

APPLICATION-FILM TRANSFER TOOL

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to an application-film transfer tool including a clutch mechanism and a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism and, more specifically, relates to an application-film transfer tool in which part of a supply bobbin constitutes part of the reverse-rotation
10 prevention.

2. Description of the Related Art

Various application-film transfer tools that are used for applying glue or correcting characters have been proposed in the past. Such application-film transfer tools
15 have a case accommodating a supply bobbin around which unused transfer tape is wound, a take-up bobbin that takes up used transfer tape from the supply bobbin, and interlocking means for interlocking the supply bobbin and the take-up bobbin. The transfer tape used by such an
20 application-film transfer tool is constituted of a base tape, which is a conveying medium, made of resin tape or paper tape, and an application film that easily peels off the surface of the base tape.

With such an application-film transfer tool, the
25 application film for the transfer tape can be transferred

onto a transfer subject by extending the transfer tape around a transfer head protruding from the case, closely contacting the transfer head with the transfer subject, such as paper, and moving the case while pressing the transfer
5 head against the transfer subject. At the same time, the transfer tape is reeled out from the supply bobbin, and the used transfer tape (base tape) is taken up by the take-up bobbin.

With such an application-film transfer tool, transfer
10 might fail when the transfer tape sags. Therefore, the rotational speed of the take-up bobbin is set greater than the rotational speed of the supply bobbin so that tension of the transfer tape is constantly maintained above a predetermined value. As the application-film transfer tool
15 is used, the amount of the transfer tape wound around the supply bobbin decreases, and the amount of the base tape wound around the take-up bobbin increases. Consequently, the amount of base tape taken up by one rotation of the take-up bobbin increases each time the take-up bobbin
20 rotates. As a result, the transfer load required for application film increases, and it becomes difficult to transfer the application film. Thus, the supply bobbin is over-rotated such that the rotation of the supply bobbin is not fully transmitted to the take-up bobbin. Usually, an
25 application-film transfer tool has a clutch mechanism that

absorbs the difference in the amounts of tape conveyed by the supply bobbin and the take-up bobbin and adjusts the tension in the transfer tape.

To transfer the application film of the transfer tape
5 onto a transfer subject using the application-film transfer tool, the case is moved. However, when the case is moved in a direction opposite to the movement for transferring the application film, the transfer tape may sag and/or may become tangled inside the case. To prevent such problems, a
10 typical application-film transfer tool includes a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism.

For example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2002-205867 proposes an application-film transfer tool including a clutch mechanism in which
15 resilient arms (curved members), contacting the inner circumferential surface of a supply bobbin, are cantilevered at 120° intervals along the circumference of a rotary shaft of the supply bobbin on the outer circumference of the rotary shaft and a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism
20 having a latching arm provided on a supply-side gear and teeth, which are latching grooves, provided on the inner surface of the case.

In Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2003-103994, the inventor proposes an application-film
25 transfer tool that includes an easily-replaceable clutch

mechanism slidable by including a clutch member with resilient arms provided on a rotary shaft in a circular depression formed in the upper surface of a supply-side gear and contacting projections provided at the ends of the
5 resilient arms to the inner circumferential surface of the circular depression. A reverse-rotation prevention mechanism of such an application-film transfer tool may include, for example, a ratchet gear further provided on a gear part of a take-up bobbin and a latching arm provided on
10 a flat plate of a case in such a manner that it engages with the ratchet gear. In this way, reverse rotation of a supply bobbin can be prevented.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

15 When an application film of a transfer tape is transferred using an application-film transfer tool, a predetermined load should be applied to a transfer head to transfer the application film onto a transfer subject. With the application-film transfer tool described in Japanese
20 Unexamined Patent Applications Publication Nos. 2002-205867 and 2003-103994, mechanical loss is generated at the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism in the driving transmission system. When the diameter of the winding core of the supply bobbin is large, the transfer load does not
25 increase even when the frictional force of the clutch

mechanism is great, and thus, the usability of the application-film transfer tool is not reduced.

Nowadays, there is a need in reducing the diameter of the winding core due to a decrease in the size of products.

5 However, when the diameter of the winding core is decreased to reduce the size of the application-film transfer tool, the transfer load applied to the supply bobbin by the frictional force of the clutch mechanism and/or the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism increases. Therefore, when
10 the diameter of the winding core is decreased, problems such as the supply bobbin not smoothly rotating due to mechanical loss at the clutch mechanism and the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism occur.

As the application-film transfer tool described in
15 Japanese Unexamined Patent Applications Publication Nos. 2002-205867 and 2003-103994, by providing the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism near the supply-side gear and the take-up bobbin and the clutch mechanism between the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism and the supply bobbin,
20 skid resistance of the clutch mechanism, which transmits normal rotation to the take-up bobbin via the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism, should be increased. In such a case, the rotational resistance of the supply bobbin due to resistance by the clutch mechanism increases, and, thus,
25 rotating the supply bobbin may become difficult.

Therefore, to prevent the transfer load from increasing, the frictional force of the clutch mechanism and/or the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism should be decreased. However, when the diameter of the winding core, as well as
5 the skid resistance of the clutch mechanism, is decreased, the take-up bobbin does not rotate because normal rotation is not transmitted to the take-up bobbin via the clutch mechanism because the clutch mechanism over-rotates due to a small amount of mechanical loss. As a result, take-up of
10 used tape may fail.

There present invention was conceived in light of the problems described above and provides a small application-film transfer tool that eliminates mechanical loss in a driving transmission system caused by providing a reverse-
15 rotation prevention mechanism on a supply-side gear and the take-up bobbin and that reliably rotates a take-up bobbin by transmitting a driving force, even when the frictional force of a clutch mechanism is reduced.

An application-film transfer tool according to the
20 present invention includes a supply bobbin around which an unused transfer tape is wound; a transfer head around which the transfer tape is extended, the transfer head pressure-sensitively transferring an application film of the transfer tape onto a transfer subject by pressing against the
25 transfer subject; a take-up bobbin taking up the used

transfer tape; a clutch mechanism transmitting the rotation of the supply bobbin to the take-up bobbin and controlling the rotational speed of the take-up bobbin; and a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism preventing reverse rotation of the supply bobbin, wherein part of the supply bobbin constitutes part of the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism.

In the application-film transfer tool, the supply bobbin, the transfer head, and the take-up bobbin may be accommodated in a refill case that attaches to and detaches from a main body, and the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism may be accommodated in the refill case.

In the application-film transfer tool, the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism may include a plurality of latching grooves provided along the circumference of the supply bobbin and a resilient deformable latching arm provided on the refill case.

In the application-film transfer tool, the main body to and from which the refill case is attached and detached may include the clutch mechanism, a supply-side gear receiving a rotational force of the supply bobbin via the clutch mechanism, a take-up-side gear transmitting the rotational force to the take-up bobbin, and a base member having interlocking means for interlocking the supply-side gear and the take-up-side gear.

The present invention provides a small application-film transfer tool that eliminates mechanical loss of the driving transmission system caused by providing a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism on the supply-side gear and the take-up-side gear and that reliably rotates the take-up bobbin by transmitting a driving force even when the frictional force of the clutch mechanism is small.

Since the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is provided inside the refill case, the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is also replaced when the transfer tape is replaced. In this way, an application-film transfer tool in which the main body can be used for a long period of time is provided.

15 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating an application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating a refill and a main body of the application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention in a separated state;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view illustrating the refill and the main body of the application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the main body of the application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a placement case of the
5 refill of the application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view illustrating the placement case of the refill of the application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention
10 accommodating a supply bobbin and a take-up bobbin; and

Figs. 7A and 7B illustrate the operation of a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism of the application-film transfer tool according to an embodiment of the present invention.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

An embodiment of the present invention will be described below. An application-film transfer tool 1 includes a refill 5 and a main body 3 holding the refill 5.
20 The refill 5 includes a refill case attachable to and detachable from the main body 3, a supply bobbin 53 accommodated in the refill case, a transfer head 7, a take-up bobbin 55, and a transfer tape 51.

The unused transfer tape 51 is wound around the supply
25 bobbin 53. The transfer tape 51 is extended around the

transfer head 7, and the application film of the transfer
tape 51 is pressure-sensitively transferred onto a transfer
subject by pressing the transfer head 7 against the transfer
subject. The take-up bobbin 55 takes up the used transfer
5 tape 51 (base tape).

The main body 3 includes a base member 11, which has a
back securing member 31 holding the back section of the
refill 5, and a front securing member 13 holding the front
section of the refill 5. On the base member 11, a clutch
10 mechanism, a supply-side gear 26 that receives the
rotational force of the supply bobbin 53 via the clutch
mechanism, a take-up-side gear 28 that transfers the
rotational force to the take-up bobbin 55, and an
intermediate flat gears 27 functioning as interlocking means
-15 for interlocking the supply-side gear 26 and the take-up-
side gear 28. The clutch mechanism includes a clutching
member 29 and the supply-side gear 26 and functions as a
friction clutch in which projections provided at the tips of
resilient arms 29a contact the inner circumferential surface
20 of a circular depression 26a. In this way, the clutch
mechanism transmits the rotation of the supply bobbin 53 to
the take-up bobbin 55 and controls the rotational speed of
the take-up bobbin 55.

On the application-film transfer tool 1, the refill 5
25 can be loaded at a predetermined position on the main body 3

and secured by the front securing member 13 and the back
securing member 31 of the base member 11 through separating
the base member 11 of the main body 3 and the front securing
member 13, placing the refill 5 on the base member 11, and,
5 in this state, closely connecting the base member 11 of the
main body 3 and the front securing member 13.

A reverse-rotation prevention mechanism that prevents
reverse rotation of the supply bobbin 53 is accommodated in
the refill case of the application-film transfer tool 1.

10 The reverse-rotation prevention mechanism includes a
plurality of latching grooves 53a provided along the
circumference of the supply bobbin 53 and a resilient
deformable latching arm 71e provided on the refill case. In
other words, part of the supply bobbin 53 constitutes part
15 of the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism.

Embodiment

The application-film transfer tool 1 according to the
present invention will be described in detail below with
reference to the drawings. Fig. 1 is an external
20 perspective view illustrating the application-film transfer
tool 1 according to this embodiment. Fig. 2 is a
perspective view illustrating the refill 5 and the main body
3 in a separated state. In this specification, as
illustrated in Fig. 1, "front" refers to the area where the
25 transfer head 7 of the application-film transfer tool 1 is

positioned; "back" refers to the area where the base member 11 of the main body 3 is positioned; "top" refers to the area where the refill 5 is positioned; "bottom" refers to the area where the main body 3 is positioned; and "traverse
5 direction" refers to the direction orthogonal with the forward, backward, upward, and downward directions.

The application-film transfer tool 1 according to this embodiment is capable of pressure-sensitively transferring an application film of the transfer tape 51, which is formed
10 by applying the application film onto a base tape, onto a transfer subject by sliding the transfer head 7 on the transfer subject, such as paper, while the transfer head 7 is pressed against the transfer subject. As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the application-film transfer tool 1 includes
15 the refill 5 and the main body 3 holding the refill 5.

The application-film transfer tool 1, which is an integrated unit of the main body 3 and the refill 5, constitutes a driving transmission system including the supply bobbin 53 that rotates by the transfer tape 51 being
20 reeled out, the clutching member 29 that rotates by interlocking with the supply bobbin 53, the supply-side gear 26 that rotates by the frictional force of the clutching member 29, the intermediate flat gears 27 that engage with the supply-side gear 26, the take-up-side gear 28 that
25 receives the rotational force of the supply-side gear 26 via

the intermediate flat gears 27, and the take-up bobbin 55 that rotates by interlocking with the take-up-side gear 28.

As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, the replaceable refill 5 includes the transfer tape 51, the supply bobbin 53, the transfer head 7, the take-up bobbin 55, and the refill case accommodating these components. The refill case is attachable to and detachable from the main body 3 and includes a placement case 61 accommodating the supply bobbin 53 and the take-up bobbin 55 and a cover case 63 including the transfer head 7.

The supply bobbin 53 has a shape in which discs are attached to the top and bottom edges of a cylinder. The supply bobbin 53 supplies the unused transfer tape 51, which is wound around the supply bobbin 53, to the transfer head 7. On the inner surface of this cylinder, protrusions 53b that engage with the shaft of the clutching member 29 attached to the main body 3 are provided.

The take-up bobbin 55 takes up the used transfer tape 51 (base tape) and, similar to the supply bobbin 53, has a shape in which discs are attached to the top and bottom edges of a cylinder and, on the inner surface of this cylinder, has protrusions 55a that engage with the shaft of the take-up-side gear 28 attached to the main body 3. The diameter of the cylinder of the take-up bobbin 55 is larger than the diameter of the cylinder of the supply bobbin 53.

In the transfer head 7, a shaft 68 is passed through the front end section of the refill 5, and a tube 69 is rotatably supported on the shaft 68. The transfer tape 51 is extended around the transfer head 7. Thus, the
5 application film of the transfer tape 51 can be pressure-sensitively transferred onto a transfer subject by a user moving the transfer head 7 while pressing it onto the transfer subject, such as paper.

As illustrated in Fig. 4, the main body 3 includes the
10 base member 11 having the back securing member 31 holding the back section of the refill 5 and the front securing member 13 holding the front section of the refill 5. In this way, as illustrated in Fig. 2, on the application-film transfer tool 1, the refill 5 can be loaded at a
15 predetermined position on the main body 3 and secured by the front securing member 13 and the back securing member 31 of the base member 11 through separating the base member 11 of the main body 3 and the front securing member 13, placing the refill 5 on the base member 11, and, in this state,
20 closely connecting the base member 11 of the main body 3 and the front securing member 13.

As illustrated in Fig. 4, on the base member 11, there are disposed the clutch mechanism, the supply-side gear 26, which receives the rotational force of the supply bobbin 53
25 via the clutch mechanism, the take-up-side gear 28, which

transfers the rotational force to the take-up bobbin 55, and the interlocking means for interlocking the supply-side gear 26 and the take-up-side gear 28.

5 The supply-side gear 26 is shaped as a disc having teeth on the outer surface and, on the upper surface, includes the circular depression 26a in which the resilient arms 29a of the clutching member 29 are disposed. The supply-side gear 26 is rotatably supported at the front section of the base member 11.

10 The clutch mechanism includes the clutching member 29 and the supply-side gear 26. The clutching member 29 includes the cylindrical shaft and the three resilient arms 29a provided on the side surface of the shaft near the bottom edge. The protrusions that engage with the supply
15 bobbin 53 are provided on the side surface of the shaft, and the projections that contact the inner circumferential surface of the circular depression 26a are provided at the tips of the resilient arms 29a.

The clutching member 29 is rotatably supported
20 concentrically with the supply-side gear 26 while the projections of the resilient arms 29a are engaged with the inner circumferential surface of the circular depression 26a of the supply-side gear 26 such that the protrusions of the resilient arms 29a apply a predetermined force in outward
25 directions (directions orthogonal to the circumference, i.e.,

radial directions). In other words, the clutch mechanism functions as a friction clutch in which the projections of the resilient arms 29a contact the inner circumferential surface of the circular depression 26a.

5 The take-up-side gear 28 includes a cylindrical shaft, a disc provided at the bottom edge of the shaft, and a gear (not shown) provided below the disc. Protrusions that engage with the take-up bobbin 55 are provided on the side surface of the shaft. The take-up-side gear 28 is rotatably
10 supported on a shaft vertically erected from near the back end of the base member 11. To maintain the tension of the transfer tape 51 above a predetermined value, the diameter of the take-up-side gear 28 according to this embodiment is smaller than the diameter of the supply-side gear 26.

15 The interlocking means for interlocking the supply-side gear 26 and the take-up-side gear 28 includes the two intermediate flat gears 27 that are rotatably supported between the supply-side gear 26 and the take-up-side gear 28 such that the supply-side gear 26 engages with the supply-
20 side gear 26 and the take-up-side gear 28 engages with the take-up-side gear 28.

 Accordingly, when a user moves the application-film transfer tool 1 while the transfer head 7 around which the transfer tape 51 is extended is pressed against the transfer
25 subject, the supply bobbin 53 rotates by the transfer tape

51 being reeled out. When the supply bobbin 53 rotates, the clutching member 29 connected to the supply bobbin 53 rotates together.

When the clutching member 29 rotates, the supply-side
5 gear 26 rotates by the frictional force generated at the projections on the tips of the resilient arms 29a of the clutching member 29 and the inner surface of the circular depression 26a of the supply-side gear 26, which contacts the projections. When the supply-side gear 26 rotates, the
10 rotational force is transmitted to the take-up-side gear 28 via the intermediate flat gears 27, and, as a result, the take-up-side gear 28 rotates.

At this time, since the supply-side gear 26 and the take-up-side gear 28 rotate at a predetermined rotation
15 ratio such that the rotational speed of the take-up-side gear 28 is greater than the rotational speed of the supply-side gear 26, when the supply bobbin 53 rotates in a normal direction, tension greater than a predetermined value is constantly applied to the transfer tape 51. When the
20 tension of the transfer tape 51 becomes greater than a certain value, the clutching member 29 slides on the inner circumferential surface of the circular depression 26a, and thus, the tension of the transfer tape 51 is prevented from increasing too much. That is, the clutch mechanism
25 transmits the rotation of the supply bobbin 53 to the take-

up bobbin 55, as well as, controlling the rotational speed of the take-up bobbin 55.

Next, the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism of the application-film transfer tool 1 according to this
5 embodiment will be described. The reverse-rotation prevention mechanism prevents reverse rotation of the supply bobbin 53 to prevent sagging of the transfer tape 51 wound around the supply bobbin 53 and the take-up bobbin 55 and to prevent tangling of the transfer tape 51 inside the refill
10 case.

As illustrated in Fig. 3, the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism includes the plurality of latching grooves 53a provided along the circumference of the supply bobbin 53 and the resilient deformable latching arm 71e
15 provided on the refill 5. In other words, part of the supply bobbin 53 constitutes part of the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism. The reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is accommodated in the refill case, which is attachable to and detachable from the main body 3. The
20 latching grooves 53a are rectangular through-holes formed along the circumference at equal intervals. It is desirable to make the intervals of the through-hole as small as possible.

The latching arm 71e is provided on a placement face
25 plate 71 of the placement case 61 of the refill 5. Fig. 5

is a perspective view of the placement case 61, which accommodates the supply bobbin 53 and the take-up bobbin 55. As illustrated, the placement case 61, in which the back edge is longer than the front edge, includes the

5 substantially trapezoidal placement face plate 71 extending in the front-to-back direction and sidewalls 75 vertically erecting from both sides of the placement face plate 71. The placement face plate 71 has a circular take-up-bobbin placing part 71a where the take-up bobbin 55 is placed near
10 the back end and a circular supply-bobbin placing part 71b where the supply bobbin 53 is placed in front of the take-up-bobbin placing part 71a. The take-up-bobbin placing part 71a and the supply-bobbin placing part 71b are circular depressions that protrude slightly downward from the
15 placement face plate 71, and the centers of the placing parts 71a and 71b have circular openings.

The latching arm 71e, which latches together with the latching grooves 53a of the supply bobbin 53 when the supply bobbin 53 rotates in the reverse direction, is provided
20 along the circumference of the opening of the supply-bobbin placing part 71b. The latching arm 71e, which is provided on the placement case 61 of the refill 5, is cantilevered at a predetermined position in such a manner that it extends along the circumference of the supply-bobbin placing part
25 71b and is resiliently deformable in the top-to-bottom

direction. At the tip of the latching arm 71e, a latching hook 71f that latches together with the latching grooves 53a of the supply bobbin 53 is provided. At the tip of this latching hook 71f, a tapered part that allows rotation of the supply bobbin 53 in the right direction, which is the normal direction, is provided.

As illustrated in Fig. 6, the supply bobbin 53 is placed on the supply-bobbin placing part 71b of the placement case 61 such that the latching grooves 53a and the latching hook 71f (see Fig. 5) of the placement case 61 contact each other. In this way, when a rotational force is applied to the supply bobbin 53 in the right direction, which is the normal direction, a predetermined load is applied to the supply bobbin 53 to allow the supply bobbin 53 to rotate in the normal direction. When a rotational force is applied to the supply bobbin 53 in the left direction, which is the reverse direction, the latching hook 71f of the latching arm 71e and one of the latching grooves 53a of the supply bobbin 53 engage to prevent the supply bobbin 53 from rotating in the reverse direction.

Specifically, when the supply bobbin 53 rotates in the normal direction, as illustrated in Fig. 7A, the latching groove 53a and the latching hook 71f of the placement case 61 engage. However, since a tapered part is provided at the tip of the latching hook 71f, when the tapered part and the

latching groove 53a or the bottom surface of the supply
bobbin 53, which is exposed between the latching grooves 53a,
engage, the resilient latching arm 71e bends downward. In
other words, the supply bobbin 53 can rotate while the
5 latching arm 71e is repeatedly bending downward by the
rotation of the supply bobbin 53.

In this way, since the latching hook 71f and the
latching grooves 53a repeatedly engage while the supply
bobbin 53 is rotating in the normal direction, a
10 predetermined load is directly applied to the supply bobbin
53 while it rotates in the normal direction. However, since
the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is directly
provided on the supply bobbin 53, the user may notice a
slight resistance by the reverse-rotation prevention
15 mechanism, but a mechanical loss will not be generated in
the driving transmission system.

On the other hand, when a force in the direction that
will cause the supply bobbin 53 to rotate in the reverse
direction is applied, as illustrated in Fig. 7B, the end
20 surface of the latching hook 71f contacts the inner surface
of one of the latching grooves 53a, and the rotation of the
supply bobbin 53 is stopped. In this way, reverse rotation
of the supply bobbin 53 is reliably prevented, and sagging
of the transfer tape 51 wound around the supply bobbin 53
25 and the take-up bobbin 55 and tangling of the transfer tape

51 inside the refill case are prevented.

Since the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism includes the latching grooves 53a of the supply bobbin 53 and the latching arm 71e of the placement case 61, 5 mechanical loss of the driving transmission system caused by providing a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism according to the related art on the supply-side gear 26 and the take-up-side gear 28 is eliminated, and a small application-film transfer tool 1 that reliably rotates the take-up bobbin 55 10 by transmitting a driving force can be provided even when the diameter of the winding cores are small and the frictional force of the clutch mechanism is small.

Since the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is provided inside the refill case, the reverse-rotation 15 prevention mechanism is also replaced when the transfer tape 51 is replaced. In this way, an application-film transfer tool 1 in which the main body 3 can be used for a long period of time is provided.

The present invention is not limited to the embodiment 20 described above, and modification may be made within the scope of the invention. For example, the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is not limited to the embodiment described above, and, instead, the latching grooves 53a may be provided on the refill case, and the latching arm 71e may 25 be provided on the supply bobbin 53. Moreover, the latching

grooves 53a may not be through-holes and, instead, may be a ratchet gear. Furthermore, the latching arm 71e may be provided on the supply-bobbin placing part 71b, and the latching grooves 53a may be provided on the outer

5 circumferential surface of the lower disc of the supply bobbin 53. That is, various configurations may be applied to the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism in which part of the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is provided on the supply bobbin 53.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An application-film transfer tool comprising:
 - a supply bobbin around which an unused transfer tape is
5 wound;
 - a transfer head around which the transfer tape is
extended, the transfer head pressure-sensitively
transferring an application film of the transfer tape onto a
transfer subject by pressing against the transfer subject;
 - 10 a take-up bobbin taking up the used transfer tape;
 - a clutch mechanism transmitting the rotation of the
supply bobbin to the take-up bobbin and controlling the
rotational speed of the take-up bobbin; and
 - a reverse-rotation prevention mechanism preventing
15 reverse rotation of the supply bobbin,
 - wherein part of the supply bobbin constitutes part of
the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism,
 - wherein the supply bobbin, the transfer head, and the
take-up bobbin are accommodated in a refill case that
20 attaches to and detaches from a main body,
 - wherein the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism is
accommodated in the refill case, and
 - wherein the main body to and from which the refill case
is attached and detached includes the clutch mechanism, a
25 supply-side gear receiving a rotational force of the supply

bobbin via the clutch mechanism, a take-up-side gear transmitting the rotational force to the take-up bobbin, and a base member having interlocking means for interlocking the supply-side gear and the take-up-side gear.

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2. The application-film transfer tool according to Claim 1, wherein the reverse-rotation prevention mechanism includes a plurality of latching grooves provided along the circumference of the supply bobbin and a resilient
10 deformable latching arm provided on the refill case.