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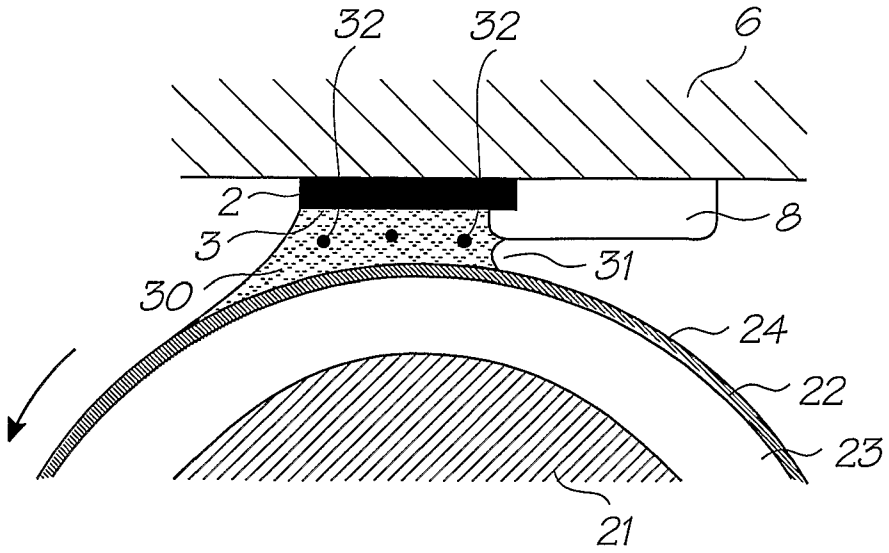
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(54) **Title:** METHOD OF REMOVING PARTICULATES FROM A PRINTHEAD USING A ROTATING ROLLER



(57) **Abstract:** A method of removing particulates from an ink ejection face of a printhead is provided. The method comprises the steps of: (a) flooding the face with ink from the printhead, thereby dispersing the particulates into the flooded ink; and (b) transferring the flooded ink, including the particulates, onto a transfer surface moving past the face. Damage to the face is avoided since the transfer surface does not contact the face.

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