

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of : Christian Carter Noterman Application. No.: 16/593,XXX Filed: October 04, 2019 Title: METAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE WITH CARRIER AND METHOD OF USE	Confirmation No.: XXX Group Art Unit: 2853 Examiner: RICHMOND, SCOTT A.
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

This paper responds to the Notice of Non-complaint amendment mailed November 22, 2019 ("Notice"), the Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

Listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A template for use during an aqueous inkjet printing process in which ink is transferred onto a metal substrate, comprising:
 - i. a metal plate; and
 - ii. a carrier;
 - iii. wherein the metal plate is securely associated with the carrier during the printing process and is thereafter removable from the carrier after completion of the printing process, and
 - iv. wherein the carrier comprises a perimeter sized and configured such that, when the metal plate is associated with the carrier, the carrier comprises a shoulder of excess material extending away from a perimeter of the metal plate in all directions, at least a portion of the shoulder resembling a printable surface of the metal plate, the shoulder including a print zone surrounding and adjacent to the perimeter of the metal plate, and a no-print zone extending between the print zone and the perimeter of the carrier.

2. (Original) The template of Claim 1, where the metal plate is generally flat.

3. (Original) The template of Claim 2, where the metal plate has a plate first side and a plate second side opposite the plate first side.
4. (Original) The template of Claim 3, where the metal plate has a shaped perimeter.
5. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 4, where the first side of the metal place defines the printable surface.
6. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 5, where the metal plate is securely associated with the carrier during the printing process by engagement with a plate attachment element.
7. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 6, where the carrier is sized and configured to encompass the shaped perimeter of the metal plate.
8. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 7, where the carrier comprises a carrier first side and a carrier second side opposite the carrier first side.
9. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 8, where the carrier comprises a plate attachment element.
10. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 9, where the plate attachment element is configured to securely engage the metal plate.
11. (Currently Amended) The template of Claim 10, where the carrier first side includes a surface treatment.
12. (Original) The template of Claim 11, where the surface treatment causes the first carrier side to resemble the printable surface of the metal plate

13. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 8[[1]], further comprising a hanging element attachable to the second side of the metal plate.
14. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 13[[1]], wherein the carrier includes an opening formed therein, the opening extending through the first and second sides of the carrier.
15. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 14[[15]], wherein the opening is sized and configured to allow passage of a hanging element therethrough, the hanging element including an attachment element configured to attach the hanging element to the metal plate.
16. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 12[[1]], wherein the printable surface of the metal plate comprises a printable film layer.
17. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 10[[1]], wherein the plate attachment element comprises at least one adhesive strip.
18. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 9[[1]], wherein at least a portion of the second side of the metal plate engages the plate attachment element of the carrier.
19. (Withdrawn) The printing template of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a perimeter sized and configured such that, when the metal plate is associated with the carrier, the carrier comprises a shoulder of excess material extending away from perimeter of the metal plate in all directions, at least a portion of the shoulder resembling the printable surface of the metal plate.

20. (Withdrawn) The printing template of claim 19, wherein the shoulder includes a print zone surrounding and adjacent to the perimeter of the metal plate, and a no-print zone extending between the print zone and the perimeter of the carrier.
21. (Currently Amended) The printing template of claim 8 ~~[[20]]~~, wherein the metal plate is attached to the carried first side ~~of the carrier~~.
22. (Currently Amended) A method of printing on a metal plate, comprising the steps of:
- i. providing a generally flat metal plate;
 - ii. providing a carrier;
 - iii. securely associating the metal plate with the carrier to form a printing template, wherein a plate ~~[[the]]~~ first side of the metal plate is facing the same direction as a carrier ~~[[the]]~~ first side of the carrier;
 - iv. inserting the printing template into an inkjet printer;
 - v. printing on the printing template such that the printed image fills the entirety of a ~~[[the]]~~ printable surface of the metal plate and extends on to at least a portion of the carrier, the said portion including a print zone surrounding and adjacent to the perimeter of the metal plate, and a no-print zone extending between the print zone and the perimeter of the carrier; and
 - vi. removing the metal plate from the carrier.
23. The method of Claim 22, where the metal plate has a plate first side and a plate second side opposite the plate first side, and where the metal plate has a shaped perimeter.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23, where the first side of the metal plate defines the printable surface.
25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 22, where the metal plate is securely associated with the carrier during the printing process by engagement with a plate attachment element.
26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 22, where the carrier is sized and configured to encompass the shaped perimeter of the metal plate and where the carrier comprises the carrier first side and a carrier second side opposite the carrier first side, and where the carrier comprises a plate attachment element, where the plate attachment element is configured to securely engage the metal plate.
27. (Original) The method of Claim 26, where the carrier first side includes a surface treatment.
28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 27, where the surface treatment causes the ~~first~~-carrier first side to resemble the printable surface of the metal plate.

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Amended document filed on 18 November 2019 was considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4.

In order for making the document to be compliant, correction is made to the “amendments to the claims”. Specifically, the text of the withdrawn claims 19 and 20 is not presented with strike-through as required by 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4.

The Applicant therefore requests the Learned Examiner to take the above presented amended document on record and withdraw the objection from the pending claims.

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I certify that this response adds no new matter

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CONCLUSION

Also, as communicated in the Amended document filed on 18 November 2019, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 and 21-28 are in condition for allowance as they include the allowable subject matter.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (760) XXXXXXXX.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 28, 2019