

ABSTRACT

A follower roller (100) adapted to be rotated while coming in contact with a recording medium (120) is rotatably mounted on a driving roller shaft (114) of a driving roller (113), i.e., one of an opposing pair of driving rollers (111) and (113), and a rotation detector (115) for detecting the rotation of the follower roller (100) is disposed in the vicinity of the driving roller (113). A controller detects a malfunction of paper clogging by comparing the detection signal outputted from the rotation detector (115) with the driving signal outputted from the controller for rotationally driving a paper feeding motor. The follower roller (100) includes a ring-shaped magnet (121) including a plurality of magnet segments which are alternately magnetized in such a manner that adjacent magnet segments exhibit different magnetic poles with a radially extending boundary line as a boundary therebetween.

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