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54 **Thermal transfer recording method.**

57 A thermal transfer recording method wherein energy is applied to a thermal transfer material comprising a support and at least a first ink layer and a second ink layer disposed in this order on the support, thereafter the thermal transfer material is peeled off from a recording medium in a relatively short length of time until separation while applying a peeling force of above a prescribed magnitude to the thermal transfer material, thereby to stably transfer the second ink layer with excellent reproducibility.

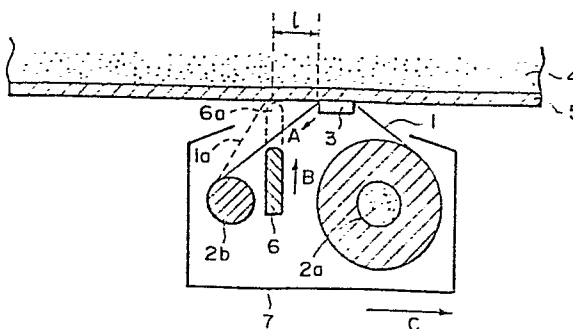


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