

ABSTRACT

The object is to provide a printing apparatus wherein the rotation of endless printing bands is limited in a manner that keeps excessive rotational force from acting on the endless printing bands 7 themselves, thereby avoiding wear, cracking and other damage, and wherein forcible rotation of the endless printing bands causes idle rotation of selector wheels 5 and puts only moderate load on the endless printing bands.

Attention is directed to adoption of selector wheel 5 rotation restricting members of a movable type and to enabling the movable stop members 14 to move when excessive force acts on the selector wheels 5 or the endless printing bands 5. A stop bearing member 15 is provided to abut on elastic sections 14B of the movable stop members 14, and engagement between drive projections 7E and the elastic sections 14B with movement of the endless printing bands 7 enables movement of the movable stop members 14.