

ABSTRACT**INK JET PRINTER**

An ink jet printer has

an ink jet head for effecting printing at a print area (PA);

a feed roller (330) for feeding paper to said print area (PA) where printing is effected; and

a transport roller disposed downstream of the feed roller (330) relative to the print area (PA) to transport the paper in such a manner as to stretch the paper between said transport roller and said feed roller by rotating said transport roller at a peripheral speed faster than that of said feed roller.

An ink shielding portion (112) is disposed so as to form a passage for the paper between one ink shielding portion (112) and the ink jet head over the entire print area (PA).

[Figure 3A]