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(54) **Multiplex image reproducing method.**

(57) A method of reproducing multiplex images wherein an electrostatic image is formed on an image retainer (1) by using a common electrostatic image forming device, the electrostatic image formed on the image retainer (1) is developed, the steps of the above are repeated to superpose a plurality of toner images on the image retainer (1), and the toner images is transferred on a recording paper by one step. Each developing step is carried out using a bias voltage satisfying the following inequalities:

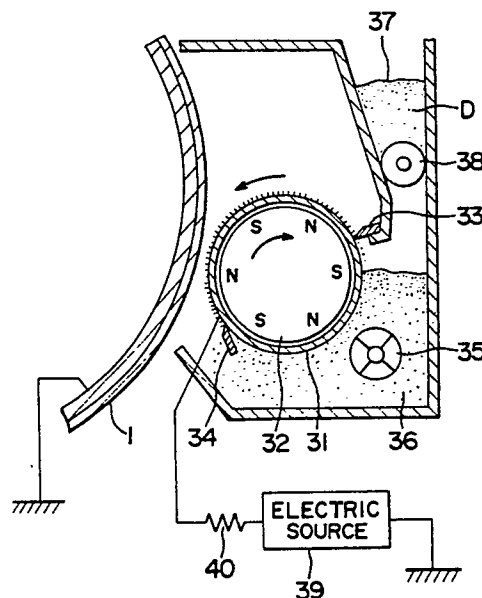
$$0.2 \leq V_{AC}/(d \cdot f)$$

and:

$$\{(V_{AC}/d)-1500\}/f \leq 1.0$$

where V_{AC} is the amplitude (V) of AC component of developing bias (V), f is its frequency (Hz), and d is a gap (mm) between the image retainer (1) and a developer feeding carrier (31).

FIG. 3





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