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## ABSTRACT

A residual recording material amount detector (20) for a printer is provided with a continuous dot number detecting device (30) for counting a number of continuous signals for modulating a printing action, a toner consumption data storage device (31) for storing a toner consumption per number of continuous dots, and an integrated toner consumption storage device (35) implemented by a nonvolatile memory for storing an integrated value of toner consumptions at the time of forming a series of dots calculated by the continuous dot number detecting device (30) and the toner consumption data storage device (31). According to the residual recording material amount detector (20) for the printer of the present invention, the toner consumption can be detected correctly irrespective of the kind of data to be printed.

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