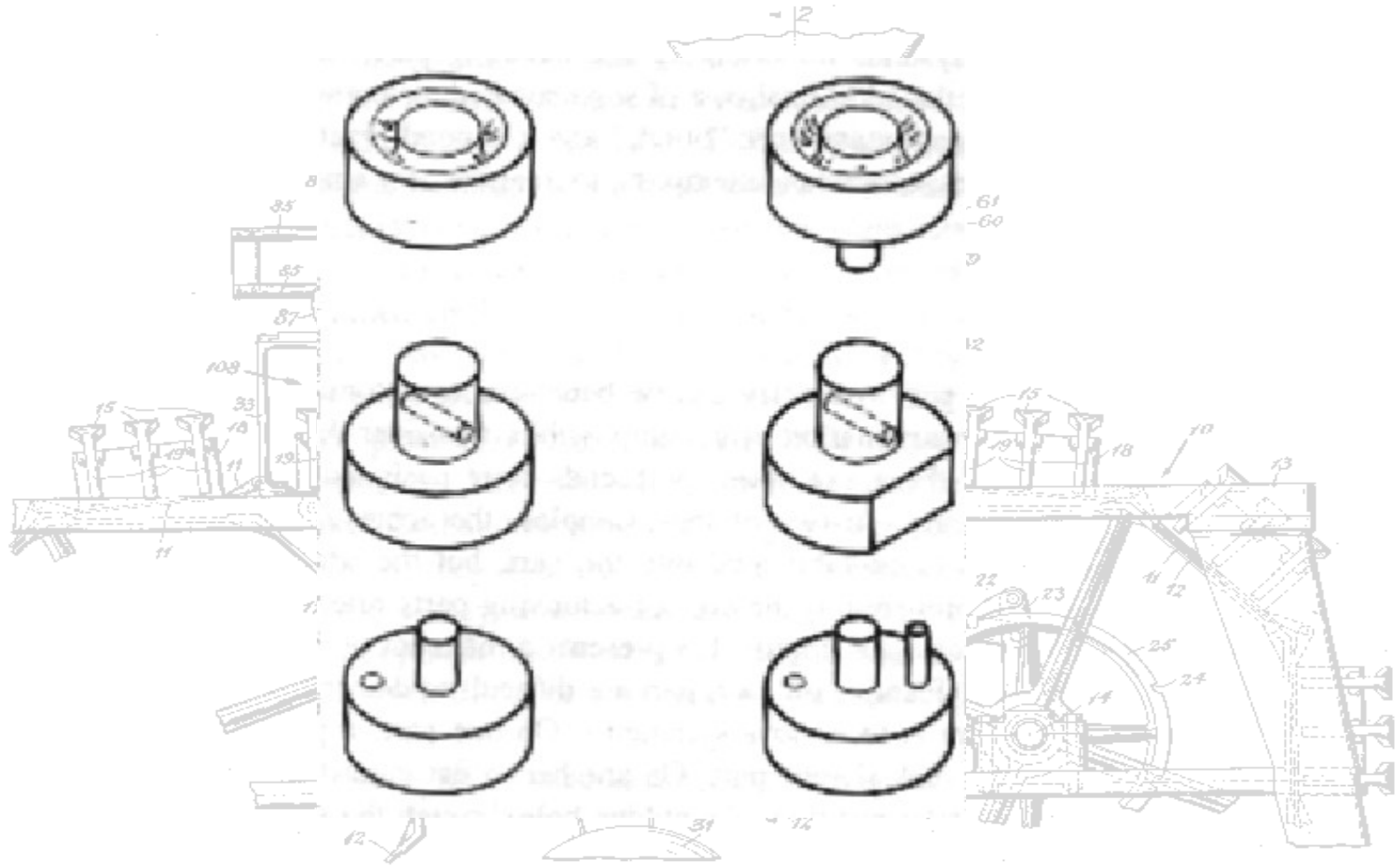

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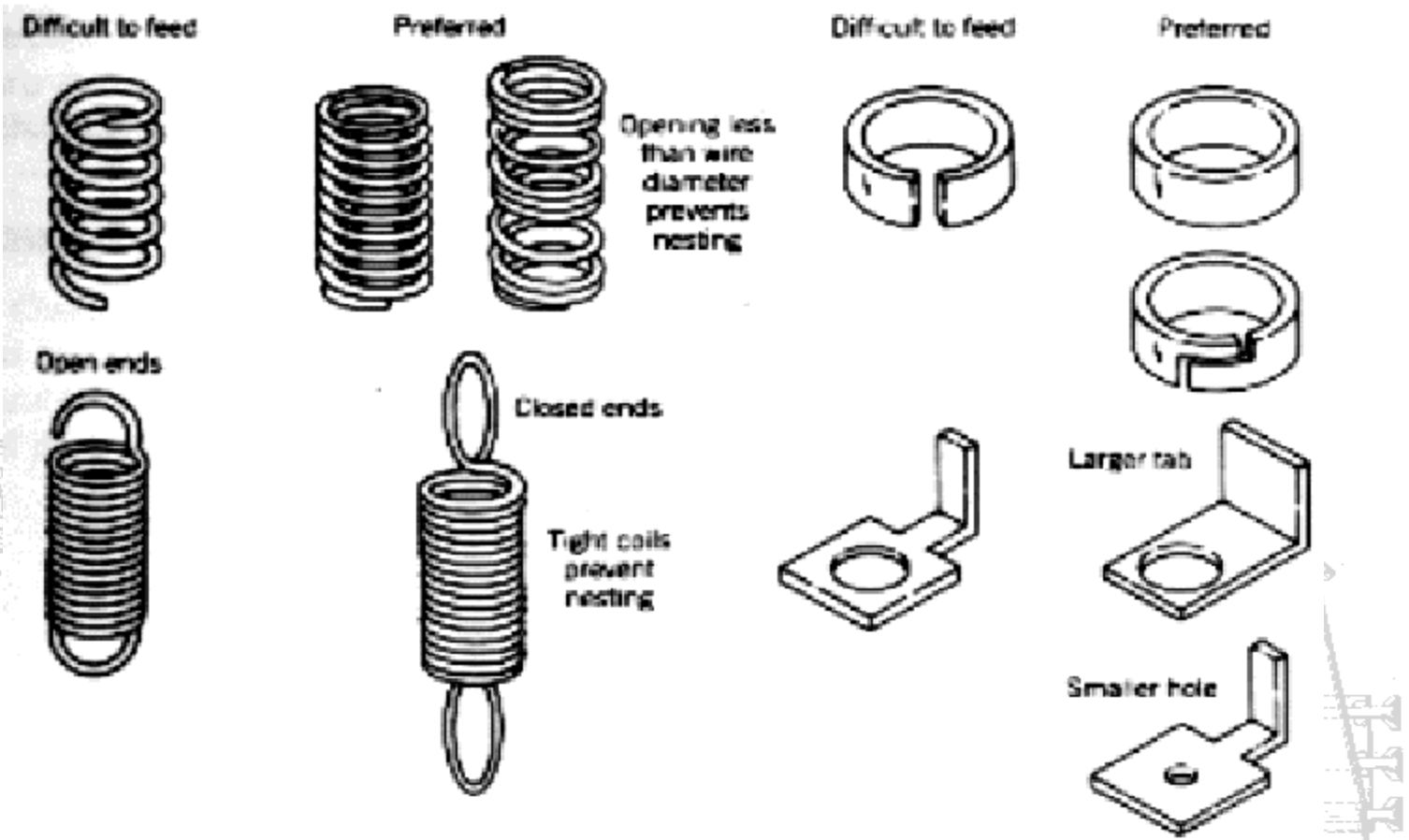
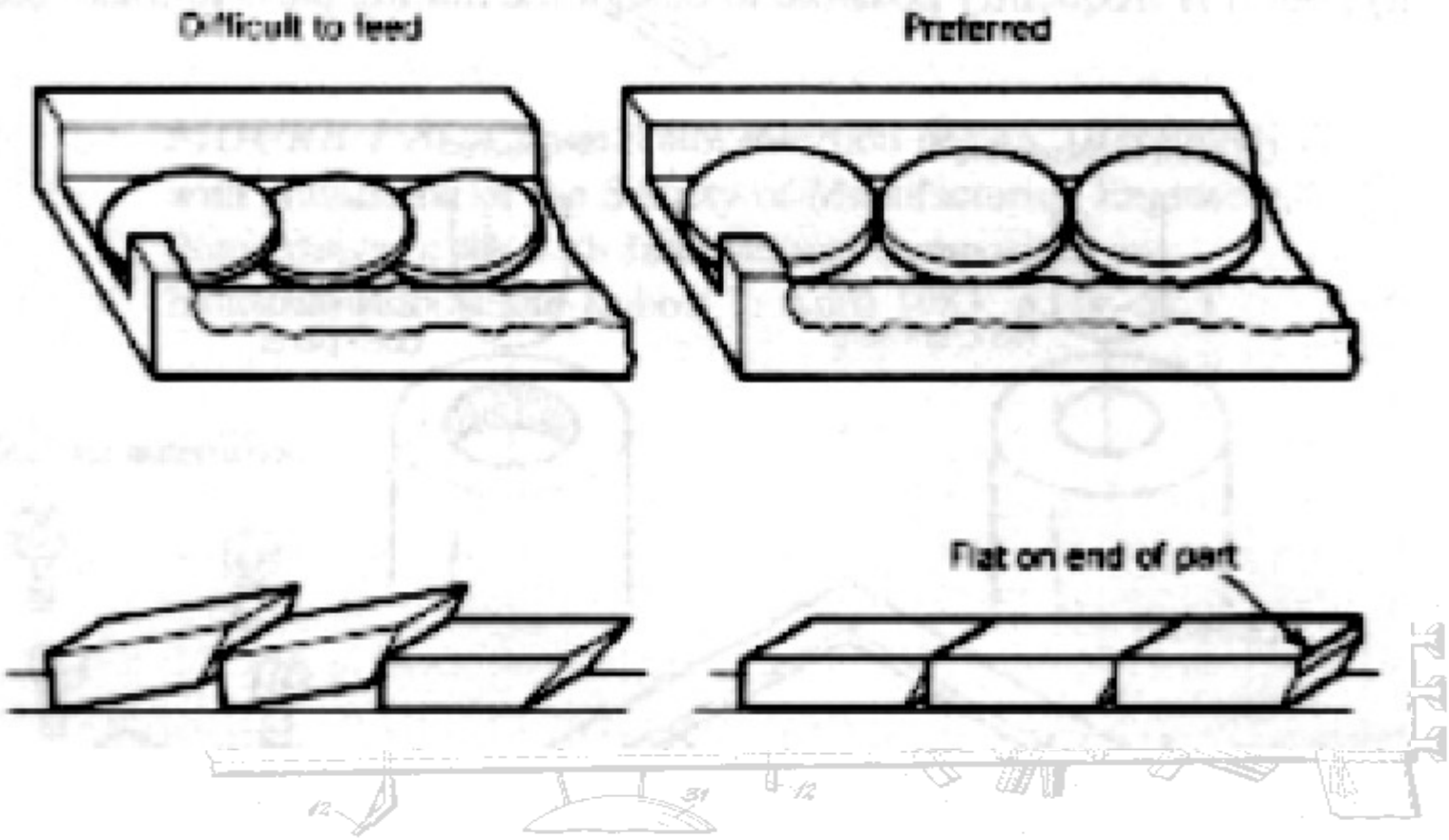

Difficult to feed
Preferred
Opening less than wire diameter prevents nesting
Difficult to feed
Preferred
Open ends
Closed ends
Tight coils prevent nesting
Larger tab
Smaller hole

Shingling



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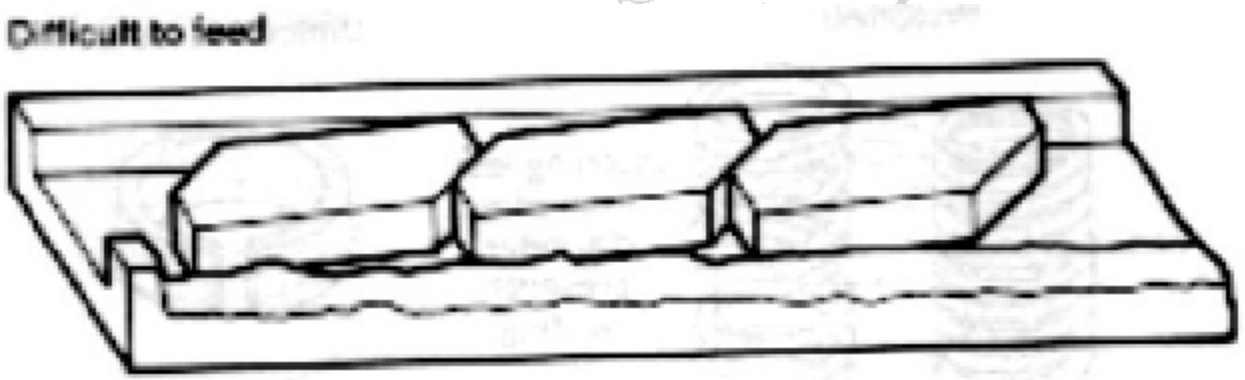

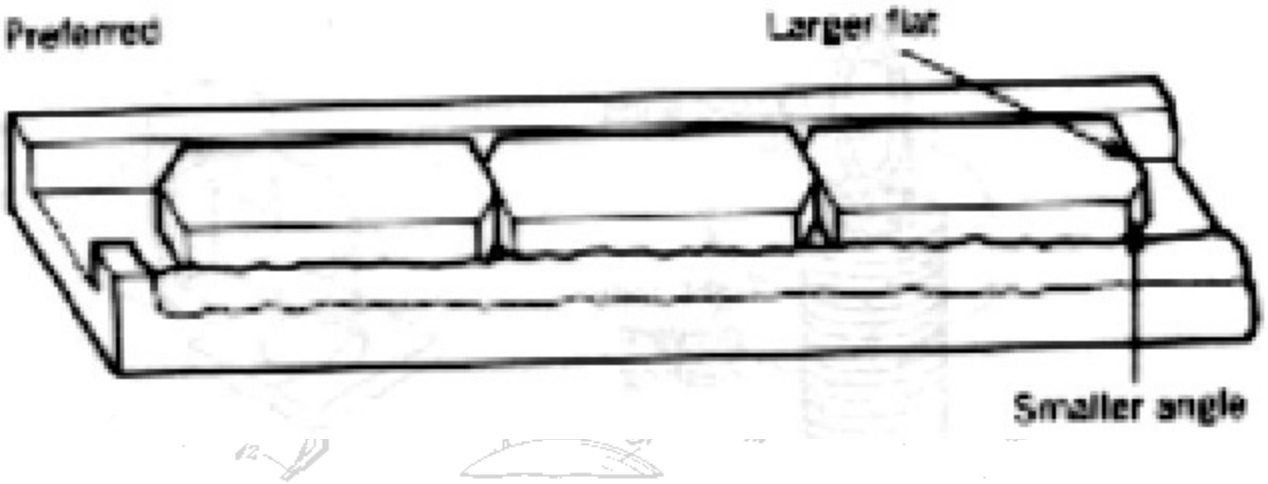

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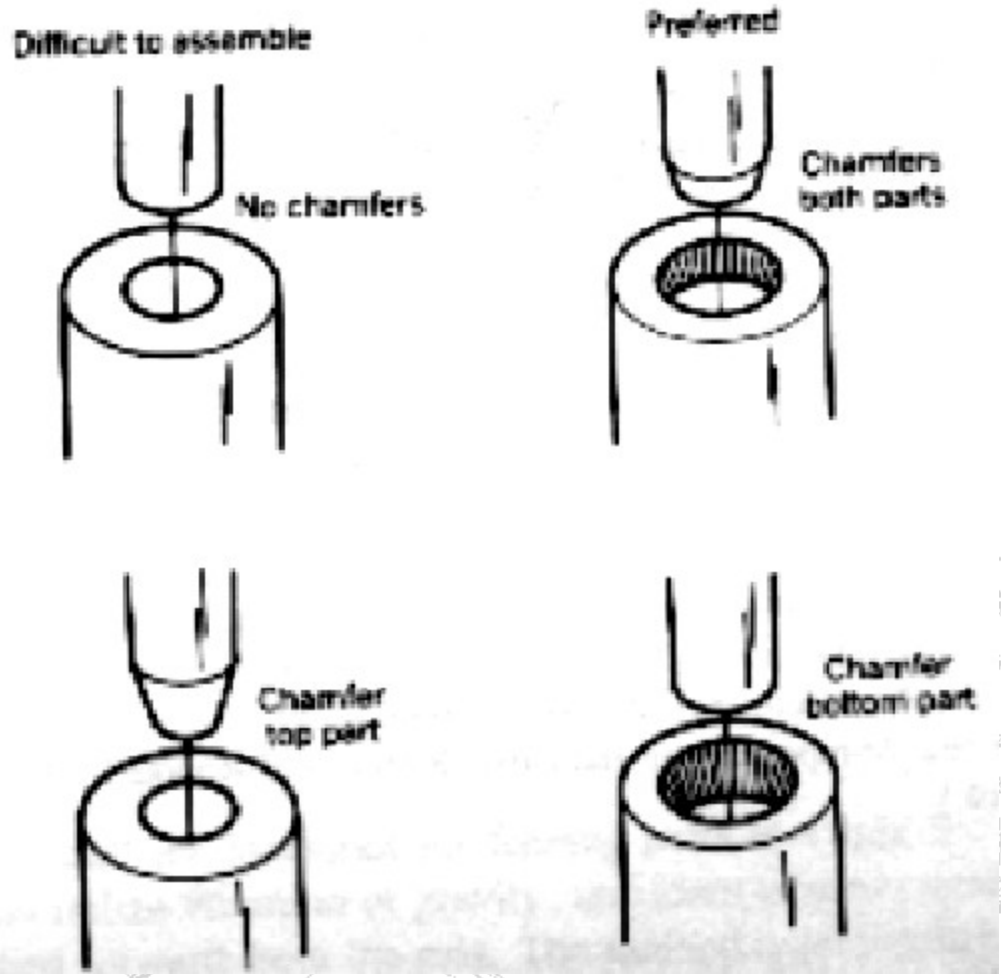
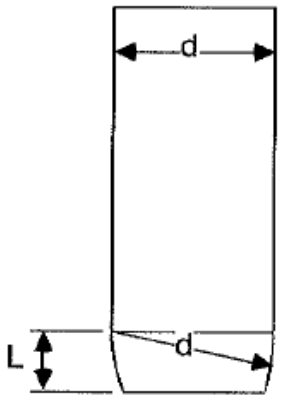
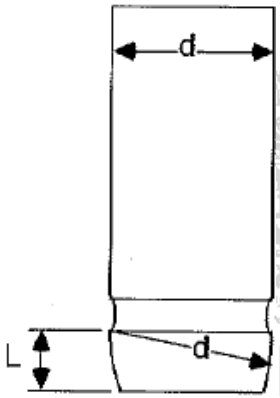


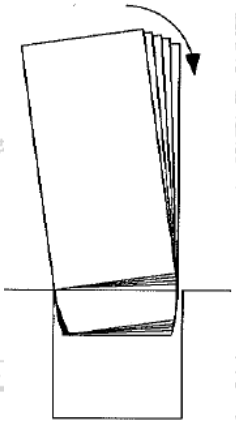
Inserting Pegs in Round Holes

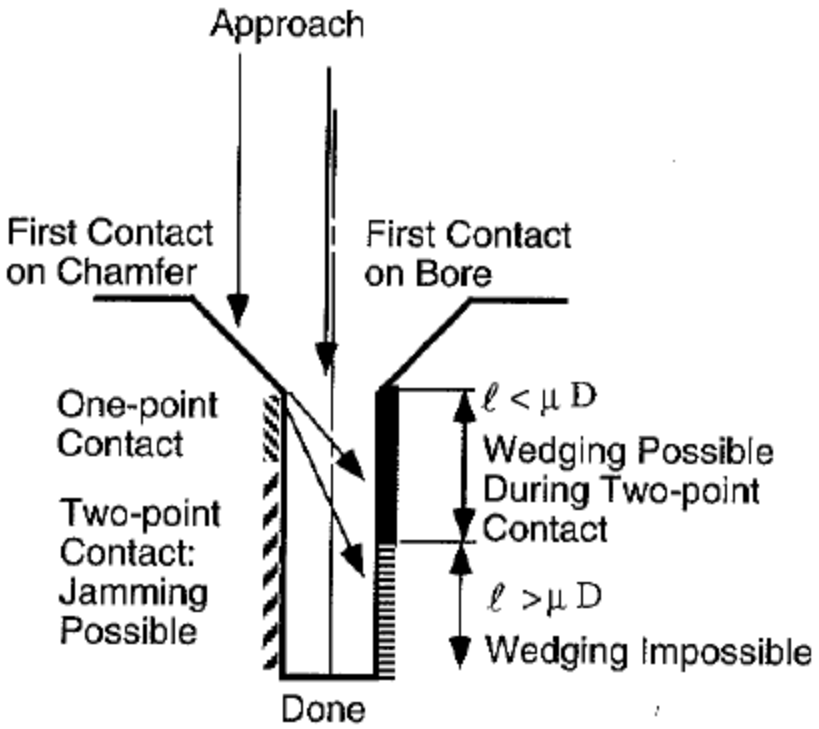




d = Diameter of Peg

L > Wedging Depth = μd





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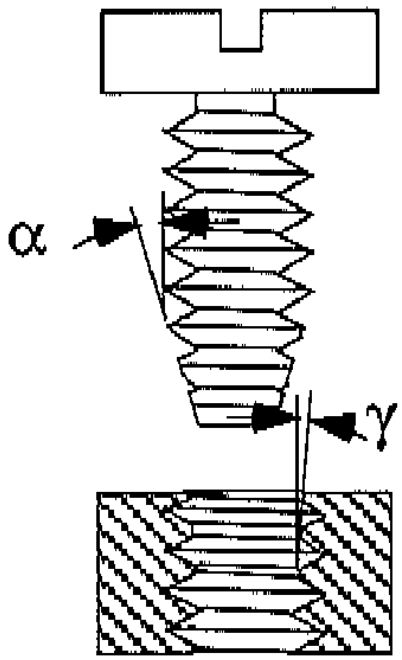
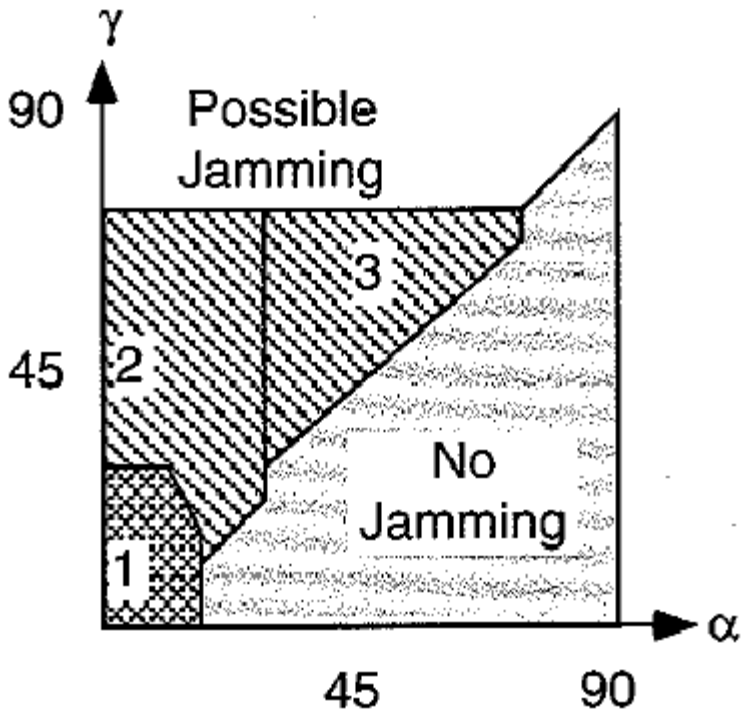
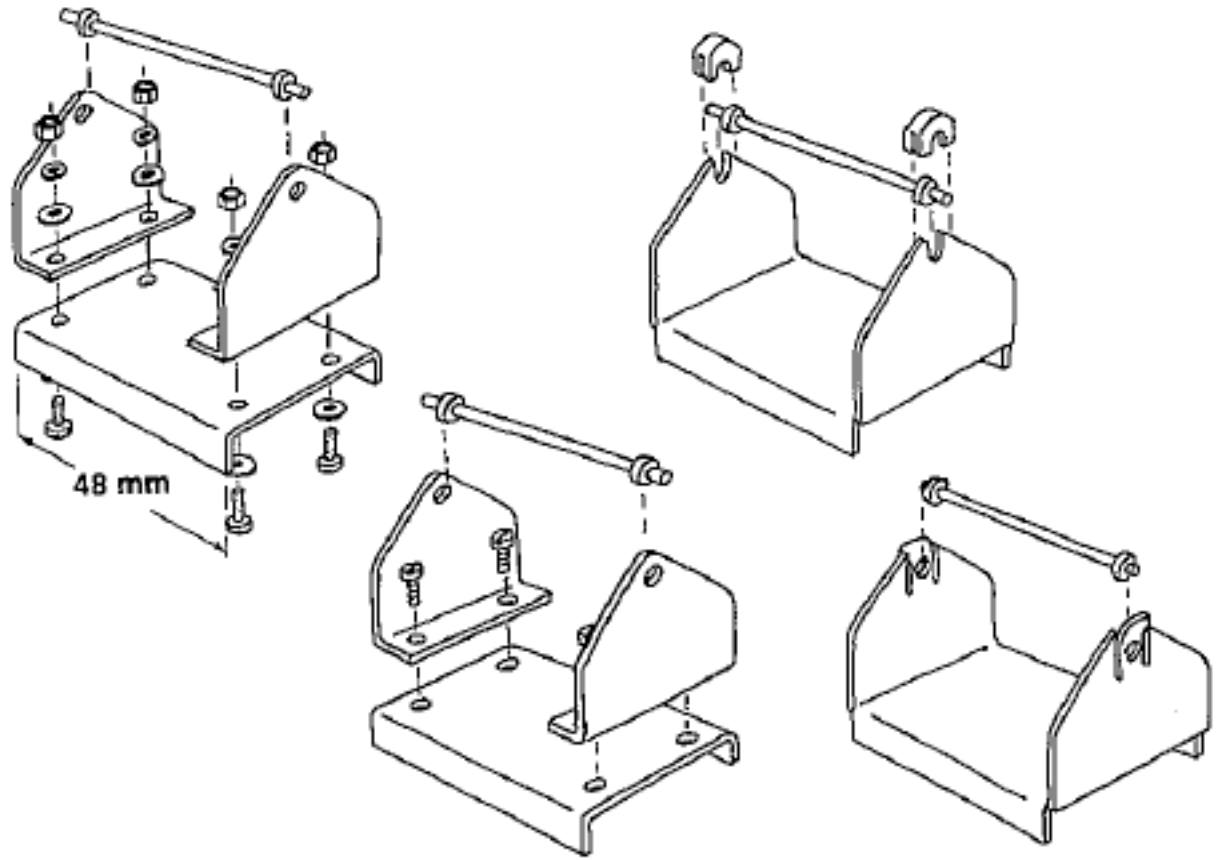
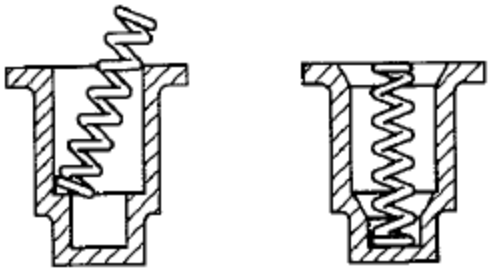




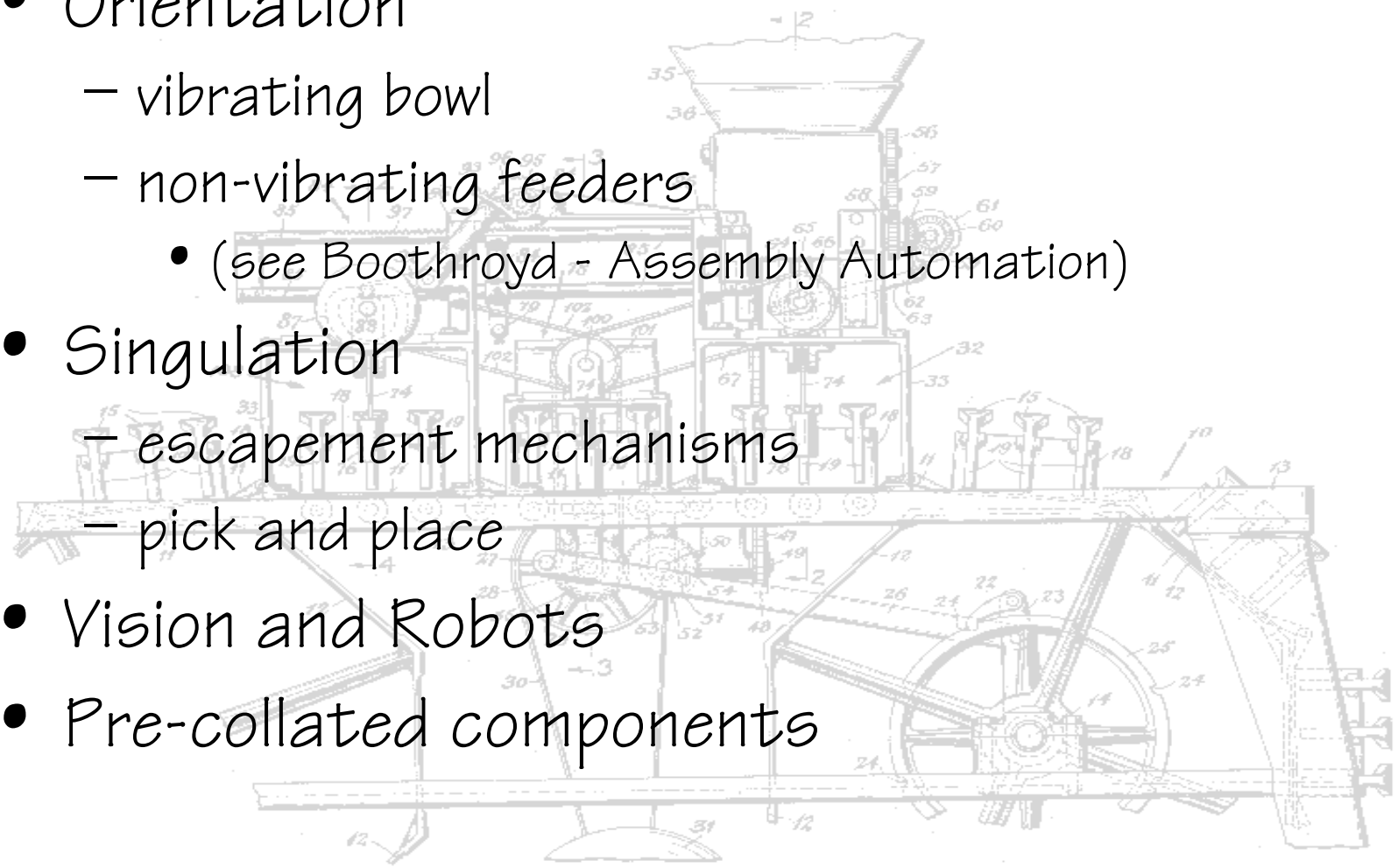
Simplifying the Design





Fastener Feeding Requirements

- Orientation
  - vibrating bowl
  - non-vibrating feeders
    - (see Boothroyd - Assembly Automation)
- Singulation
  - escapement mechanisms
  - pick and place
- Vision and Robots
- Pre-collated components



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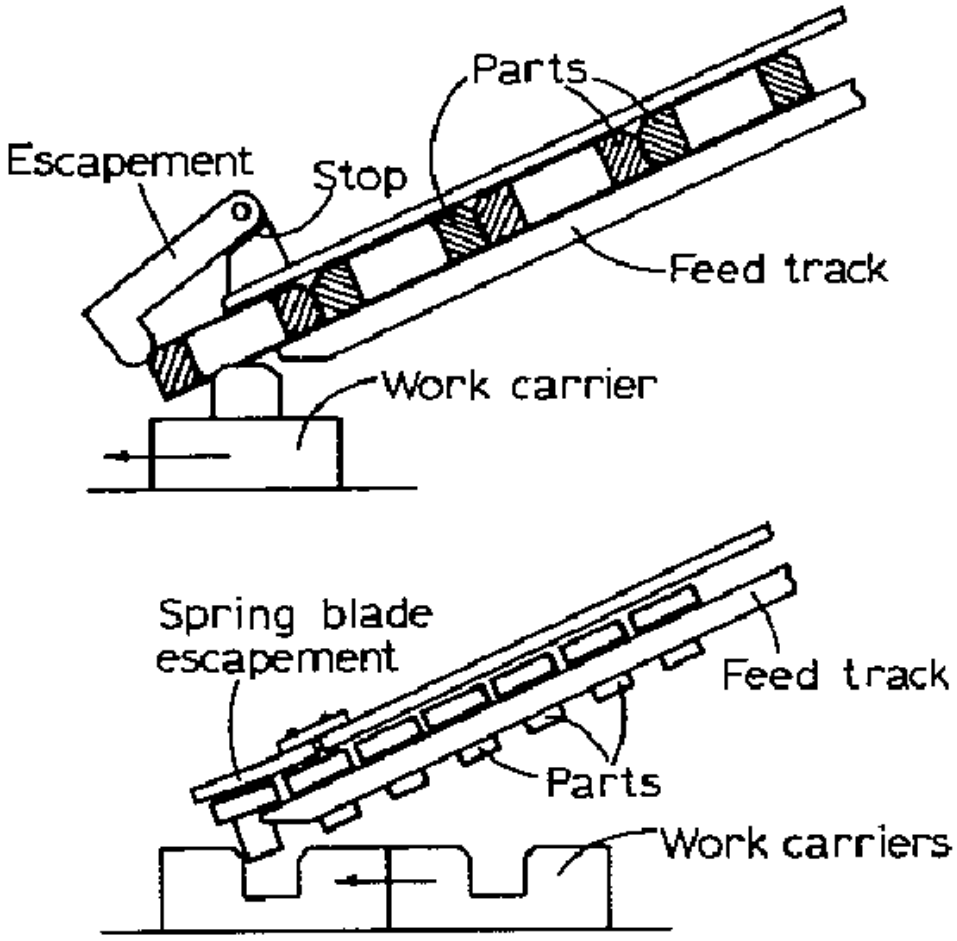


Fig. 5.24 Escapements actuated by the work carrier.

Singulation

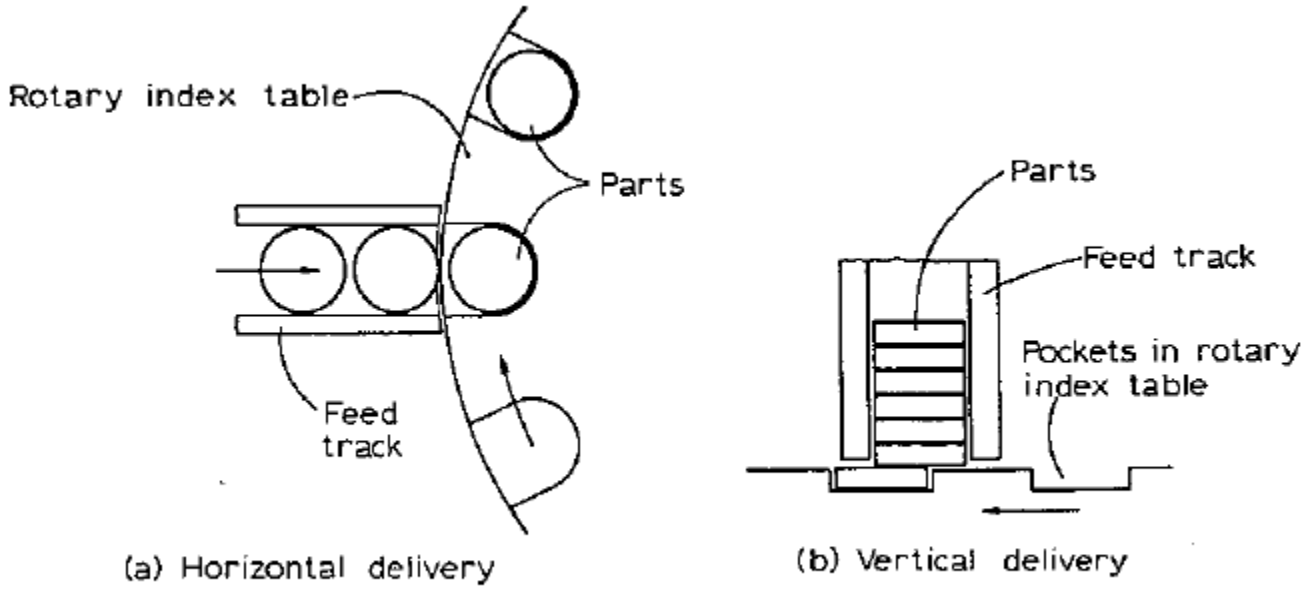


Fig. 5.25 Feeding of parts onto rotary index table.

Singulation

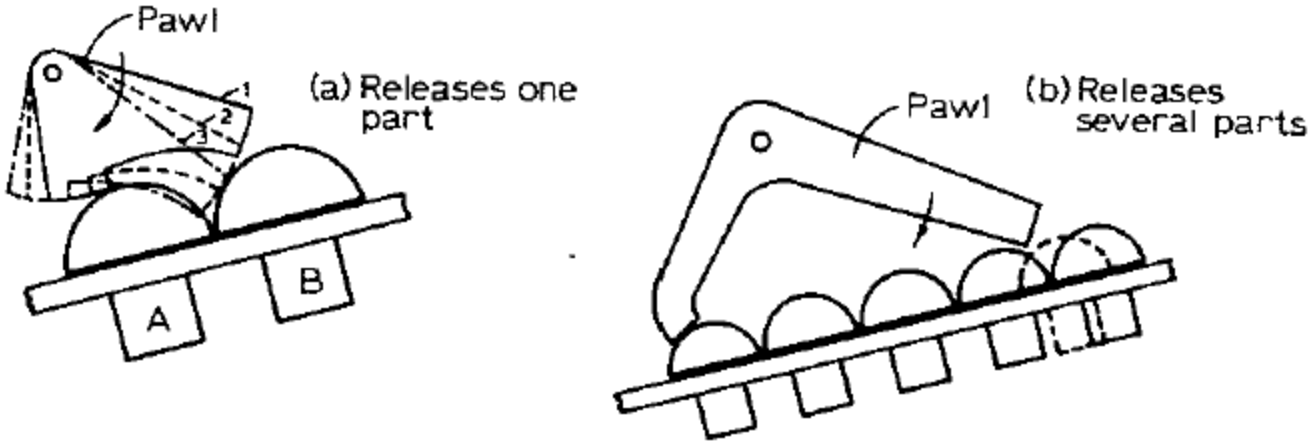


Fig. 5.26 Rachet escapements operated by rotary motion.

Singulation

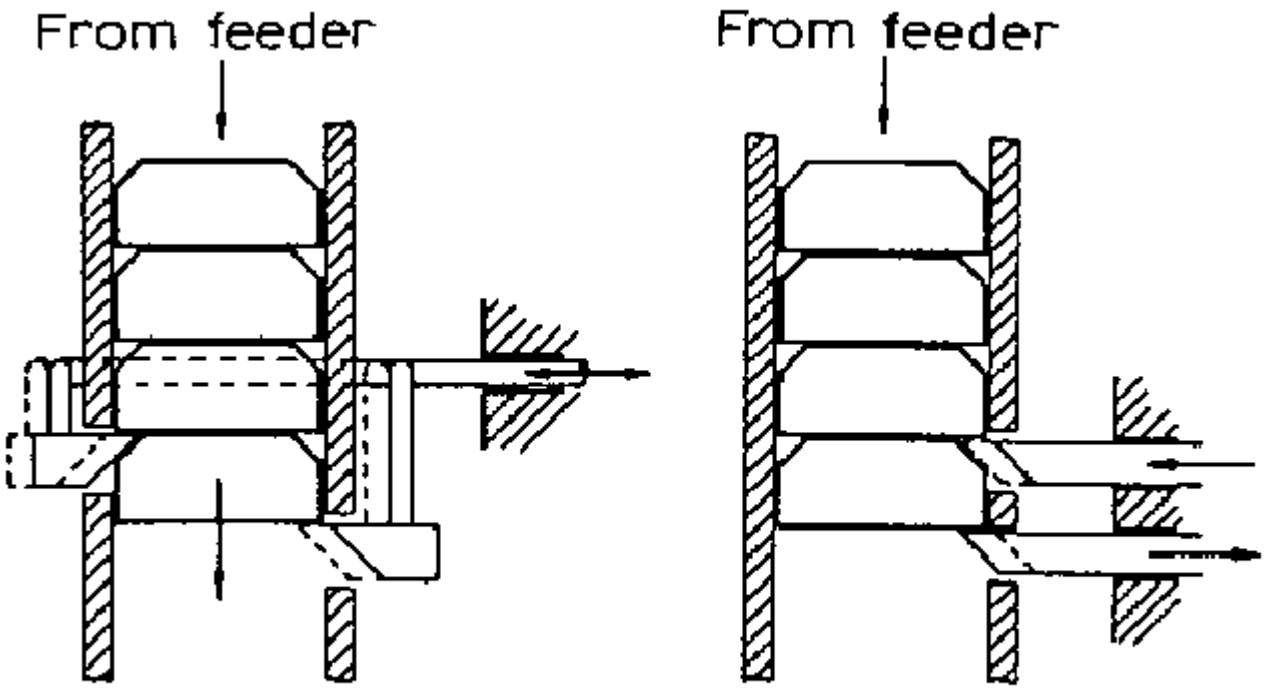
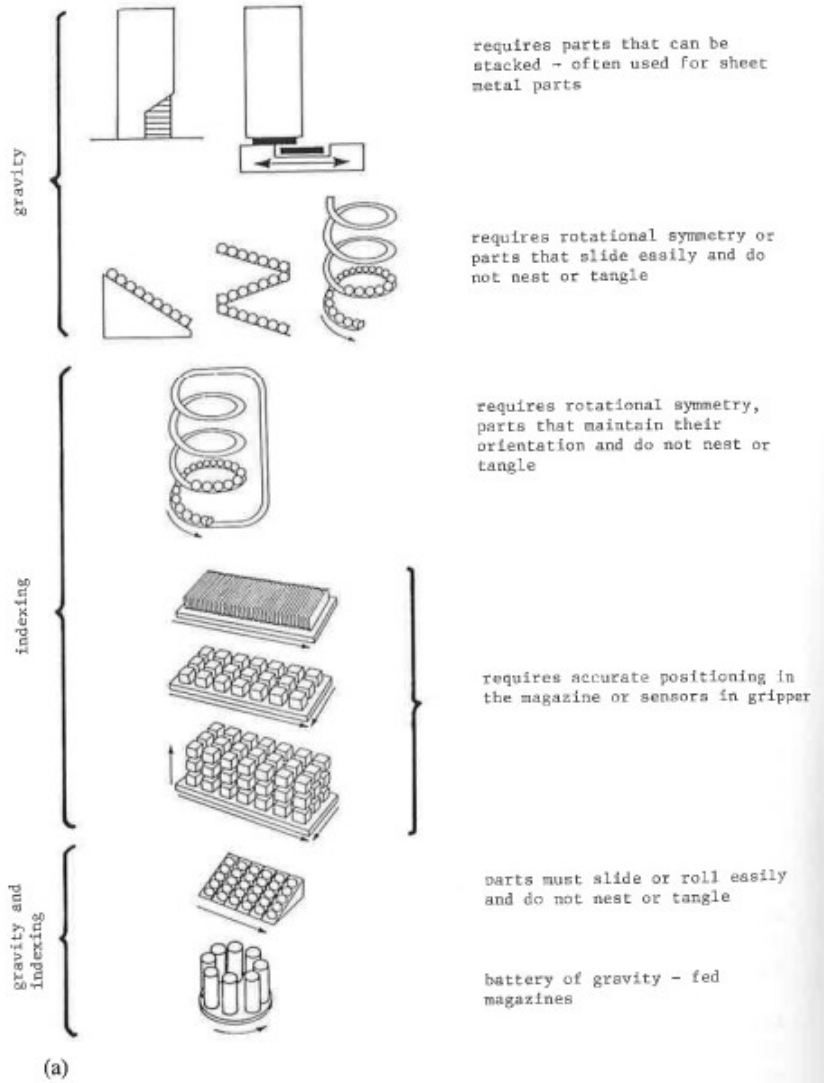
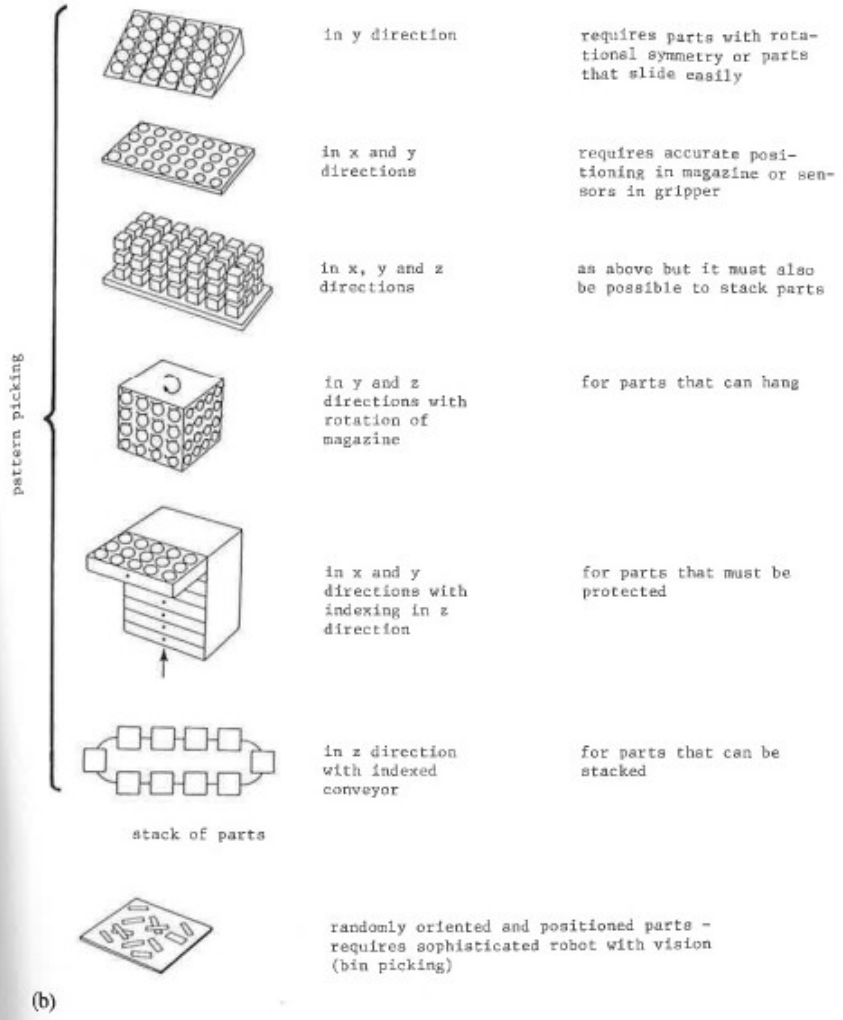


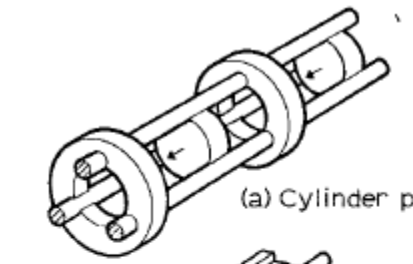
Fig. 5.27 Ratchet escapements operated by linear motion.

Variety of Feeding Methods





Gravity Feeders



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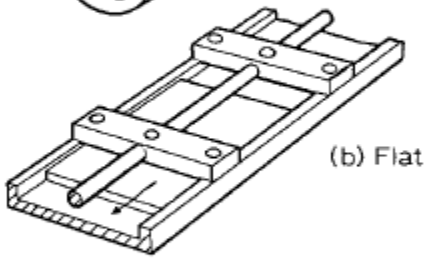
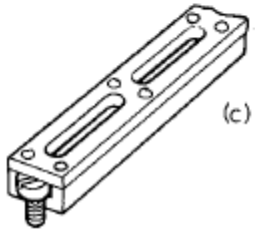


(b) Flat parts



(c) Screws

Bowl Feeders

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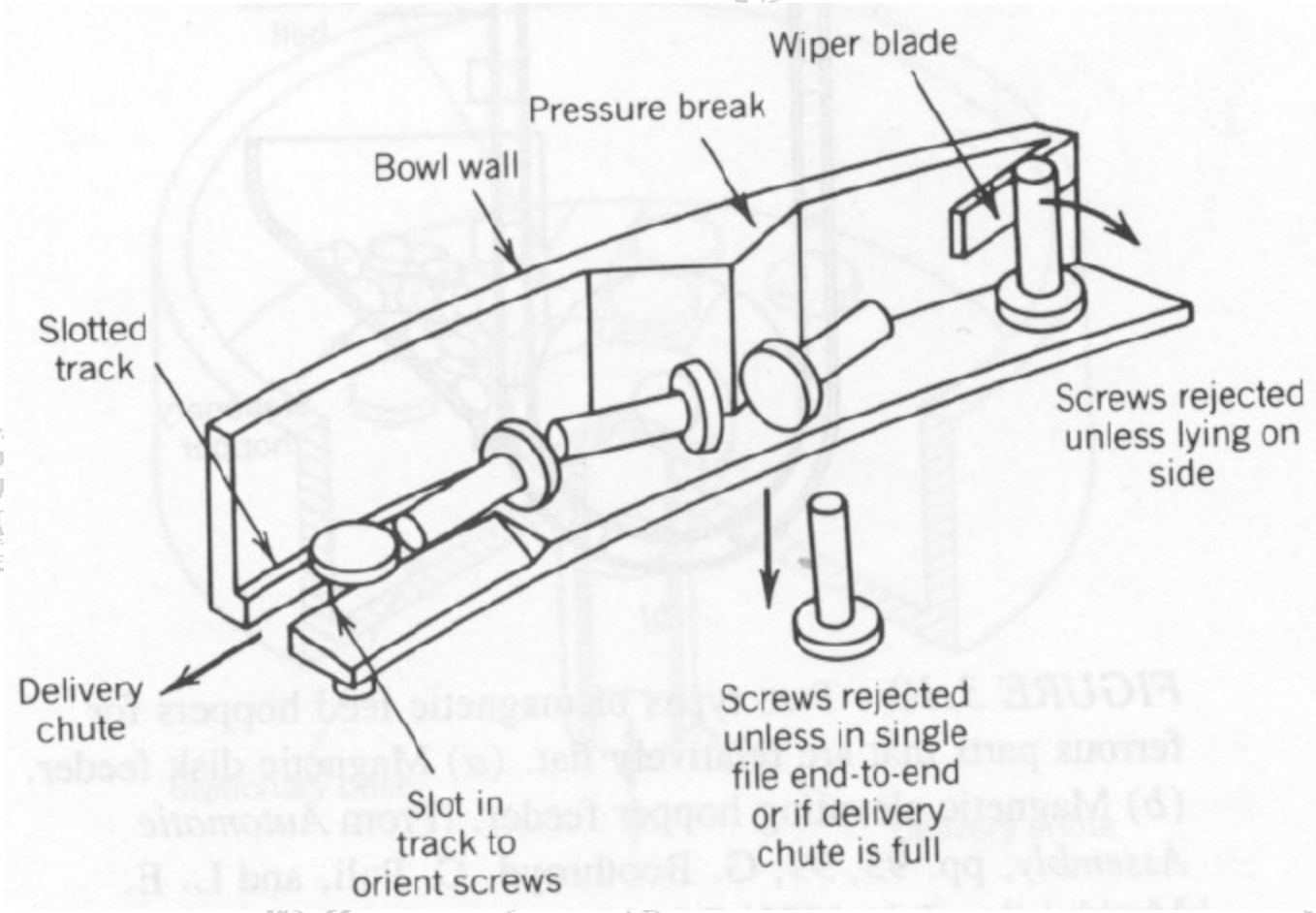

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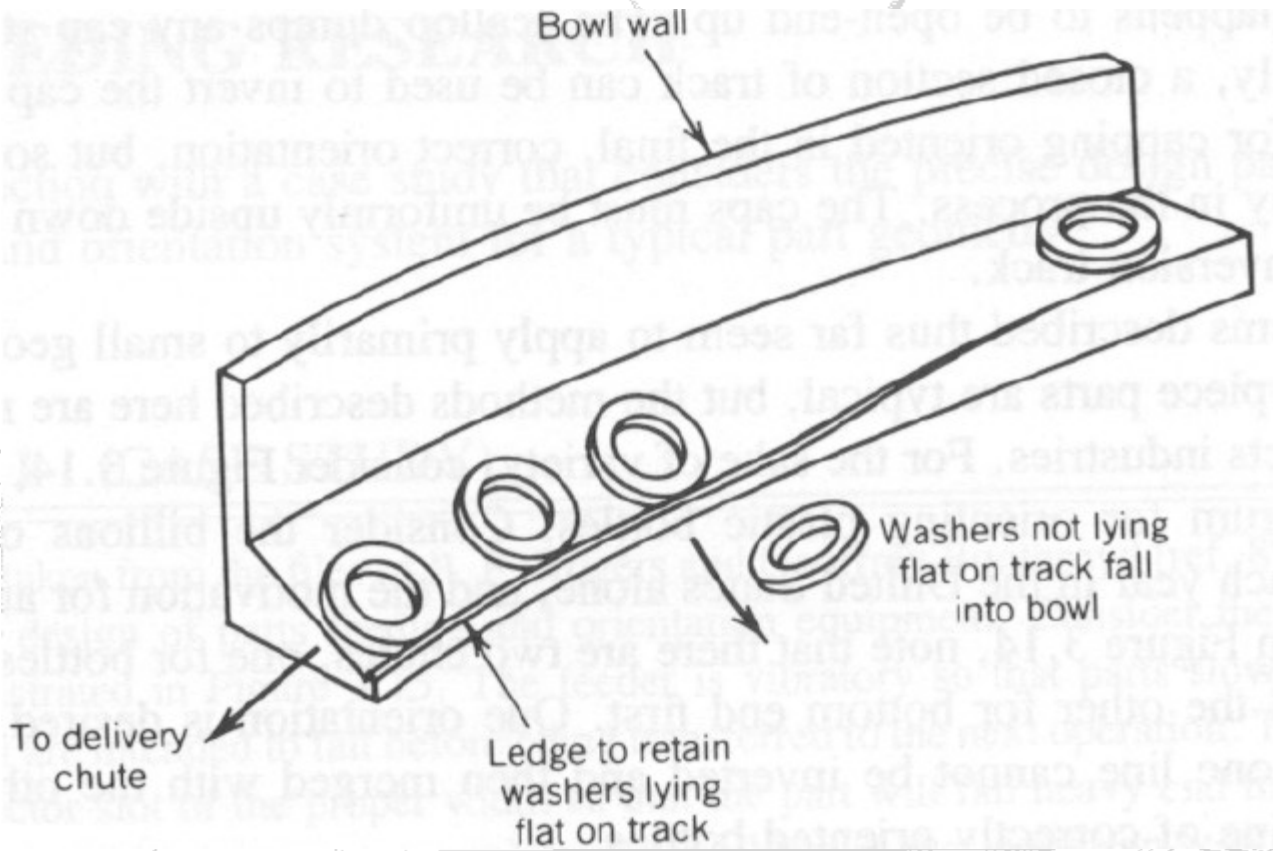

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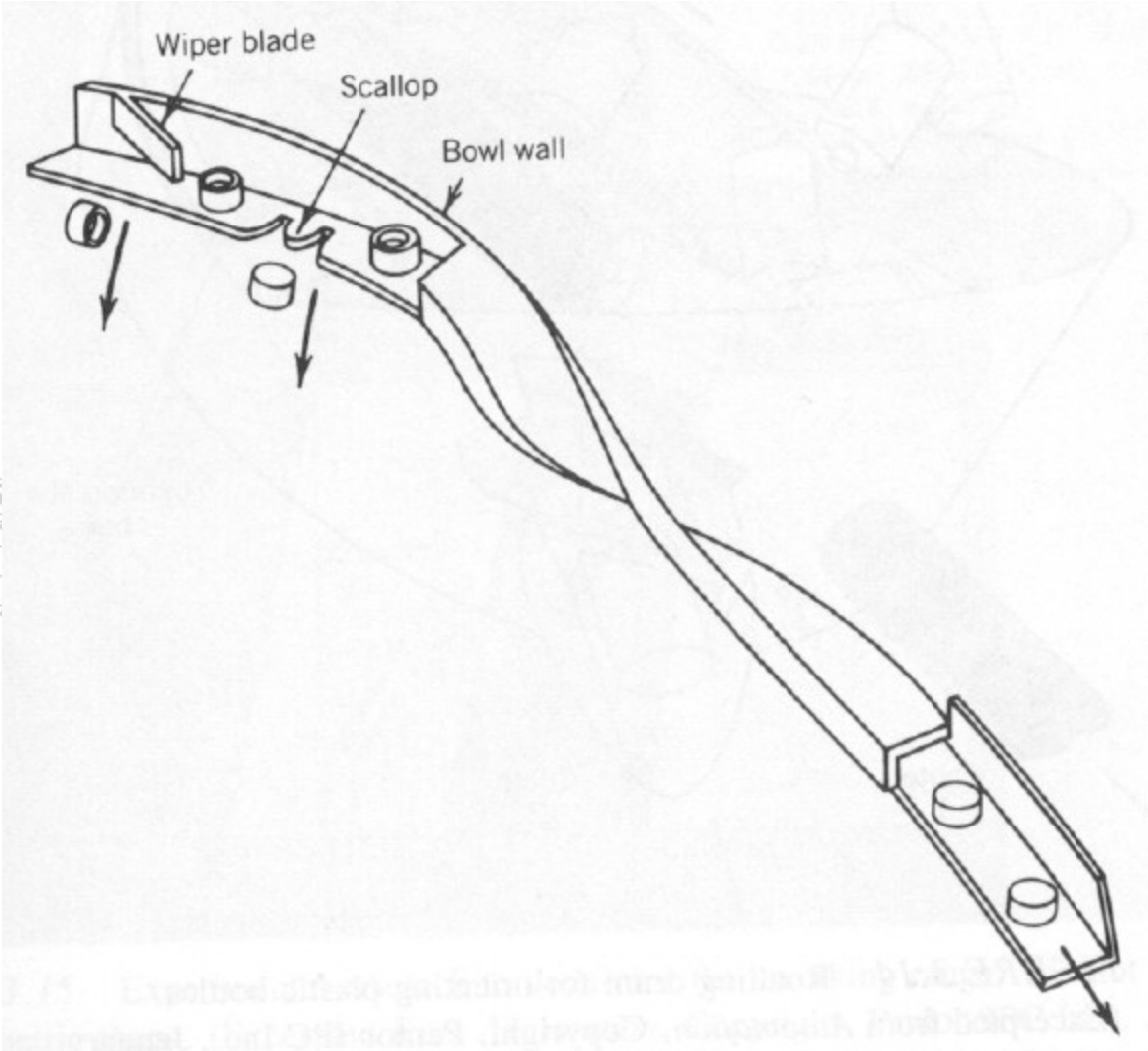
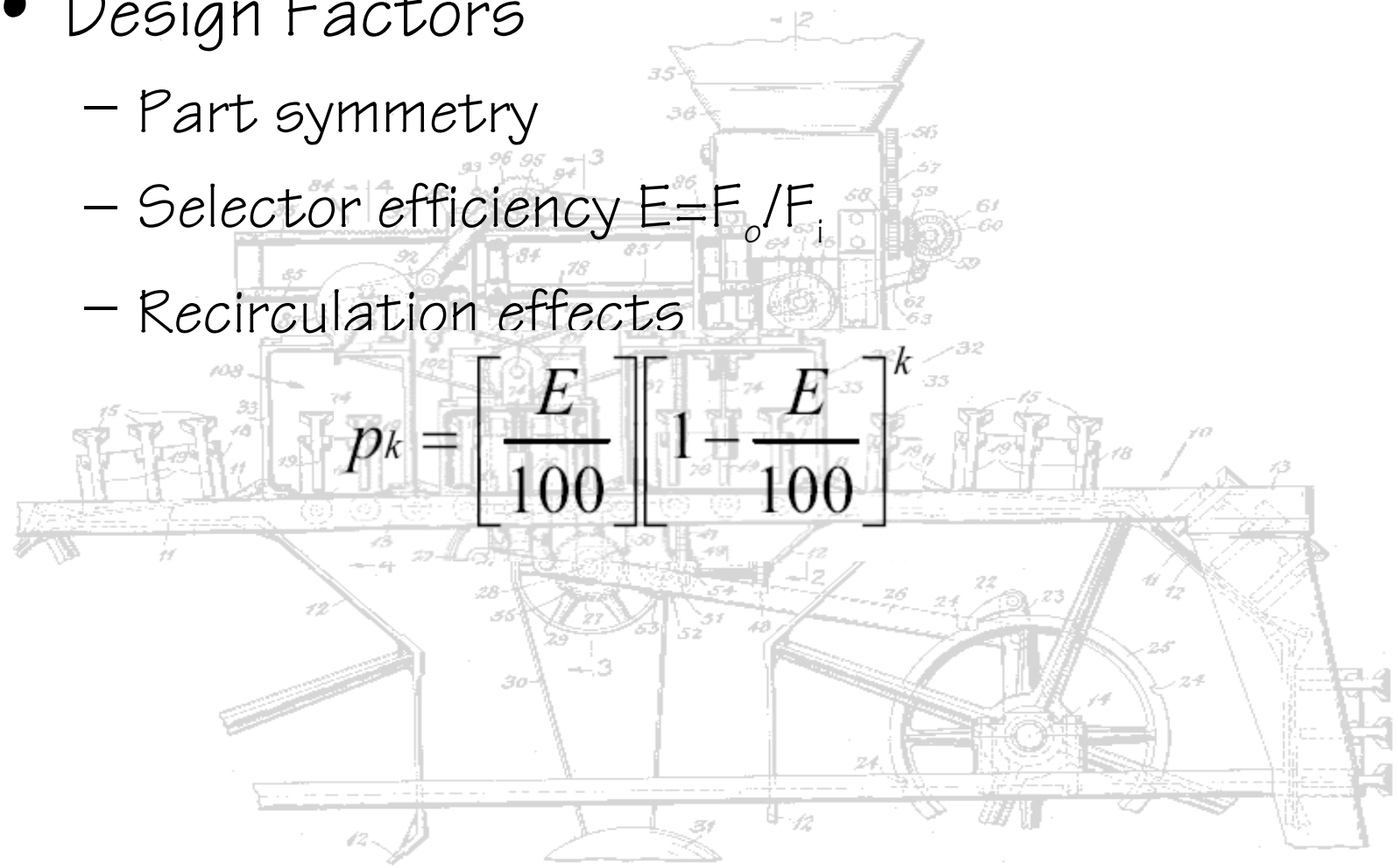


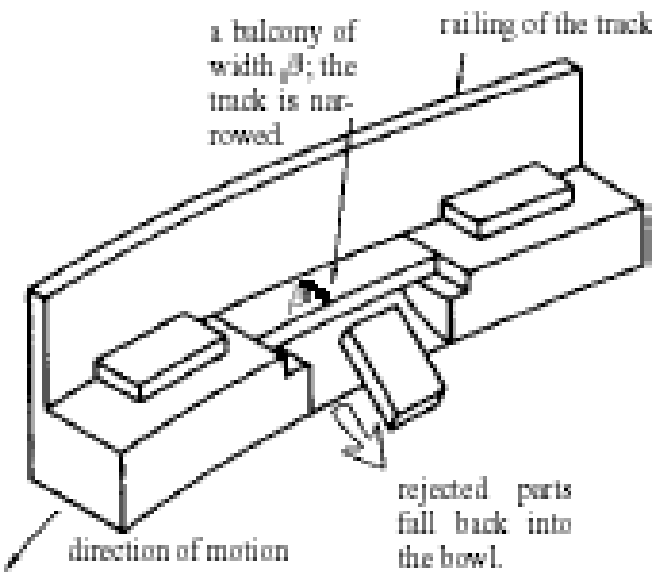
Bowl Feeders

- Design Factors
  - Part symmetry
  - Selector efficiency $E=F_o/F_i$
  - Recirculation effects

$$p_k = \left[\frac{E}{100}\right]\left[1-\frac{E}{100}\right]^k$$



Bowl Feeders - Trap Design



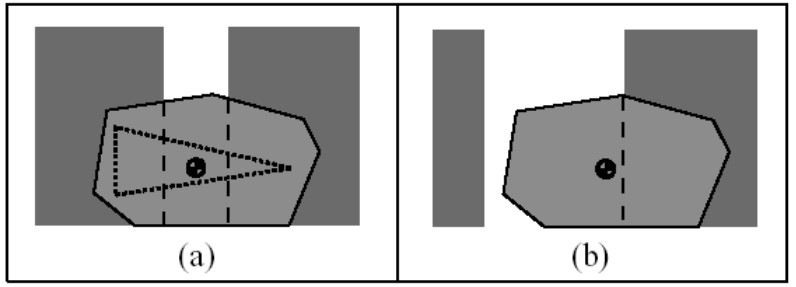


Figure 2: (a) A safe pose. The triangle is evidence of safeness. (b) An unsafe pose of the same part above a different trap.

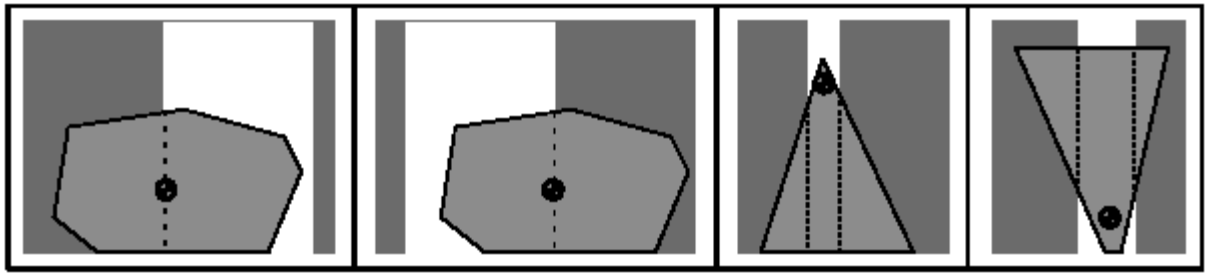


Figure 4: The types of rejected poses.

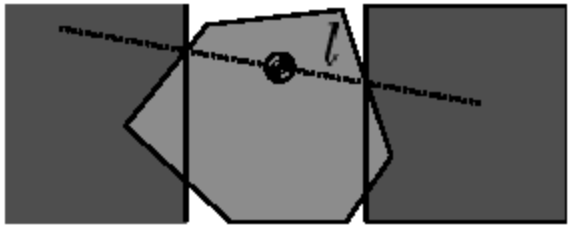


Figure 5: A critical pose.

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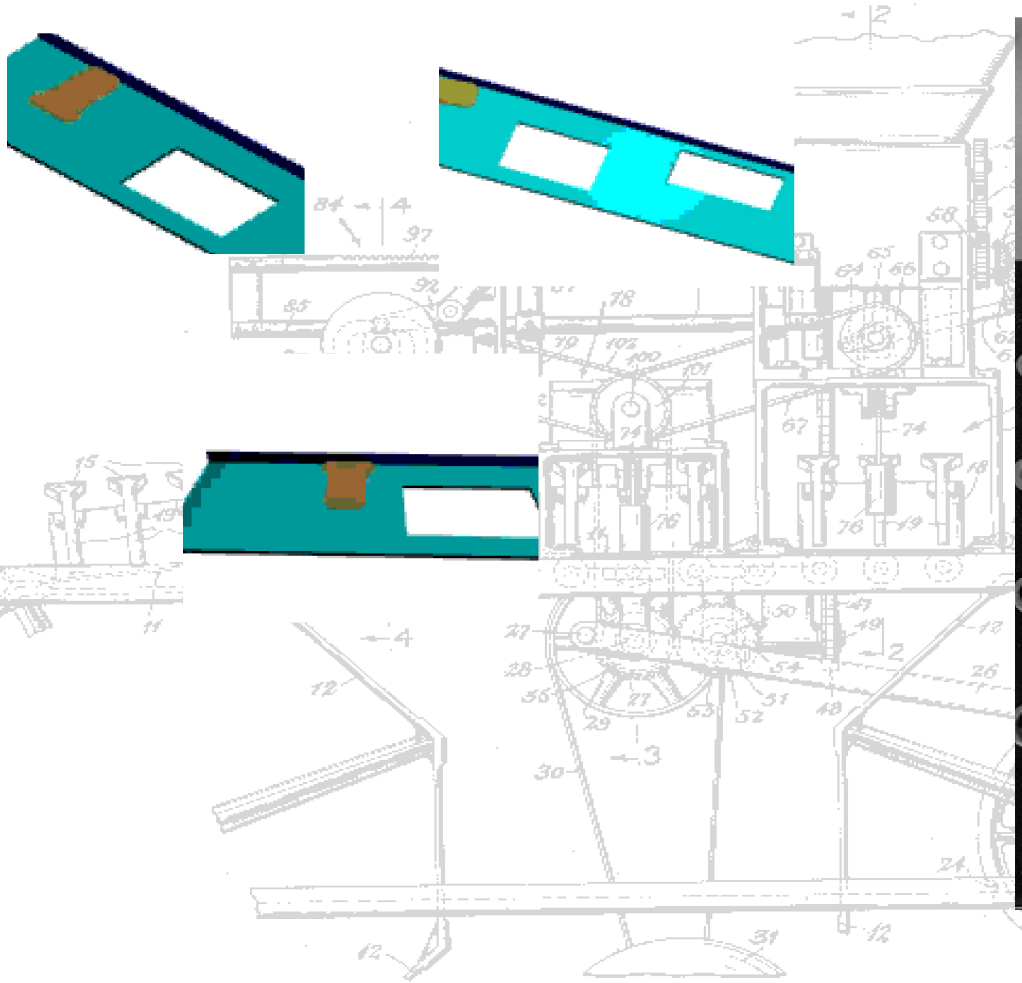

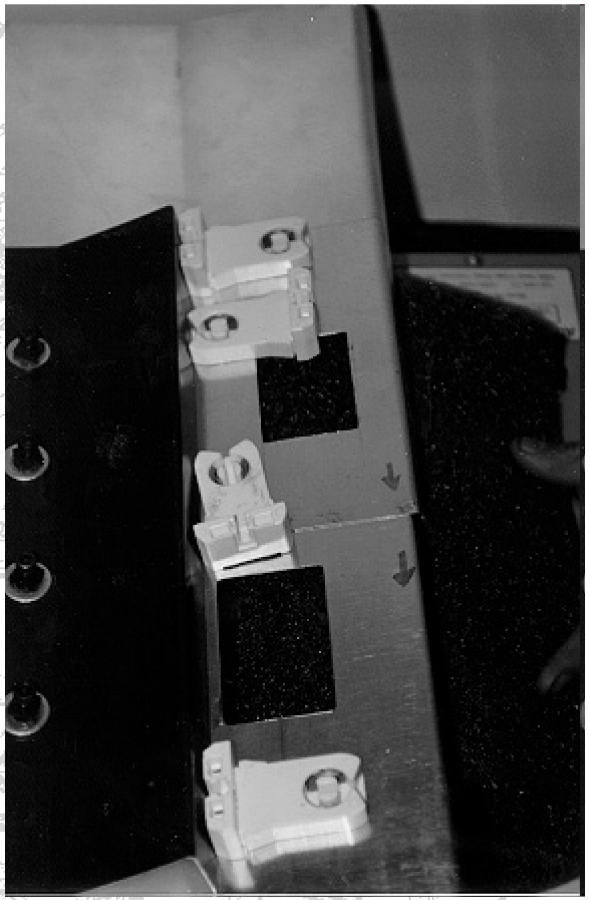

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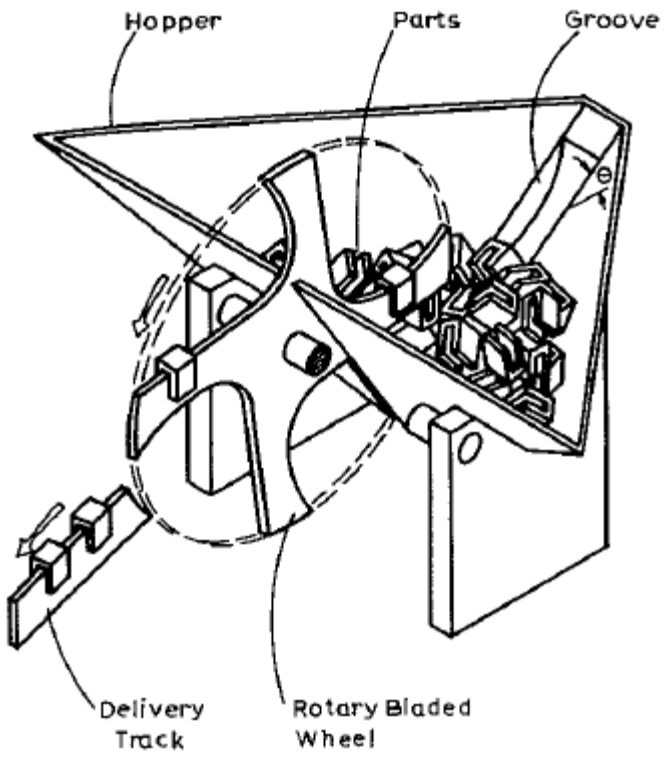
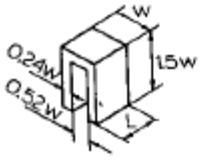
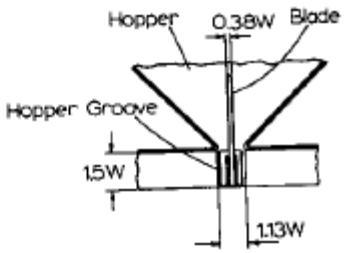
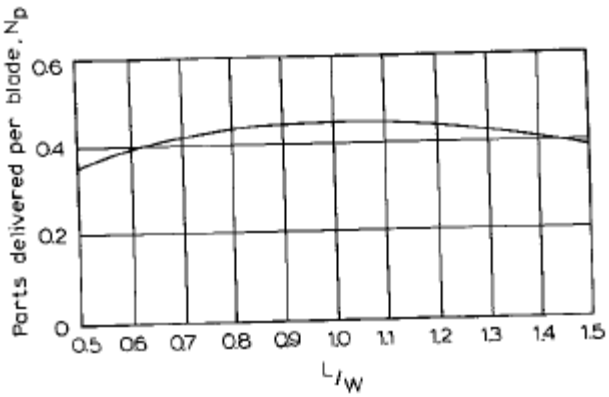


Fig. 4.34 Rotary centerboard hopper.







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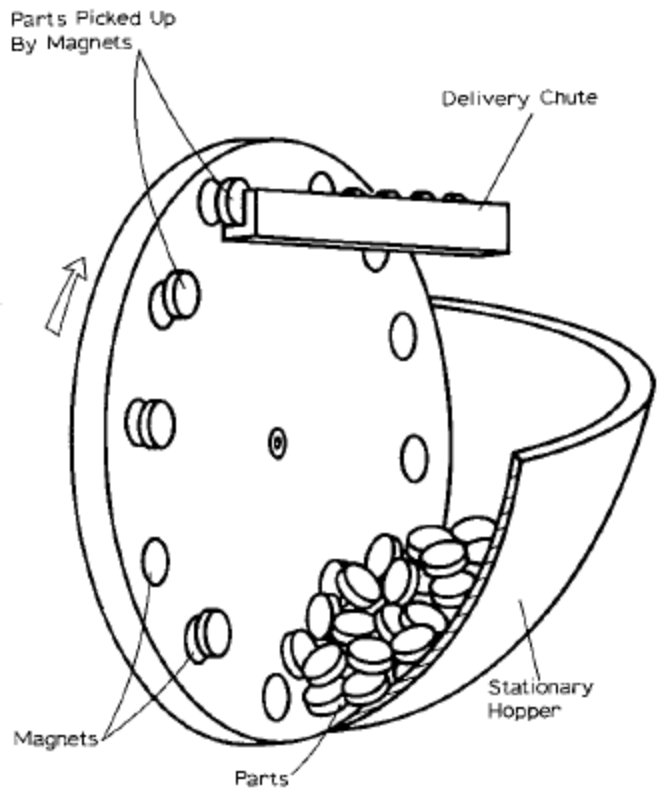
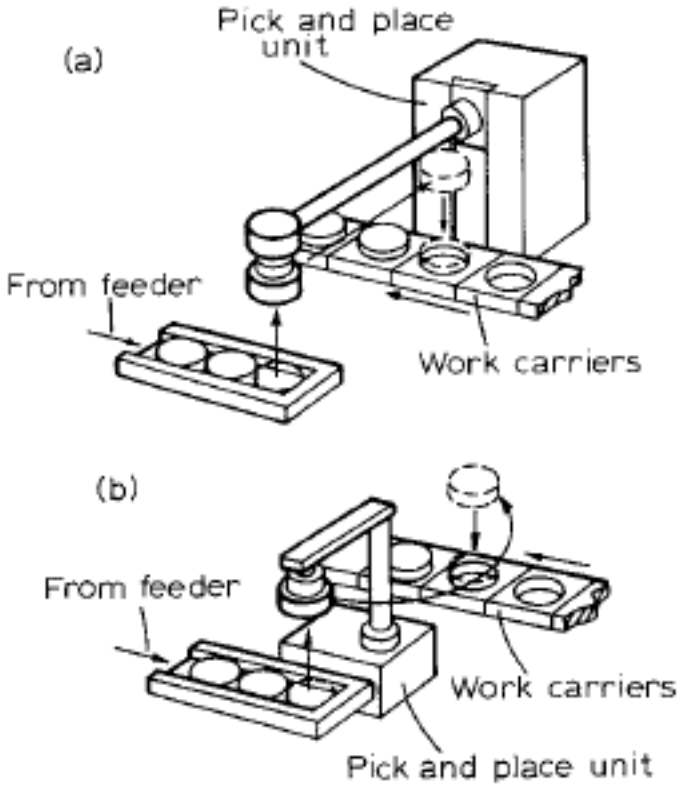


Fig. 4.36 Magnetic-disk feeder.

Pick & Place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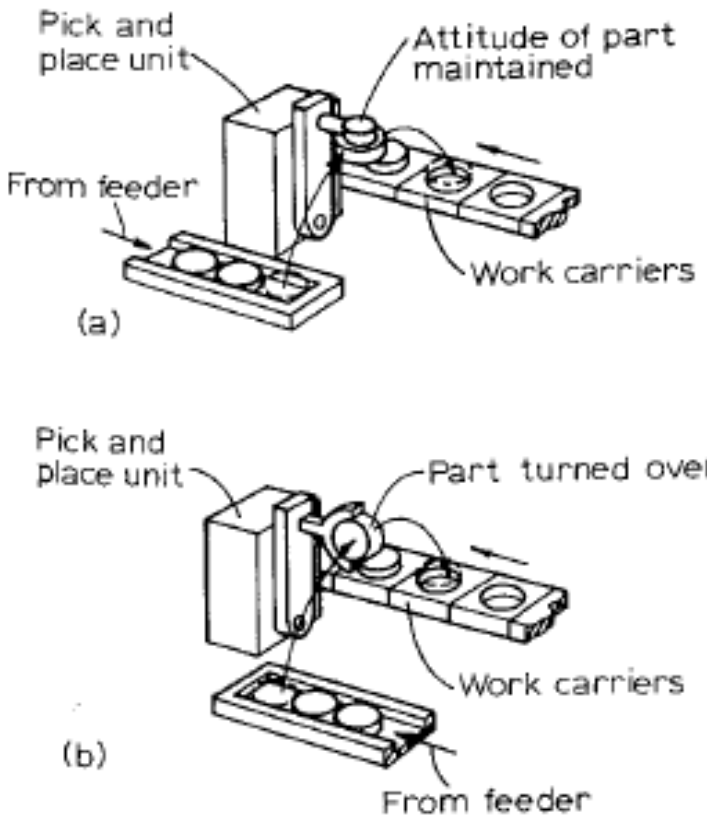
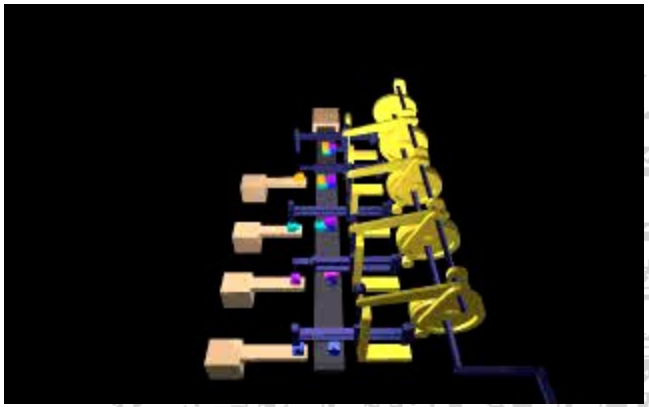
Pick and place unit
From feeder
Work carriers
(b)
From feeder
Work carriers
Pick and place unit


Pick and place unit
Attitude of part maintained
From feeder
Work carriers
(a)
Pick and place unit
Part turned over
Work carriers
(b)
From feeder

Pick & Place

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Board sizes to 13.5 x 32"
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Pre-collated Components