

Title (en)

Thermal transfer color printing method and apparatus

Title (de)

Thermotransferfarbdruckverfahren und -vorrichtung

Title (fr)

Procédé et dispositif d'impression en couleurs d'un support par transfert thermique

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP1260376A2] Procedure uses parallel ribbons in primary Colors passing beneath a printing block (B) between feed and take up spools and thermal transfer head(s) that moves between retracted and printing positions. It has a system for holding the ribbons under tension during the block's advancing movement, and a mechanism for moving the support before each advancing movement of the block. <?>Procedure uses two or more parallel ribbons in primary Colors passing beneath a printing block (B) between feed (36) and take up (38) spools and at least one thermal transfer head that moves between retracted and printing positions. It has a system for holding the ribbons under tension during the block's advancing movement to ensure partial rewinding as the block returns, and a mechanism (14) for moving the support before each advancing movement of the block by an amount equal to at least the width of the ribbons. Each ribbon spool has a hub containing a torque limiter in the form of a sleeve of a cellular synthetic material.

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