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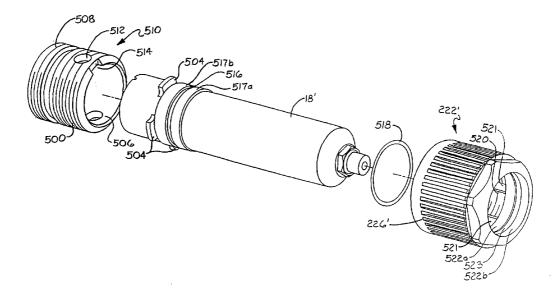
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(57) Abstract: A rivet setting tool is provided with a quick connect nose housing (18, 18). The quick connect feature allows for quicker easier disassembly and assembly of the nose housing (18, 18) for cleaning and general maintenance.



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1. Claims: 1-6

The subject-matter of independent claim 1 is a rivet setting tool. The problem to be solved by the features of claim 1 consists in the provision of a quick connect feature between the nose housing and the housing member, which enables a quick change of the nose housing.

2. Claims: 7-13

The subject-matter of independent claim 7 is a rivet setting tool. The problem to be solved by the features of claim 7 consists in a quick removal and replacement of the jaw guide member for varying rivet types or for cleaning.

3. Claims: 14-18

The subject-matter of independent claim 14 is a rivet setting tool. The problem to be solved by the features of claim 14 consists in the provision of a non-rotational connection between the nose housing and the housing member.

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