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(54) **IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS SWITCHING BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND AIR FEEDING OPERATIONS WITH DIFFERENT OPENING AMOUNTS OF AN OPENING THROUGH WHICH AIR FED FROM A FAN PASSES ACCORDING TO THE DETECTED TEMPERATURE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An image forming apparatus includes a fixing portion, including: a heating member and a back-up member forming a nip; and an air feeding portion for feeding air to a non-sheet-passing area of at least one of the heating member and the back-up member, the air feeding portion including a fan for feeding the air, a duct, including an opening, for guiding the air fed from the fan through the opening to the non-sheet-passing area, and an adjusting member for adjusting an opening amount of the opening. The apparatus executes a first air feeding operation with a first opening amount and a first rotational frequency of the fan and a second air feeding operation with a second opening amount and a second rotational frequency, when the fixing portion fixes the images on sheets having the same widths.

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