ABSTRACT

There is provided an image forming apparatus including a thin endless film (1) on which is formed a latent electrostatic image, the endless film (1) having heat-resistant and dielectric properties, a transfer mechanism (2) for transferring the endless film (1), a latent electrostatic image recording head disposed outside the endless film (1), for recording a latent electrostatic image on the endless film (1), a developing unit (6) disposed outside the endless film (1) for developing the latent electrostatic image on the endless film (1) by placing toner particles (61) in close proximity to or bringing the toner particles (61) into contact with the endless film (1), a back electrode (3) and a heater (4) disposed inside the endless film (1), a pressure roller (7) opposed to the heater (4) with respect to the endless film (1), and a discharge unit (8) disposed outside the endless film (1) for discharging the latent electrostatic image.

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