

ABSTRACT**INK JET PRINTER**

An ink jet printer comprises:

an ink jet head for effecting printing at a print area (PA) where printing is effected and

a transport roller (381) disposed downstream of the feed roller relative to the print area to transport the paper in such a manner as to stretch the paper between the transport roller and the feed roller by rotating said transport roller at a peripheral speed faster than that of said feed roller. The printer also includes a pressing member (140) for pressing the paper over essentially an entire widthwise length of the paper, a pressing portion of said pressing member being disposed at a position between the feed roller and the transport roller and where the pressing portion is in contact with neither of the two rollers.

[Figure 31]