WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electrostatic image developing toner comprising:

a toner particle containing a coloring agent and a binder resin; and

an external additive on the toner particle, having a volume average particle diameter of from 70 nm to 400 nm, an average circularity of from 0.5 to 0.9 and a standard deviation of circularity of not more than 0.2.

2. The electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1,

wherein the external additive has a volume average particle diameter of from 140 nm to 300 nm.

3. The electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1,

wherein the external additive has an average circularity of from 0.60 to 0.85.

4. An electrostatic image developer comprising:

the electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1; and

a carrier.

5. The electrostatic image developer according to claim 4,

wherein the external additive has a volume average particle diameter of from 140 nm to 300 nm.

6. The electrostatic image developer according to claim 4,

wherein the external additive has an average circularity of from 0.60 to 0.85.

7. A toner cartridge accommodating the electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1 therein.

8. The toner cartridge according to claim 7,

wherein the electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1 is accommodated in 90 vol% or more relative to a volume of the toner cartridge.

9. A process cartridge, comprising a developing unit containing the electrostatic image developer according to claim 4 so as to form a toner image by developing an electrostatic latent image formed on a surface of a latent image holding member with the electrostatic image developer.

10. An image forming apparatus comprising:

a latent image holding member;

a charging unit for charging a surface of the latent image holding member;

an electrostatic image forming unit for forming an electrostatic image on the surface of the charged latent image holding member;

a developing unit accommodating the electrostatic image developer according to claim 4 therein, which develops the electrostatic image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member with the electrostatic image developer to form a toner image;

a transfer unit for transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member onto a transfer-receiving material; and

a fixing unit for fixing the toner image transferred on the transfer-receiving material.

11. The image forming apparatus according to claim 10,

wherein the external additive included in the electrostatic image developer has an average circularity of from 0.60 to 0.85.

12. The image forming apparatus according to claim 10,

wherein the external additive included in the electrostatic image developer has a volume average particle diameter of from 140 nm to 300 nm.

13. An image forming method comprising:

charging a surface of a latent image holding member;

forming an electrostatic image on the surface of the latent image holding member;

developing the electrostatic image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member with the electrostatic image developer according to claim 4 to form a toner image;

transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member onto a transfer-receiving material; and

fixing the toner image transferred on the transfer-receiving material.

14. The image forming method according to claim 13,

wherein the electrostatic image developer contains an electrostatic image developing toner having an external additive, and

the external additive has an average circularity of from 0.60 to 0.85.

15. The image forming method according to claim 13,

wherein the electrostatic image developer contains an electrostatic image developing toner having an external additive, and

the external additive has a volume average particle diameter of from 140 nm to 300 nm.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electrostatic image developing toner comprising:

a toner particle containing at least a binder resin, a release agent and a coloring agent; and

an external additive on the toner particle, having a volume average particle diameter of from 210 nm to 400 nm, an average circularity of from 0.5 to 0.9 and a standard deviation of circularity of not more than 0.2.

2. A toner cartridge accommodating the electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1.

3. An electrostatic image developer comprising the electrostatic image developing toner according to claim 1.

4. A process cartridge comprising a developing unit containing the electrostatic image developer according to claim 3 so as to form a toner image by developing an electrostatic latent image formed on a surface of a latent image holding member with the electrostatic image developer.

5. An image forming apparatus comprising:

a latent image holding member;

a charging unit for charging a surface of the latent image holding member;

an electrostatic image forming unit for forming an electrostatic image on the surface of the charged latent image holding member;

a developing unit accommodating the electrostatic image developer according to claim 3 therein, which develops the electrostatic image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member with the electrostatic image developer to form a toner image;

a transfer unit for transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the latent image holding member onto a transfer-receiving material; and

a fixing unit for fixing the toner image transferred on the transfer-receiving material.