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(54) **Electrophotographic positively charged toner and manufacturing method thereof**

(57) [Problem] To provide an electrophotographic positively charged toner and a manufacturing method thereof, according to which even if after kneading, pulverization and classification the toner is made spherical by melting the surfaces of the particles in a hot air current, the charge control agent is not coated and hence the charging ability thereof is not reduced, and thus the toner has sufficient tribo-charging ability for good image formation, excellent transfer efficiency, and excellent charge build-up performance and excellent charge sta-

bility upon continuous printing.

[Means of Solution] In the case of an electrophotographic positively charged toner comprising a core toner that has a binder resin, a wax, a colorant and a charge control agent as principal component materials thereof and has been spherified through heat treatment, and at least fine silica particles as an external additive, the charge control agent is made to contain a resin having a quaternary ammonium salt group as a functional group and a nigrosine dye.

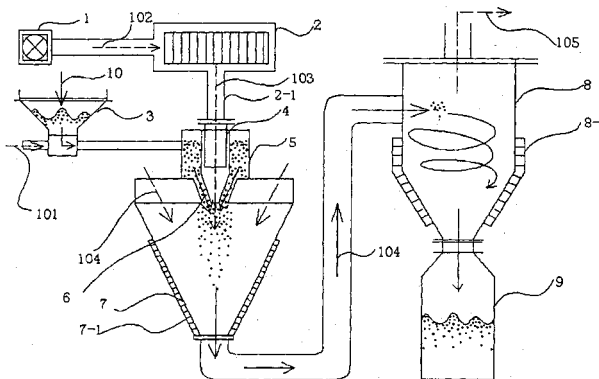


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