

ABSTRACT

A capping device for an ink jet printer is constructed such that a cap supporting member (14), adapted to move from the non-capping position to the capping position by the thrust action of a carriage (3), is arranged on the home position side of the ink jet printer so that the outer end part of the cap supporting member (14) is displaced toward the nozzle surface of a printing head (4) with the aid of a guide surface (15b) having an inclined surface (15a), until a cap (5) on the cap supporting member (14) is brought into close contact with the nozzle surface of the printing head (4) with an adequate intensity of thrust force by means of a turnable lever (8) operatively connected to the inner end of the cap supporting member (14), while resilient force of a cap spring (11) is exerted on the base end part of the turnable lever (8) so as to normally bias the cap supporting member (14) in the direction toward the printing head (4).

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