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ABSTRACT

An ink jet type recording apparatus comprises a recording head (1) of ink jet type for jetting ink droplets from a nozzle to form a dot pattern on a recording medium and a cleaning unit (5) which is moved in and out of the path of movement of the recording head when required, and made up of a spatula-shaped elastic blade member (33) and a water-absorbing rubbing member (34) bonded to the member. In the case where the nozzle surface of the recording head is to be cleaned with the rubbing member, the cleaning operation is carried out with the rubbing member (34) wetted with ink. In cleaning the nozzle surface with the blade member (33), the latter is abutted against the recording head (1) as it is.

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