

Title (en)

Lid heater for a continuous ink-jet printer

Title (de)

Lippenheizelement für kontinuierlich arbeitenden Tintenstrahldrucker

Title (fr)

Dispositif de chauffage d'une lèvre pour une imprimante à jet d'encre continu

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Abstract (en)

Ink concentration changes in continuous ink jet printing systems have been minimized by reducing evaporation rates. This has the effect of also minimizing airflow through the catcher. The reduced catcher flow is not capable of completely removing air around the jets when the eyelid is closed, so this air becomes saturated with water vapor due to localized evaporation from ink drops. This, in turn, causes the air temperature to approach the ink temperature, which is greater than the eyelid seal temperature. The saturated air condenses on the eyelid and, over time, the condensate fills the volume and drips out of the eyelid, or causes shorts to the high voltage electrode. The formation of condensate on the eyelid is eliminated by providing a heater element formed into the eyelid. <IMAGE>

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