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Druckgerät und Druckverfahren

Title (fr)  
Appareil et méthode d'impression

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Abstract (en)  
A printer apparatus and method includes a printer (26) having printer memory (36) which stores information identifying and providing instructions for utilization of a consumable printer cartridge (42) or print head of the printer. The printer memory (36) may be interfaced with a database (28) having plural utilization instruction sets for various printer cartridges (42) and print heads, and an upgraded or updated utilization instruction set is selected for the identified printer cartridge (42) or print head and is downloaded into printer memory (36). The interface of the printer (26) with the database (30) via the internet (10) for such updating and upgrading purposes may be effected under user command, or may be effected automatically without user command. <IMAGE>

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