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(54) **Toner composition**

(57) A toner composition is provided comprising toner particles having a BET surface between 0.4 and 1.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g and a melt viscosity between 150 and 2,000 Pa.s at 120 °C and n different types of inorganic hydrophobic particles wherein the amount of inorganic particles is chosen such that the total BET surface of the inorganic particles relates to the BET surface of the toner particles in a specific way. In the composition sum of the BET surface of each of the types of inorganic particles multiplied with their respective weight percentage relative to the toner amount relates to the BET surface of the toner particles in a ratio BR, such that  $150 \leq BR \leq 375$ . The use of the toner composition in an electrostatic method wherein the images are fixed in a non-contact fusing step is beneficial for good gloss control.

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**LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION  
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-6,8-10

Toner composition

2. Claim : 7

Method for depositing certain toner amount

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Method for posttreatment after non-contact fusing