

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A serial printer for printing on a recording medium which includes a platen, a carriage and a recording medium discharge section. The platen serves as a recording medium insert member and is rotated by a motor. A carriage shuttles in parallel with the platen and includes a recording head and a paper holder attached thereto. The sheet discharge section is arranged on a downstream side of the carriage and is provided for guiding the recording medium to a sheet discharge outlet. The printer further includes a carriage controller for moving the carriage towards the center of the recording medium and stopping the carriage proximate the center of the recording medium, while decelerating the carriage before the center of the recording medium, when the recording medium is forwarded for printing until the recording medium reaches a sheet discharge section from a predetermined position on the downstream side of the paper holder. A forward controller is provided for starting a recording medium forward operation for a single line of the recording medium in sync with the deceleration of the carriage. The carriage controller further moves the carriage proximate the center of the recording medium upon turning on the printer. The carriage controller also moves the carriage proximate the center of the recording medium when a print operation on the recording medium has ended.

This Sheet Has Been Replaced



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REPLACED