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1. Claims: 1-6

Toner image forming method.

2. Claim : 8

Application of clear toner layer on top of two color toner image to avoid scavenging.

3. Claims: 9,10

Single toner image transfer method in two color process.

4. Claims: 11,12

Double toner image transfer method with cleaning effect.

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