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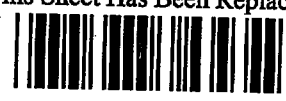
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Monocomponent-type developer for developing electrostatic image and image forming method.

A monocomponent-type developer for developing electrostatic images, includes a magnetic toner containing at least a binder resin and magnetic powder, and 0.5 - 10 wt. % (based on the magnetic toner) of inorganic fine powder having a length-average particle size of 0.1 - 5 μm . The developer has a number-basis particle size distribution such that particles of 4 μm or smaller are contained at 5 - 18 % by number and particles of 4 - 10 μm are contained at at least 60 % by number. The developer has a volume basis particle size distribution such that particles of 12.7 μm or larger are contained at at most 10 % by volume. The developer has a weight-average particle size of 7 - 11 μm . The developer is particularly useful for development under application of a DC-superposed asymmetric AC bias electric field including a development-side voltage component with a larger magnitude and a shorter duration than a reverse development-side voltage component.

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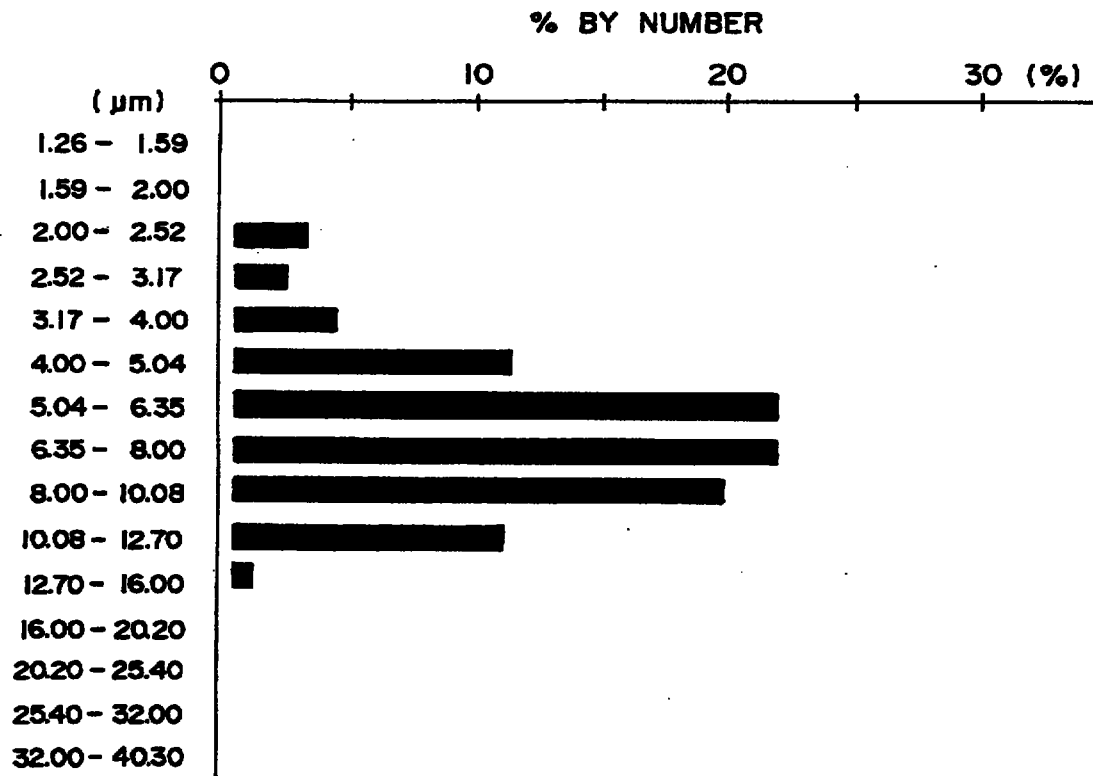


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