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(54) **A toner image resistant to cracking**

(57) A toner image, comprising a plurality of fused different types of toner particles on a substrate is provided wherein on top of the image, optionally comprising a clear finish layer, a plasticizer is present in an amount between 0.1 and 10 g/m². The plasticizer comprises either a low viscosity compound with boiling point over 180 °C or a liquid polymeric compound with viscosity at 25 °C between 200 and 20,000 mPas or a mixture of both. A method and an apparatus for providing such a toner image, resistant to cracking are also provided.

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