

## the design of hand and box seedcase cutter

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**Abstract.** Based upon existing instruments have some disadvantages in both ways, one hand is simple structure, single function, not work, difficult to cut, cannot cut completely or unsafe issues; on the other hand is complex structure, equipped with gear-down mechanism, high manufacturing cost, bad price/performance ratio, the author design a hand & box seedcase cutter. This cutter not only has a simple structure, but also has better features such as high price/performance ratio, easy to cut, safe, the skin can be peeled off quickly.

### Introduction

While eating fruits such as apple, pear, seedcase usually have to be cut off. In order to cut off the skin of fruits, many easy-use cutter are invented besides small knife and little by little, an instrument take instead of knife held by hand, which can fix fruit and then cut skin. But existing instruments have some disadvantages in both ways, one hand is simple structure, single function, not work, difficult to cut, cannot cut completely or unsafe issues; on the other hand is complex structure, equipped with gear-down mechanism, high manufacturing cost, bad price/performance ratio. In order to overcome these disadvantages mentioned above, the author design a hand & box seedcase cutter. This cutter not only has a simple structure, but also has better features such as high price/performance ratio, easy to cut, safe, skin can be peeled off quickly.

### Structure design

The structure of hand & box seedcase cutter is shown as figure 1. figure 2 is A-A view in figure 1, figure 3 is magnify view to part in figure 1, figure 4 is B-B view in figure 1. The new cutter is equipped with cask box, cask box is consist of lower /upper cases assembled with guide channels on end plane. The cross section of guide channel is V shape for upper case 16 and lowercase 2. Rotatable gear ring 6 of taper cutting rack is located in guide channel of upper case 16; supporting base 1 is installed onto the bottom of lower case 2, there are concentric holes on the center location of left/right walls of lowercase 2, locating bolt 5 is installed onto a screw hole, the end of bolt 5 connect movable ball 4 with claw 3, the other hole is fixed by crank shaft 13, one end of crank shaft 13 is connected to locating claw 15, the other end is connected accordingly by both taper gear 12 and crank 14; rotatable claw 3 and locating claw 15 are respectively made up of main fingers and assist fingers, main finger is taper and assist finger is recess-round, main finger is secured onto the recess location of assist finger. finger's material is stainless steel or coated carbon steel. Crank shaft 13 can take advantage of the hole of driven system housing 12 as a supporting hole; taper gear 12 gear ring 6 mesh with each other; gear ring 6 has protruding cylinder ring and cutting rack connector 7 on its fillet face; there is a screw hold on gear ring and rack connector 7, hole is secured by bolt 8, the end of bolt 8 is connected to blade 10 via screw 9, the shape of blade 10 is fan, the cutting edge is arc, blade's material is stainless steel. The distance between both axes of Locating bolt 5 and bolt 8 is larger than 15mm.

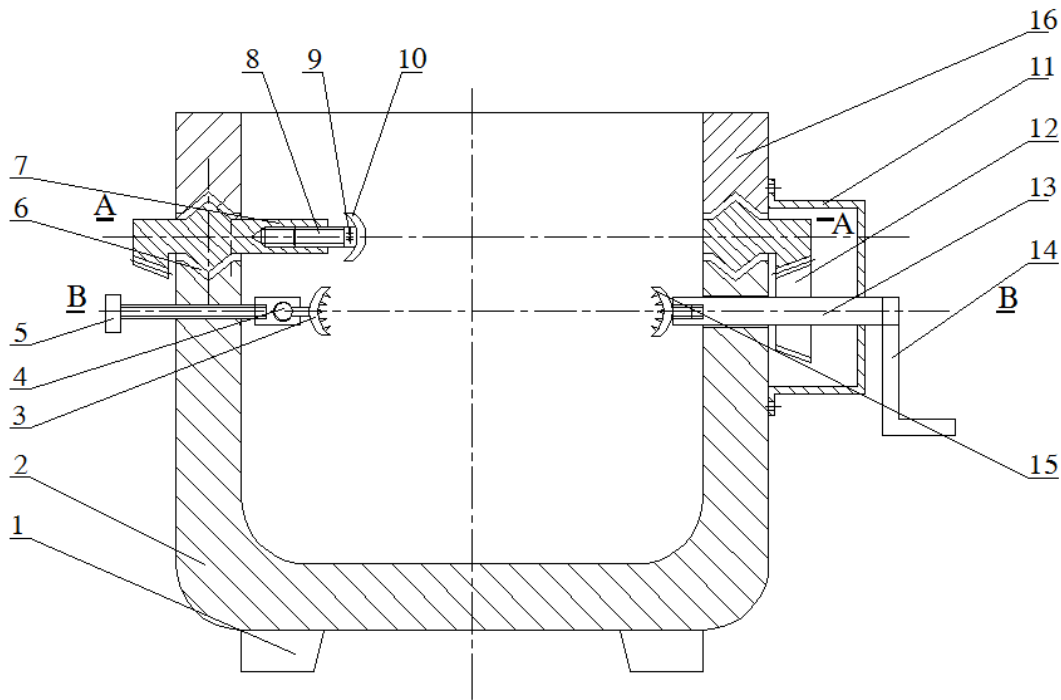


Figure1 structure graphic drawing of hand & box seedcase cutter

1-Figure4 supporting base 2-lower case 3-rotatable claw 4-movable ball 5-locating bolt 6-rotatable gear ring of taper cutting rack 7-connector of gear ring to cutting rack 8-bolt 9- screw 10-blade 11-gear-driven housing 12-taper gear 13-crank shaft 14-crank 15-locating claw 16-upper case

## working principle and operational method

### working principle

New cutter adopt the principle of mechanical drive, divide the force into 2 portion: one is to drive fruit 's cutting rack to rotate, the other is to drive gear system, then drive gear ring to run horizontally per 360 degree. Two mechanism will become 2 main parts that have relative rotation, rotatable locating rack drive fruit to turn, ready for being cut, gear ring has a 360 degree rotation horizontally, drive cutting rack, then blade to move in circle, so blade tip can move in order to cut off the skin.

### operational method

When cutting fruit (apple, pear), 2 hollowness are aligned with both locating claw 15 and rotating claw 3, then turn bolt 5 to lock fruit, blade 10 is set to start location, blade is connected onto bolt 8, blade tip is pressed/sliced tightly into the surface of fruit. Turn crank 14, fruit is rotating, blade 10 move as an arc motion around the box. Skin can be peeled off because of relative motion between fruit and blade. When fruit is rotating for one cycle, blade 10 turn a length of ARC, skin can be cut one round. Continuously shake crank 14, skin can be cut round by round till completion.

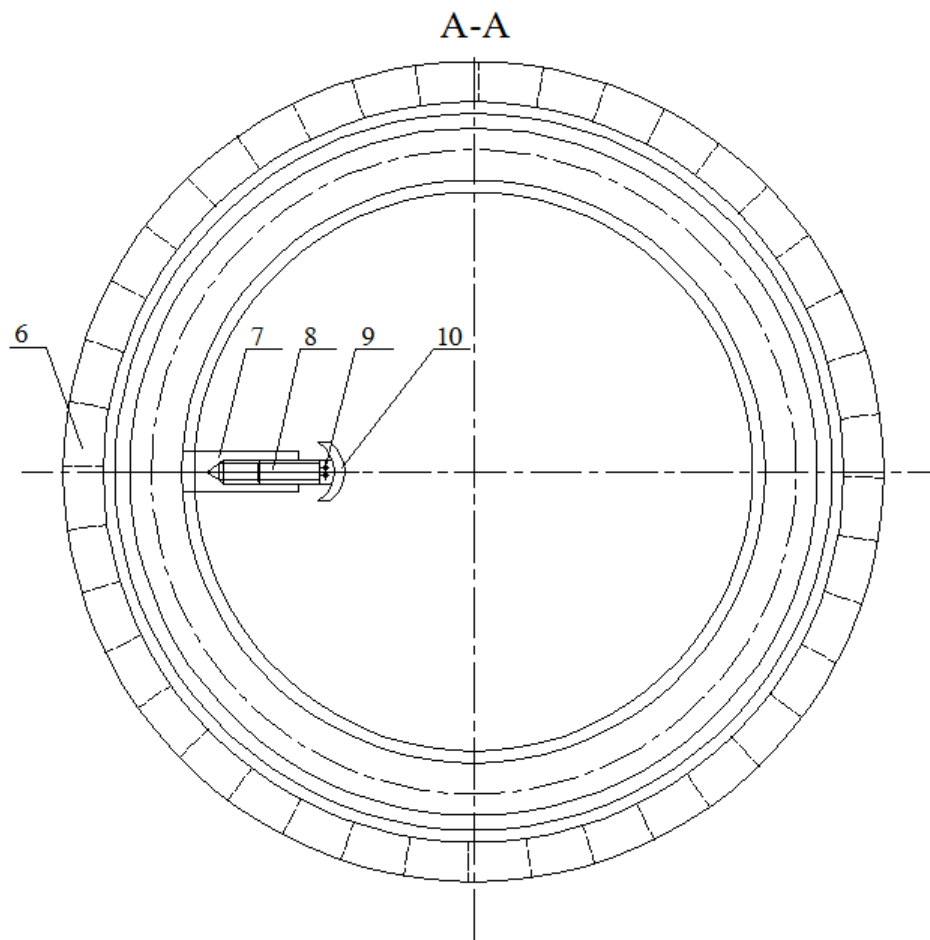


Figure2 structure graphic drawing of hand & box seedcase cutter A-A view  
 6-rotatable gear ring of taper cutting rack 7-connector of gear ring to cutting rack  
 8-bolt 9- screw 10-blade

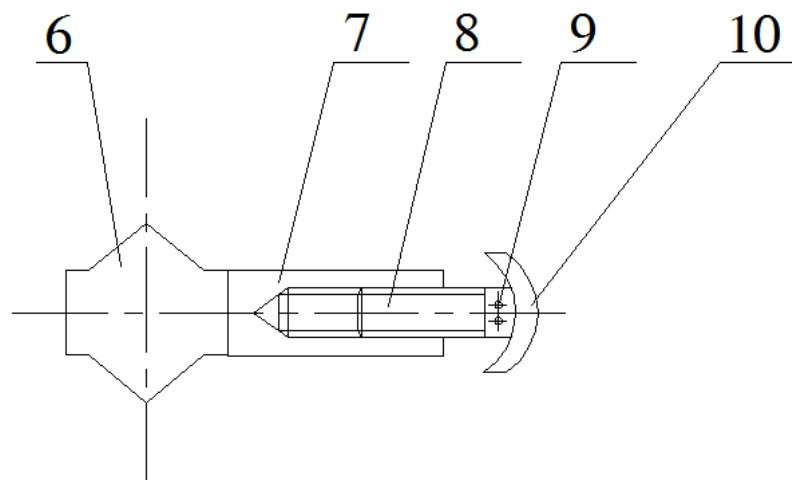


Figure3 structure graphic drawing of hand & box seedcase cutter magnify view  
 6-rotatable gear ring of taper cutting rack 7-connector of gear ring to cutting rack  
 8-bolt 9- screw 10-blade

## Technical benefits

As compared to traditional technology, hand & box seedcase cutter has following advantages and good effects:

(1) both adjustable rotating claw 3 and locating claw 15 are centered in one line, so both claws can hold different fruits of small or big, which lead to wide use.

(2) because there is relative motion between fruit's rotation and blade's ARC movement, blade can move along fruit surface per its curvity, skin can be cut even in thickness and width. Cutting is done continuously, the speed is higher.

(3) this new cutter has some advantages such as simple structure, easy operation, safe, convenient carry, low malfunction, economical, high price/performance ratio and high cutting efficiency.

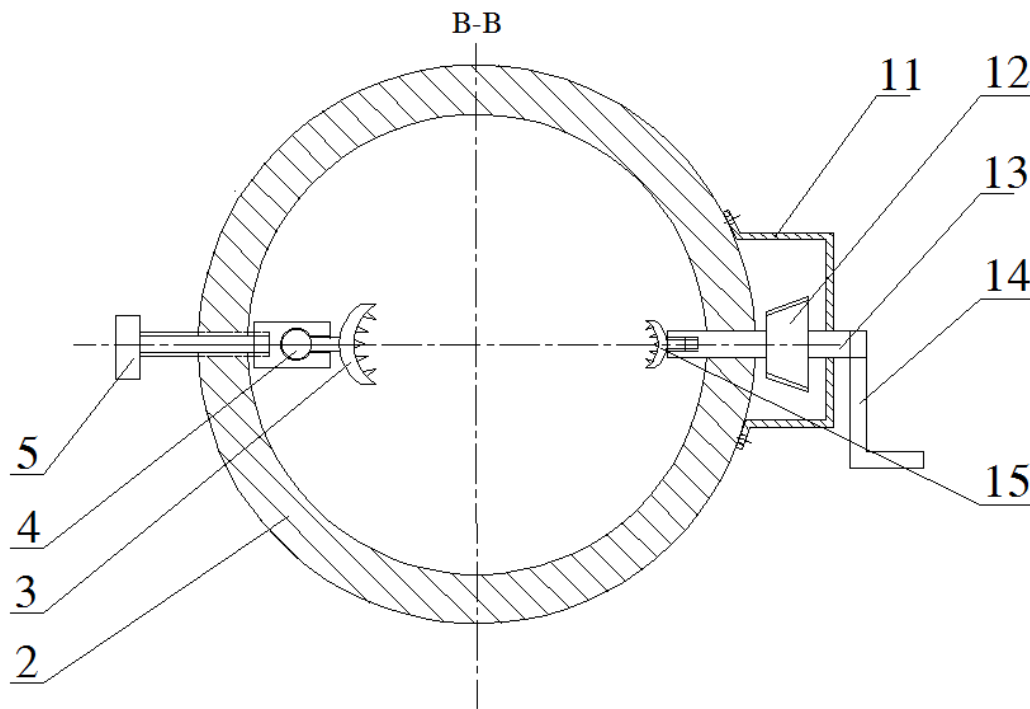


Figure4 structure graphic drawing of hand & box seedcase cutter B-B section view  
2-lower case 3-rotatable claw 4-movable ball 5-locating bolt 11-gear-driven housing 12-taper gear 13-crank shaft 14-crank 15-locating claw

## Summary

As living level is higher, more and more fruits come into our daily life, it is not only a good habit to cut off the skin of fruits, but also an effective way to prevent residual pesticide inside the skin to harm our body. After the devotion to study existing cutting instrument, the author design a hand & box seedcase cutter to improve these disadvantages mentioned above this new cutter is not only economical and high productivity, but also easy operation, safety, simply structure and safer

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