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54 **Thermal transfer ink and film.**

57 A thermal transfer ink composition for an ink ribbon for repeated printing, comprises a resin having a melting point according to JIS-K0064 of 55 to 110 °C and a solidification point according to JIS-K0064 being lower at least 5 °C than the melting point and a coloring matter.

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