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54 **Thermal transfer recording system.**

57 An ink sheet used has a base film, a layer formed over the base film and more containing a coloring agent, and another layer formed over the first mentioned layer and containing a wax material as a chief component. A thermal head used includes a part glaze layer formed therein. The ink can easily penetrate into recesses in the surface of the recording sheet. As a result, a recording sheet of paper having a low-smoothness surface can be color printed very efficiently.

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