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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Magnetic particles for charging means disposed in contact with an electrophotographic photosensitive member for charging the
5 electrophotographic photosensitive member based on a voltage applied thereto are provided as particles of a ferrite component represented by the following formula (1):



10 wherein A denotes at least one metal oxide component selected from the group consisting of Li_2O , MnO and MgO , B denotes at least one metal oxide component different from A; X, Y and Z denote numbers representing mol ratios and satisfying the following
15 conditions: $0.2 < X < 0.95$, $0.01 < Y < 0.5$, $X+Y \leq 1$, and $0 \leq Z < 0.79$. The magnetic particles show an excellent charging performance, particularly in injection charging, without causing a difficulty, such as soiling or pinhole leakage of the photosensitive
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