

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

05 A lens barrel for a camera wherein an outer profile thereof has a reduced dimension in a radial direction of a movable lens (11) and with a lens holding member (12) that can be moved smoothly in a direction of an optical axis of the movable lens (11) held on the barrel. The lens barrel (3) comprises an outer shell (4) having a pair of guide portions (23) provided therein and a lens holding member (12) holding a movable lens (11) thereon. 10 The lens holding member (12) has a pair of guide portions (34) provided at the opposite locations thereof with respect to the optical axis and is supported at the guide portions (34) thereof for sliding movement on the guide portions (23) of the outer shell (4). The lens barrel (3) further comprises an actuator (15) including a coil (13) securely mounted on the lens holding member (12) and a magnet (14) securely mounted on the outer shell (4). The coil (13) and magnet (14) are disposed 15 coaxially to each other around the optical axis. Position detecting means (36) is disposed in a spaced relationship by substantially equal distances from the guide portions (34) of the lens holding member (12) and detects a position of the lens holding member (12) with respect to the outer shell (4). 20 25

Fig. 2

This Sheet Has Been Replaced

