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## Automatic Marker for Photographic Film

### The problem:

Manually titling or marking large quantities of continuous rolls of 70-mm, 5-in. (127-mm), and 9-in. (229-mm) photographic films is a time consuming and expensive operation.

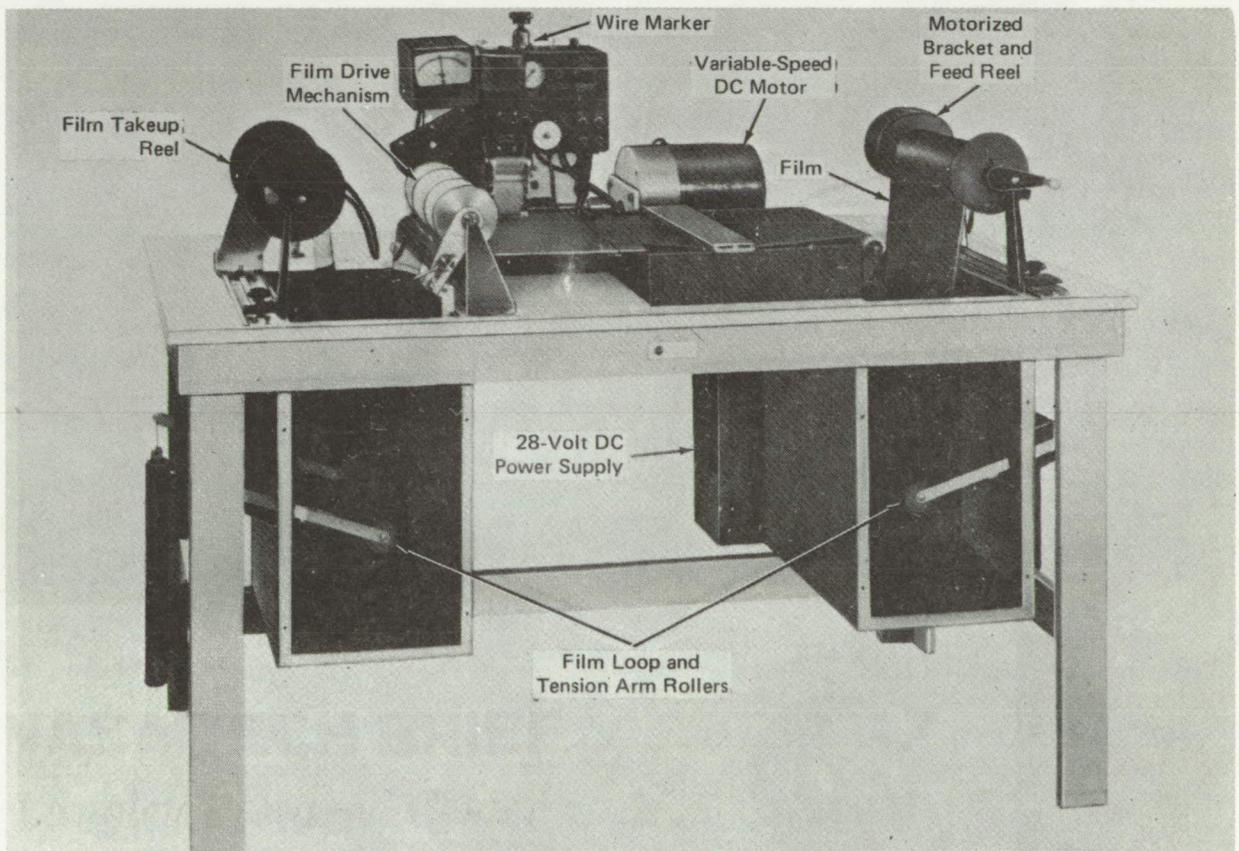
### The solution:

A commercially-produced wire-marking machine has been modified to title or mark film rolls automatically.

### How it's done:

A wire-marking machine (Kingsley KWE7 or its equivalent) is used with a film drive mechanism. The mechanism is powered with a variable-speed, 28-volt dc motor.

The film roll is placed on a feed roll driven by a motorized bracket. Each frame moving through the wire-marking machine is marked or titled. Next, the film is picked up by a takeup reel. Throughout the process,



Automatic Film Marker and Titler

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film tension is maintained by tension arm rollers. Up to 40 frames per minute can be marked in this way, reducing the time and cost of the process. The machine can also be used to mark rolls of paper and plastics.

**Patent status:**

NASA has decided not to apply for a patent.

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