

ABSTRACT

The present invention is intended to provide a method and apparatus with which, when ejecting or applying a very small amount of liquid, the liquid can be applied in a desired form at a high speed and precisely without depending on viscosity of the liquid.

In a fixed-amount-of-liquid ejecting method according to the present invention, for ejecting a liquid in fixed amount from a liquid reservoir through an ejection valve, the method comprises a step of applying a pressure to the liquid beforehand prior to starting ejection of the liquid and/or holding a pressure near an ejection orifice after the end of liquid ejection at a predetermined specific value so that an ejection rate of the liquid through the ejection orifice is kept constant. Other features are that a liquid temperature is controlled, and/or that the liquid is automatically filled without entrapment of bubbles.

A fixed-amount-of-liquid ejecting apparatus according to the present invention comprises a liquid reservoir, means for pressurizing a liquid in the liquid reservoir, and an ejection valve communicating with the liquid reservoir, thereby ejecting the liquid in fixed amount from the liquid reservoir through the ejection valve. The apparatus further comprises operation control means for controlling operations of the pressurizing means and the ejection valve, and ejection pressure control means for automatically regulating an

ejection pressure of the liquid. The apparatus is further featured by including liquid temperature control means and/or a filling apparatus for automatically filling the liquid in the liquid reservoir without entrapment of bubbles.

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