

Title (en)

Fusing roller assembly including a working fluid within a heat pipe roller for electrophotographic image forming apparatus

Title (de)

Fixierrolleranordnung eines elektrophotographischen Bilderzeugungsgeräts mit Arbeitsflüssigkeit in der Heizwalze

Title (fr)

Ensemble de fixation avec un fluide de travail dans le rouleau chauffant d'un appareil électrophotographique de formation d'images

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Abstract (en)

A structurally improved fusing roller assembly based on the heat pipe principle is provided. The fusing roller assembly includes a fusing roller (312) having the structure of a heat pipe, and a resistance heater (313) and/or a halogen lamp (313a) inside the fusing roller (312), so that the surface of fusing roller (311) can be instantaneously heated up to a target fusing temperature. By containing a working fluid (214) inside the fusing roller (312) and in contact with the resistance heater (313) the fusing roller assembly can be heated up to a target fusing temperature within a shorter period of time without need for warm-up and stand-by period, so that power consumption decreases. <IMAGE>

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