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(54) **Ink reservoir for ink jet printer**

(57) An ink reservoir for use in an ink jet printer cartridge is disclosed. This ink reservoir maintains effective flow of the ink to the print head but contains only minimal levels of nonvolatile residues. The ink reservoir utilizes

a nonfelted reticulated foam having from 65 to 110 pores per inch (ppi, equivalent to 25 to 45 pores per cm), preferably from 88 to 98 ppi (35 to 38 pores per cm), with a compression ratio of from 1.5 to 6.5, preferably from 2.0 to 4.0.

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