

Title (en)

A system and method for uniformly and equally supplying ink to both ends of a droplet generator

Title (de)

Vorrichtung und Verfahren zur gleichmässigen Zufuhr gleicher Tintenmengen an beide Enden eines Tröpfchengenerators

Title (fr)

Appareil et procédé pour alimenter en encre uniformément et en quantités égales les deux extrémités d'un générateur de gouttelettes

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP1403061A1] The system has a mono-directional inlet port (28) through which fluids is supplied to a drop generator (30). A bi-directional fluid port (34) associated with the generator acts as an additional inlet port during print operation of a print head (20). The fluid flow to the generator through bi-directional port is equal to that of the fluid flow to the generator through the mono-directional port during the print operation. An independent claim is also included for supplying ink flow to a droplet generator associated with the print head.

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