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maintained in a fixed relationship to the alignment fixture, wherein the alignment fixture includes at least a base plate, an alignment gauge, and a top plate, the alignment gauge including a first plate and a second plate that are secured to each other by way of at least one hinge.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the alignment mating member comprises one or more slots that engage with one or more pins on the alignment mounting member.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the base plate, the alignment gauge, and the top plate are secured together by way of multiple pins that protrude through each plate.

4. An alignment fixture used to perform a method for implementing a manufacturing process on a portion of a shoe that is secured to the alignment fixture, the method comprising: securing a shoe portion between a first portion and a second portion of an alignment fixture such that the shoe portion is substantially flat, the first portion being a top plate and the bottom portion being a base plate, the top plate and the bottom plate of the alignment fixture being secured to each other by way of at least one hinge; engaging an alignment

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mating member corresponding to the alignment fixture with an alignment mounting member corresponding to a first piece of manufacturing equipment; and performing one or more manufacturing processes on the shoe portion, wherein the shoe portion remains flat and in a fixed relationship to the alignment fixture throughout the one or more manufacturing processes.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising securing the top plate and the base plate to the first and second portions of the alignment fixture by way of one or more pins that extend through the alignment fixture.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the base plate has a raised area that is shaped similar to that of the shoe portion.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein within the raised area are one or more recessed areas that are filled with a material that is formed into the shoe portion.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the shoe portion is a tongue.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the material is foam.

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