

Title (en)

Integrated reciprocating cartridge architecture with integral bearings

Title (de)

Integrierter Aufbau für hin und her geführte Tintenkasstetten mit integrierten Lagern

Title (fr)

Architecture intégrée d'une cartouche d'encre animé d'un mouvement de va-et-vient à paliers intégrés

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Abstract (en)

A hardcopy mechanism (20; 20'; 20"), such as an inkjet printing mechanism, a scanning mechanism, or a multi-function mechanism having both scanning and printing capabilities, has a reciprocating head (44, 46; 70, 72, 74, 76; 80, 82, 84, 86; 222) which is shuttled back and forth across a sheet of media (27). An inkjet printhead (44, 46; 70, 72, 74, 76; 80, 82, 84, 86) is shuttled over a print media (27) for printing, while a scan head (222) is shuttled across a printed sheet to read a previously printed image. This reciprocating head (44, 46; 70, 72, 74, 76; 80, 82, 84, 86; 222) uses a new integrated reciprocating cartridge architecture (78; 156; 176; 220) having guide rod bearings (138, 140; 142; 142'; 138", 140"; 138"', 140"') integrally formed on the cartridge, virtually eliminating the earlier separate carriage which housed guide rod bearings and held replaceable cartridges. Reciprocating cartridges, both inkjet cartridges and scanning cartridges (220), are provided for such hardcopy mechanisms, with inkjet cartridges being provided as replaceable cartridges (40, 42), snapper-type cartridges (90, 92, 94, 96), and off-axis cartridges (50, 52, 54, 56).  
<IMAGE>

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