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(54) Sheet feed roller

(57) A less expensive sheet feed roller of a non-ground surface type for use as a pickup roller or a sheet feeding roller in a sheet feeder. The sheet feed roller is virtually free from adhesion of paper dust during use thereby providing an excellent friction coefficient sustainability. The sheet feed roller comprises a roller body and a shaft extending axially through the roller body, the

roller body having a textured roller surface comprising a multiplicity of island portions (10) and a sea portion (11) recessed from the island portions, the island portions and the sea portion each having a multiplicity of fine projections (12). The ratio S_1/S_2 of the total area S_1 of the island portions to the area S_2 of the sea portion preferably is 0.25 to 0.70. The fine projections preferably each have a height of 3 to 25 μm .

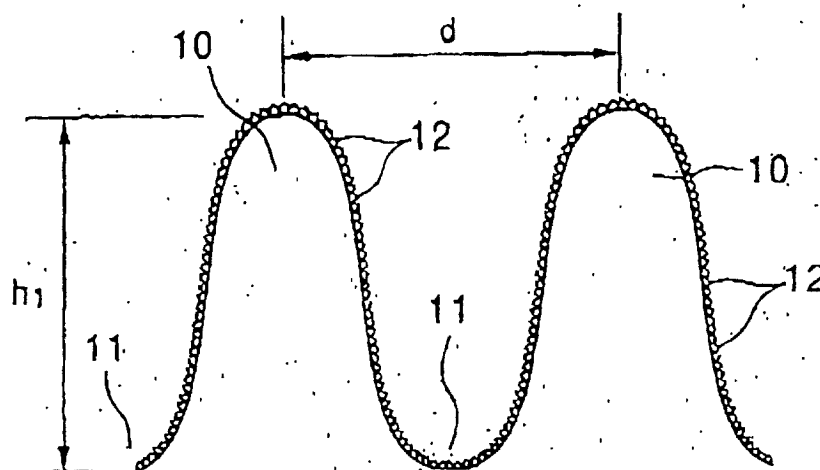


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