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PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURE OF A THERMALLY SENSITIVE RIBBON FOR USE IN THERMAL TRANSFER PRINTING AND THE PRINTING RIBBON OBTAINED THEREFROM

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0304672A1] Process for the manufacture of a thermally sensitive ink ribbon for thermal transfer printing with a layer of a fusible ink on one side of a base film, where the fusible ink contains a wax and/or a wax-like substance, a colorant, a thermoplastic binder and, if desired, other additives, wherein an aqueous coating dispersion which contains the thermoplastic binder, the wax or wax-like substance and a fat-soluble dye in finely divided form is applied by a known method to the base film of the thermally sensitive ink ribbon, the aqueous portion of the dispersion is evaporated away and the wax or wax-like substance is melted by subsequent thermal treatment. The advantage of this process is that it can be carried out without environmentally disadvantageous solvents and gives to an end product which can be overwritten 5 to 15 times without deterioration of the print quality.

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