

PRINTING PAPER PROTECTING DEVICE

ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to the reliable prevention of soiling of a printing surface of printing paper and hence the elimination of waste of the printing paper and improvement in the printing quality. These are achieved by setting a paper stack (1) in a paper cassette (4) without touching the printing surface of the printing paper by the hand. A protecting plate (11) has a bending portion (11a) for separating the paper stack (1) and an open portion (11b) used for detecting that the paper is out. The protecting plate (11) is placed on the printing surface of the printing paper and is accommodated in the paper cassette (4) together with the paper stack (1).

(Fig. 1)