ABSTRACT

TONER REPLENISHING DEVICE FOR A DEVELOPING DEVICE OF AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

A toner replenishing device for a developing device included in an image forming apparatus is disclosed. An engaging member, used to transfer a driving force from an external drive source to the shaft of an agitating member disposed in a toner container, is prevented from being damaged when, for example, the toner container is let fall by accident. The agitating member for agitating toner stored in the toner container is protected from damage when an excessive load acts on the shaft. The toner stored in the toner container is prevented from solidifying and exerting an excessive load on the shaft of the agitating member.

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