

ABSTRACT**INK TANK CARTRIDGE AND CONTAINER THEREFOR**

An ink tank cartridge (5) is disclosed including a housing (11,50) removably mounted onto an ink supply needle (14,90) of the ink-jet type recording apparatus body. The housing being provided with an ink supply port (15,53,71) projecting from a bottom surface of the housing both inwardly and outwardly. A porous member (21,64) for impregnating ink is positioned inside the housing abutting against the ink supply port through a filter (17,55). The ink tank cartridge being further provided with a packing member (19,57,73) resiliently abutting against an outer periphery of the ink supply needle at the end of the ink supply port. An end opening is sealed with a sealing member (20,60,77) through which the ink supply needle penetrates.

Accordingly, the ink tank cartridge of the invention is advantageous in that the ink supply needle does not require a sharp tip, air is prevented from entering the ink supply path of the recording apparatus, and a tight air-seal between the ink supply needle and the ink tank can be maintained.

Fig. 2