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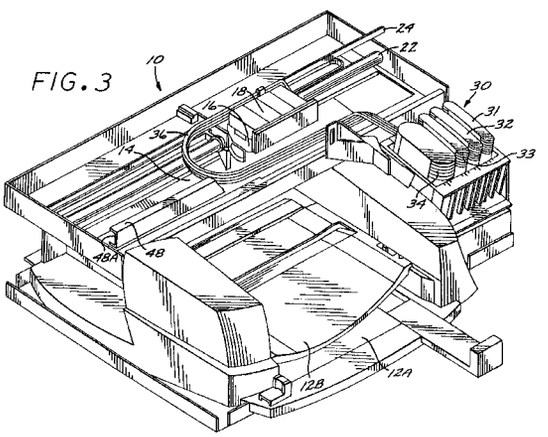
(54) Ink delivery system for ink-jet printer

(57) An off-axis printing system (10) with high performance tubing. The printing system includes a media transporting system for transporting a print medium along a medium path to a print area (14), a scanning carriage (16) for holding a printing structure (18) including a printhead, and a scanning apparatus (22, 24) for scanning the carriage along a scanning axis transverse to the media path at the print area. The system further includes a fixed ink supply station (30) including an ink reservoir. A fluid conduit interconnects between the ink reservoir of the fixed ink supply station and the printing structure, the fluid conduit including a length of hollow flexible tubing routed such that a flexible loop is formed therein. The tubing includes a tubing material having an oxygen permeability characteristic of less than 100 cc•mil/(100 in^2•day•atm), at 23°C, 0% RH. The tubing material has a tensile modulus characteristic value which is less than 300,000 pounds per square inch (psi), and a water vapor transmission rate of less than one g•mil/(100in^2•day), at 10% RH, 100°F. Particular tubing materials suitable for the purpose include polyvinylidene chloride copolymer, polychlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer, and ethylenechlorotrifluoroethylene.



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