

Title (en)
Ink jet printer head and printer apparatus

Title (de)
Tintenstrahldruckkopf und Druckvorrichtung

Title (fr)
Tête d'imprimante à jet d'encre et imprimante

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Abstract (en)
A piezo-electric reinforcing member surrounding a plurality of pressure generating units is formed in a thin vibrating chromium film membrane. The reinforcing member is not discrete but continuous with respect to a region of the membrane enclosing the pressure generating units. Within the membrane, thermal stress as well as stress caused by differences in the crystal structure of the piezo-electric member and the chromium film arise. The mechanical strength of the reinforcing member itself restrains the shrinkage of the vibrating membrane caused by the internal stress, thereby preventing cracks from occurring in the vibrating membrane. Likewise, the ends of the pressure generating components as well as the individual electrodes are shaped so as to make it difficult for stress to accumulate thereat, thereby also preventing cracks from occurring in the vibrating membrane. <IMAGE>

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