c. drive means for releasibly engaging and rotatably driving at least one spindle, the drive means being located on at least one sidewall adjacent the pocket region on that sidewall; and

d. a platform located between the two pairs of opposing sidewalls, the platform including rollers at its edges adjacent each pair of opposing sidewalls.

8. A tape winder comprising:

a. a housing including two pairs of opposing sidewalls, each sidewall including an upper surface and a slot descending from the upper surface, wherein at least one slot includes a pocket region and a narrower throat region between the pocket region and the upper surface;

b. first and second spindles, each spindle having a spindle axle sized for removable insertion into the slots on one pair of opposing sidewalls, whereby the axle may be rotatably mounted in the pocket region of that pair of opposing sidewalls.

9. The tape winder of claim **8** wherein the throat region is integrally formed on the surface of the slot.

10. The tape winder of claim **8** further comprising:

a. a roll of tape wrapped about each of the first and second spindles and extending between the first and second spindles, one of the first and second spindles defining a supply spindle and the other spindle defining a take-up spindle, wherein the take-up spindle takes up tape supplied from the supply spindle;

b. tensioning means on the supply spindle for maintaining tension on the tape.

11. The tape winder of claim **10** wherein the tensioning means simultaneously drives both of the take-up and supply spindles, wherein the supply spindle is driven with lesser torque than the take-up spindle.

12. The tape winder of claim **11** wherein the supply spindle is driven with negative torque with respect to the take-up spindle.

13. The tape winder of claim **10** further comprising a platform located between the two pairs of opposing sidewalls, the platform including rollers at its edges adjacent each pair of opposing sidewalls.

14. The tape winder of claim **8** wherein at least one slot includes the throat region adjacent the upper surface, the throat region being generally narrower than the pocket region, whereby the spindle axle of at least one spindle may be closely fit through the throat region to rest within the pocket region.

15. A tape winder comprising:

a. a rotatable supply spindle;

b. a rotatable take-up spindle spaced from the supply spindle;

c. a roll of tape wrapped about each of the supply and take-up spindles and extending between the supply and take-up spindles, whereby the take-up spindle may rotate to take tape from the supply spindle;

d. first drive means for rotatably driving the take-up spindle;

e. tensioning means connected to the supply spindle for maintaining tension on the tape,

wherein the tensioning means comprises the first drive means simultaneously driving both of the take-up and supply spindles, and wherein the supply spindle is driven with lesser torque than the take-up spindle.

16. The tape winder of claim **15** wherein the supply spindle is driven with negative torque with respect to the take-up spindle.

17. The tape winder of claim **15** wherein the tensioning means comprises a belt interposed between the first drive means and the spindle axle of the supply spindle.

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