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(54) **DEVELOPER QUANTITY CONTROL BLADE HAVING BLADE MEMBER COMPOSED OF A THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER COMPOSITION AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A developer quantity control blade is provided which can sufficiently impart charge to toner and which allows bleeding of a material from a blade member to be suppressed even in application of a voltage. The developer quantity control blade includes a supporting member and a blade member, wherein the blade member is composed of a thermoplastic elastomer composition including a block copolymer having a polyamide structure and a polyether structure, and an ion conductive agent; in the blade member, a quantity of an extraction component to be extracted with methyl isobutyl ketone as a solvent is 0.5% by mass or more and 2.4% by mass or less; and a quantity of a molecule having a molecular weight of 5000 or less in the extraction component is 70% by mass or more.

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