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(8) that controls damping force in the attenuation section based on a mass of the sheets, a speed of feeding the sheets, or a product of the mass of the sheets and the speed of feeding, thereby causing no damage to the sheets even in a case in which two or more types of sheets having the different masses are fed in at a high speed.

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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1. claims: 1-15

Device and method for accumulating sheets

2. claims: 16,17

Sheet feeding device

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