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# (54) TONER CARTRIDGE PRINTER DEVICES, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS FOR OVER PRINTING AND UNDER PRINTING

(57)A method of converting a CMYK color toner printer to a CMYX color toner printer for under print printing in a single pass, comprising the steps: providing a color toner printer with four toner printing cartridges: a cyan toner printing cartridge, a magenta toner printing cartridge, a yellow toner printing cartridge, and a black toner printing cartridge; wherein the black toner printing cartridge is in a first toner cartridge position; removing the back toner printing cartridge from the first toner cartridge position; providing a non-standard toner printing cartridge; installing the non-standard toner printing cartridge into the first toner cartridge position; providing a raster image processor software; wherein the raster image processor software is configured to remap the four toner printing cartridges of the color toner printer and allows the color toner printer to print a layer of non-standard toner under an image in a single pass; and wherein the image is printed from at least one of a cyan toner, a yellow toner, and a magenta toner.

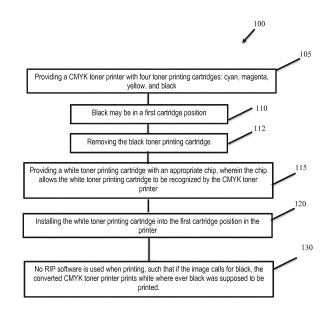


FIG. 1

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1, 2(completely); 11-15(partially)

Converting a standard CMYK color toner printer into a CMYW toner printer. Special technical feature: The CMYW toner printer does not distinguish the white toner cartridge from the black toner cartridge. Technical effect and solved problem: More versatile usage of a standard printer for white printing.

2. claims: 3-6(completely); 11-15(partially)

Converting a CMYK color toner printer into a CMYX color toner printer for under print printing. Raster image processor software configured to allow printing a layer of non-standard toner under the image in a single pass. Technical effect and solved problem: Allows printing of upright (non-mirrored) images on a darker media without having the colors of the print job be washed out by the darker media

3. claims: 7-10(completely); 11-15(partially)

Converting a CMYK color toner printer to a CMYX color toner printer for over print printing. Raster image processor software configured to print a layer of non-standard toner over an image in a single pass. Technical effect and solved problem: Allows for a heat transfer print operation to a darker media without having the colors of the print job be washed out by the darker media.

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