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(54) **DEVELOPING APPARATUS**

(57) The present invention relates to a developing apparatus, which comprises a developing container (2) configured to accommodate a developer containing toner and carrier; a developer carrying member (8) rotatably supported by the developing container (2) to carry the developer to a position for developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an image bearing member; a regulating portion (9) provided opposed to the developer carrying member (8) with a space therebetween to regulate an amount of the developer carried on the developer carrying member (8); and a magnet (8a) fixed inside of the developer carrying member (8) and having a plurality of magnetic poles to generate a magnetic field for the developer carrying member (8) to carry the developer. The plurality of magnetic poles include a developer regulation pole (N1) provided at a position opposed to the regulating portion (9). In a rotational direction of the developer carrying member (8), a half-peak center portion position is at a center of a half-peak width of a magnetic flux density distribution of the developer regulation pole (N1) in a normal direction component relative to the developer carrying member (8). The developer regulation pole (N1) is formed such that, in the rotational direction of the developer carrying member (8), the half-peak center portion position is not less than 3° upstream of a maximum peak position at which a magnetic flux density of the developer regulation pole (N1) in the normal direction component relative to the developer carrying member (8) is maximum, and in the rotational direction of the developer carrying member (8), a position at which the developer carrying member (8) is closest to the regulating portion (9)

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is downstream of a position at which a magnetic flux density of the developer regulation pole (N 1) in a tangential direction component relative to the developer carrying member (8) is zero.

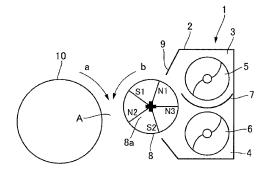


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