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(57) Abstract

A yo–yo having unique tether engagement areas (86) adjacent the axle. The engagement areas include an array of grooves (84) and/or rubber pads (90) located in the tether–facing surface of each of the yo–yo's side pieces (82). The grooves and/or pads extend from a point proximate the axle to a point significantly spaced from the axle. In the preferred embodiment, the grooves and/or pads are employed in conjunction with an axle having a ball bearing–supported rotatable outer race (40) to which an end loop of the tether (6) is secured.

