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(54) **Toner, toner cartridge that holds the toner therein, and image forming apparatus into which the toner cartridge is attached**

(57) A toner is used in an image-forming apparatus that incorporates a toner-collecting member. The toner-collecting member (6a) collects residual toner (16a) on a surface of an image-bearing body (1). The toner includes a spherical toner having at least a binder resin, and an irregularly-shaped particles mixed with the spherical toner. The irregularly shaped particle has an average diameter in the range of 1-50 μm . The average

diameter is 14 to 10% of the diameter of a spot printed by the image-forming apparatus. The irregularly shaped particle is a toner having the same color as the spherical toner. The irregularly shaped particle is a colorless toner. The irregularly shaped particle is charged opposite in polarity to the spherical toner. The irregularly has a roundness of 0.85 or less.

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