



162162

76

4 MAR 2003



G00002

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a collector type writing instrument which is formed with a sectioning portion for substantially separating its ink tank and a snorkel having a tubular vent portion for establishing air communication between the front and rear spaces divided by the sectioning portion, wherein at least one ink conduit of a size smaller than that of the vent portion is formed in the sectioning portion. Further, a clearance portion allowing for ink and air bubbles to move therethrough is provided between the collector and snorkel. In addition, the parts present from the sectioning portion to the rear end of the collector are laid out so that ink will be able to spread and wet the surfaces of the parts other than the ink tank. It is also preferable that the end of the tubular vent portion of the snorkel is cut so as to enlarge the opening. The writing instrument is configured so as to satisfy the relations $T_s > I_s$ and $T_t > I_t$, where 'Ts' is the total minimum cross-section of the vent portion, 'Tt' is the total distance of the vent portion, 'Is' is the total minimum cross-section of the ink conduit and 'It' is the total distance of the ink conduit.