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⑤⁴ Dot matrix printer head.

57 A dot matrix printer head comprises an ink supply tank (2") containing ink absorbing means (60"). The ink supply tank (2") has an ink supply port (41) which is arranged to receive ink from the ink absorbing means (60"). The ink absorbing means (60") is compressed in the vicinity of the ink supply port (41).

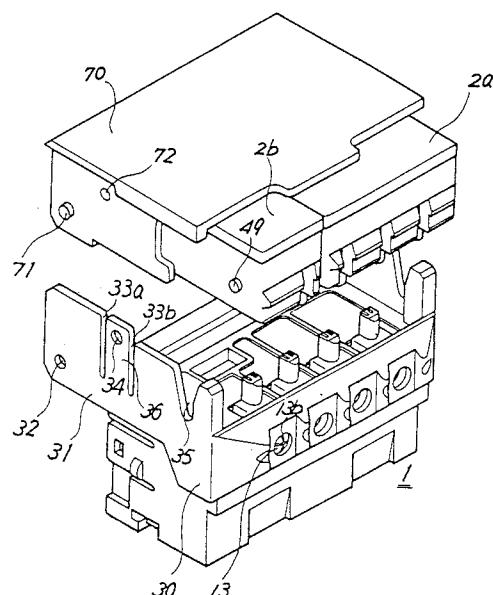


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