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INK JET PRINTER

ABSTRACT

An ink jet printer having an ink jet head (60) for ejecting ink onto a sheet of paper (P) or the like during a printing operation is provided. A gap defining member (50) is also provided in opposition to the ink jet head. The gap defining member (50) has a planar portion which supports the sheet of paper (P) or the like on its rear face (Pb), and thus defines the distance of the gap between the sheet of paper (P) and the ink jet head (60). The gap defining member (50) also has a plurality of ribs (51) extending from the planar portion in the direction of the paper feed path. These ribs (51) help to guide and to further support the sheet of paper (P) or the like.

Figure 4.

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