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(54) **Ink cartridge and ink jet apparatus usable with ink cartridge.**

(57) An ink cartridge includes a casing (27); an ink container (340) in the casing; an ink absorbing material (344) in the casing; an ink supply port in communication with the ink container to supply the ink therefrom to an outside of the case; an ink receiving port in communication with the ink absorbing material; and a projection from the casing adjacent the supply port.

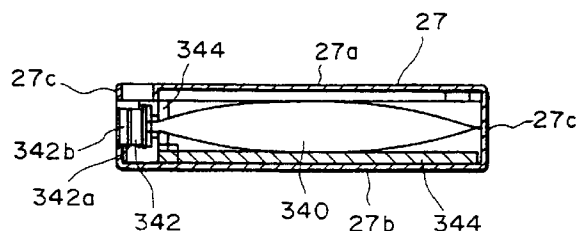


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