ABSTRACT

DEVELOPING DEVICE

A cartridge/cover member combination for mounting to an image developing device of an image forming machine comprises, a cartridge for containing toner and having a toner discharge opening (296), the cartridge being selectively detachably mountable on a main body of the developing device to enable the toner discharge opening (296) to align with a toner inlet opening of the main body whereby toner may be supplied therethrough from the cartridge to the main body. The cartridge has a receiving portion (380) for receiving an engaging member of the main body when the cartridge is mounted on the main body to thereby prevent removal of cartridge. A cover member (304) for selectively blocking the toner discharge opening (296) is selectively removably mountable on the cartridge (88) for releasing the engaging member of the main body from the receiving portion of the cartridge to enable the cartridge to be detached from the main body (6).

[Figs. 11 & 14]