CLAIMS

1. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a developing roller configured and positioned (a) to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum, and (b) to be rotatable about an axis thereof;

(iii) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said developing roller, said coupling member including:

(iii-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said developing roller;

(iii-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(iii-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

2. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

3. A cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein said stopping

portion is disposed at a position such that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

4. A cartridge according to Claim 3, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

5. A cartridge according to Claim 3 or 4, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

6. A cartridge according to Claim 2, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

7. A cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

8. A cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

9. A cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein urging portion is a spring.

10. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion in the position.

11. A cartridge according to Claim 10, further comprising a frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said hole is formed in said frame.

12. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

13. A cartridge according to Claim 1, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

14. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into a first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum,

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into a second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer, and

wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

15. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a developing roller configured and positioned (a) to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum, (b) to be movable relative to said photosensitive drum so as to be in and out of contact with said photosensitive drum, and (c) to be rotatable about an axis thereof;

(iii) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said developing roller, said coupling member including:

(iii-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said developing roller;

(iii-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(iii-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from the

axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

16. A cartridge according to Claim 15, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

17. A cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

18. A cartridge according to Claim 17, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

19. A cartridge according to Claim 17 or 18, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

20. A cartridge according to Claim 16, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

21. A cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein said holding

portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

22. A cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

23. A cartridge according to Claim 16, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

24. A cartridge according to Claim 15, wherein said retaining portion includes a hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

25. A cartridge according to Claim 24, further comprising a frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said hole is formed in said frame.

26. A cartridge according to Claim 15, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

27. A cartridge according to Claim 15, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

28. A cartridge according to Claim 15, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into a first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum,

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into a second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer, and

wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

29. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a developing roller configured and positioned (a) to be movable relative to said photosensitive drum between a contact position where said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum, and a spaced position where said developing roller is spaced away from said photosensitive drum, and (b) to be rotatable about an axis thereof;

(iii) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said developing roller, said coupling member including:

(iii-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said developing roller;

(iii-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(iii-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from the axis of said developing roller, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

30. A cartridge according to Claim 29, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

31. A cartridge according to Claim 30, wherein said stopping

portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

32. A cartridge according to Claim 30, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

33. A cartridge according to Claim 31 or 32, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

34. A cartridge according to Claim 30, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

35. A cartridge according to Claim 30, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

36. A cartridge according to Claim 30, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

37. A cartridge according to Claim 30, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

38. A cartridge according to Claim 29, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

39. A cartridge according to Claim 38, further comprising a frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive

drum,

wherein said hole is formed in said frame.

40. A cartridge according to Claim 29, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

41. A cartridge according to Claim 29, further comprising a drum coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

42. A cartridge according to Claim 29, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into a first frame, with a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum and a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum,

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into a second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer, and

wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

43. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame so as to be rotatable relative to said first frame about an axis thereof;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to

receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(vi) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

44. A cartridge according to Claim 43, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

45. A cartridge according to Claim 44, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

46. A cartridge according to Claim 45, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

47. A cartridge according to Claim 45 or 46, wherein when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

48. A cartridge according to Claim 44, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said

holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

49. A cartridge according to Claim 44, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

50. A cartridge according to Claim 44, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

51. A cartridge according to Claim 44, wherein urging portion is a spring.

52. A cartridge according to Claim 43, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion in the position.

53. A cartridge according to Claim 52, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

54. A cartridge according to Claim 43, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

55. A cartridge according to Claim 43, further comprising a drum coupling member (provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

56. A cartridge according to Claim 43, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

57. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, (b) to be connected to said first frame, and (c) to be rotatable relative to said first frame about an axis thereof so that said developing roller is in and out of contact with said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

58. A cartridge according to Claim 57, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

59. A cartridge according to Claim 58, wherein said stopping

portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

60. A cartridge according to Claim 59, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

61. A cartridge according to Claim 59 or 60, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

62. A cartridge according to Claim 58, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

63. A cartridge according to Claim 58, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

64. A cartridge according to Claim 58, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

65. A cartridge according to Claim 58, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

66. A cartridge according to Claim 57, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

67. A cartridge according to Claim 66, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

68. A cartridge according to Claim 57, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

69. A cartridge according to Claim 57, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

70. A cartridge according to Claim 57, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

71. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing rollerconfigured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame so as to be rotatable relative to said first frame, about an axis thereof, between a contact position where said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum, and a spaced position where said developing roller is spaced away from said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with

said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

72. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

73. A cartridge according to Claim 72, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

74. A cartridge according to Claim 73, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

75. A cartridge according to Claim 73 or 74, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

76. A cartridge according to Claim 71, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

77. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

78. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

79. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

80. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

81. A cartridge according to Claim 80, wherein said hole is formed in said second frame.

82. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

83. A cartridge according to Claim 71, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

84. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum and a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

85. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one longitudinal end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(vi) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

86. A cartridge according to Claim 85, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

87. A cartridge according to Claim 86, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

88. A cartridge according to Claim 87, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

89. A cartridge according to Claim 87 or 88, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

90. A cartridge according to Claim 86, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

91. A cartridge according to Claim 90, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

92. A cartridge according to Claim 86, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

93. A cartridge according to Claim 86, wherein urging portion is a spring.

94. A cartridge according to Claim 85, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion in the position.

95. A cartridge according to Claim 94, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

96. A cartridge according to Claim 85, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

97. A cartridge according to Claim 85, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

98. A cartridge according to Claim 85, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

99. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, (b) to be connected to said first frame, and (c) to be movable relative to said first frame so that said developing roller is in and out of contact with said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one longitudinal end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to

retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

100. A cartridge according to Claim 99, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and

(b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

101. A cartridge according to Claim 100, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum, a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

102. A cartridge according to Claim 101, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

103. A cartridge according to Claim 101 or 102, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

104. A cartridge according to Claim 100, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said

holding portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

105. A cartridge according to Claim 100, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

106. A cartridge according to Claim 100, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

107. A cartridge according to Claim 100, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

108. A cartridge according to Claim 99, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

109. A cartridge according to Claim 108, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

110. A cartridge according to Claim 99, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

111. A cartridge according to Claim 99, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

112. A cartridge according to Claim 99, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

113. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame so as to be movable relative to said first frame between a contact position where said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum and a spaced position where said developing roller is spaced away from said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one longitudinal end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

114. A cartridge according to Claim 113, wherein said retaining portion includes:

A holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said

second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

115. A cartridge according to Claim 114, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

116. A cartridge according to Claim 115, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

117. A cartridge according to Claim 115 or 116, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

118. A cartridge according to Claim 114, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

119. A cartridge according to Claim 114, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

120. A cartridge according to Claim 114, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

121. A cartridge according to Claim 114, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

122. A cartridge according to Claim 113, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position the axis

of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

123. A cartridge according to Claim 122, wherein said hole is formed in said second frame.

124. A cartridge according to Claim 113, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

125. A cartridge according to Claim 113, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

126. A cartridge according to Claim 113, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a developing roller configured and positioned (a) to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum, and (b) to be rotatable about an axis thereof;

(iii) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said developing roller, said coupling member including:

(iii-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said developing roller;

(iii-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(iii-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

2. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

3. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

4. A cartridge according to claim 3, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

5. A cartridge according to claim 3 or 4, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

6. A cartridge according to claim 2, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

7. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

8. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

9. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein urging portion is a spring.

10. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion in the position.

11. A cartridge according to claim 10, further comprising a frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said hole is formed in said frame.

12. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

13. A cartridge according to claim 1, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

14. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into a first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically

charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum,

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into a second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer, and

wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

15. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a developing roller configured and positioned (a) to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum, (b) to be movable relative to said photosensitive drum so as to be in and out of contact with said photosensitive drum, and (c) to be rotatable about an axis thereof;

(iii) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said developing roller, said coupling member including:

(iii-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said developing roller;

(iii-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(iii-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

16. A cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

17. A cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

18. A cartridge according to claim 17, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

19. A cartridge according to claim 17 or 18, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

20. A cartridge according to claim 16, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

21. A cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

22. A cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

23. A cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

24. A cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

25. A cartridge according to claim 24, further comprising a frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said hole is formed in said frame.

26. A cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

27. A cartridge according to claim 15, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

28. A cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into a first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum,

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into a second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer, and

wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

29. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a developing roller configured and positioned (a) to be movable relative to said photosensitive drum between a contact position where said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum, and a spaced position where said developing roller is spaced away from said photosensitive drum, and (b) to be rotatable about an axis thereof;

(iii) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said developing roller, said coupling member including:

(iii-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said developing roller;

(iii-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(iii-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from the axis of said developing roller, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

30. A cartridge according to claim **29**, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

31. A cartridge according to claim **30**, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

32. A cartridge according to claim 30, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

33. A cartridge according to claim 31 or 32, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

34. A cartridge according to claim 30, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

35. A cartridge according to claim 30, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

36. A cartridge according to claim 30, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

37. A cartridge according to claim 30, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

38. A cartridge according to claim 29, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

39. A cartridge according to claim 38, further comprising a frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said hole is formed in said frame.

40. A cartridge according to claim 29, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

41. A cartridge according to claim 29, further comprising a drum coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

42. A cartridge according to claim 29, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into a first frame, with a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum and a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum,

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into a second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer, and

wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

43. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame so as to be rotatable relative to said first frame about an axis thereof;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(vi) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

44. A cartridge according to claim 43, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

45. A cartridge according to claim 44, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

46. A cartridge according to claim 45, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

47. A cartridge according to claim 45 or 46, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

48. A cartridge according to claim 44, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

49. A cartridge according to claim 44, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

50. A cartridge according to claim 44, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

51. A cartridge according to claim 44, wherein urging portion is a spring.

52. A cartridge according to claim 43, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion in the position.

53. A cartridge according to claim 52, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

54. A cartridge according to claim 43, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

55. A cartridge according to claim 43, further comprising a drum coupling member (provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

56. A cartridge according to claim 43, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

57. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, (b) to be connected to said first frame, and (c) to be rotatable relative to said first frame about an axis thereof so that said developing roller is in and out of contact with said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

58. A cartridge according to claim 57, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

59. A cartridge according to claim 58, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

60. A cartridge according to claim 59, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

61. A cartridge according to claim 59 or 60, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

62. A cartridge according to claim 58, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

63. A cartridge according to claim 58, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

64. A cartridge according to claim 58, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

65. A cartridge according to claim 58, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

66. A cartridge according to claim 57, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

67. A cartridge according to claim 66, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

68. A cartridge according to claim 57, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

69. A cartridge according to claim 57, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

70. A cartridge according to claim 57, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

71. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame so as to be rotatable relative to said first frame, about an axis thereof, between a contact position where said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum, and a spaced position where said developing roller is spaced away from said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one axial end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

72. A cartridge according to claim 71, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

73. A cartridge according to claim 72, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

74. A cartridge according to claim 73, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

75. A cartridge according to claim 73 or 74, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

76. A cartridge according to claim 72, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

77. A cartridge according to claim 72, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

78. A cartridge according to claim 72, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

79. A cartridge according to claim 72, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

80. A cartridge according to claim 71, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

81. A cartridge according to claim **80**, wherein said hole is formed in said second frame.

82. A cartridge according to claim **71**, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

83. A cartridge according to claim **71**, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

84. A cartridge according to claim **71**, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum and a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

85. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one longitudinal end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(vi) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

86. A cartridge according to claim **85**, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

87. A cartridge according to claim **86**, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

88. A cartridge according to claim **87**, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

89. A cartridge according to claim **87** or **88**, wherein, when said developing roller develops the electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

90. A cartridge according to claim **86**, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

91. A cartridge according to claim **90**, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

92. A cartridge according to claim **86**, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

93. A cartridge according to claim **86**, wherein urging portion is a spring.

94. A cartridge according to claim **85**, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion in the position.

95. A cartridge according to claim 94, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

96. A cartridge according to claim 85, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

97. A cartridge according to claim 85, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

98. A cartridge according to claim 85, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

99. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, (b) to be connected to said first frame, and (c) to be movable relative to said first frame so that said developing roller is in and out of contact with said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one longitudinal end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

100. A cartridge according to claim **99**, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

101. A cartridge according to claim **100**, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

102. A cartridge according to claim **101**, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

103. A cartridge according to claim **101** or **102**, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

104. A cartridge according to claim 100, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

105. A cartridge according to claim 100, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

106. A cartridge according to claim 100, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

107. A cartridge according to claim 100, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

108. A cartridge according to claim 99, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

109. A cartridge according to claim 108, wherein said hole is formed in said first frame.

110. A cartridge according to claim 99, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

111. A cartridge according to claim 99, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

112. A cartridge according to claim 99, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

113. A process cartridge comprising:

(i) a photosensitive drum;

(ii) a first frame configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum;

(iii) a developing roller configured and positioned to develop an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive drum;

(iv) a second frame configured and positioned (a) to rotatably support said developing roller, and (b) to be connected to said first frame so as to be movable relative to said first frame between a contact position where said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum and a spaced position where said developing roller is spaced away from said photosensitive drum;

(v) a coupling member provided adjacent to one longitudinal end of said second frame, said coupling member including:

(v-i) a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame;

(v-ii) an intermediary portion configured and positioned (a) to engage with said driven portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said driven portion, in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion; and

(v-iii) a driving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, (b) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (c) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, which is different from the direction of the movement of said intermediary portion, while maintaining engagement with said intermediary portion; and

(iv) a retaining portion configured and positioned to retain an axis of said driving portion in a position that is deviated from an axis of said driven portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, when said developing roller is in the spaced position.

114. A cartridge according to claim 113, wherein said retaining portion includes:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving portion relative to said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame;

an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, through said holding portion; and

a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion.

115. A cartridge according to claim 114, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, is shorter than a distance between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

116. A cartridge according to claim 115, further comprising a drum supporting portion configured and positioned to rotatably support said photosensitive drum,

wherein said stopping portion is provided on said drum supporting portion.

117. A cartridge according to claim 115 or 116, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

118. A cartridge according to claim 114, further comprising a guiding portion configured and positioned to guide a movement of said holding portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

119. A cartridge according to claim 114, wherein said holding portion holds said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven portion.

120. A cartridge according to claim 114, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

121. A cartridge according to claim 114, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

122. A cartridge according to claim 113, wherein said retaining portion includes an hole configured and positioned to retain said driving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position the axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

123. A cartridge according to claim 122, wherein said hole is formed in said second frame.

124. A cartridge according to claim 113, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

125. A cartridge according to claim 113, further comprising a drum coupling member, provided adjacent to one axial end of said photosensitive drum, to receive a driving force for rotating said photosensitive drum.

126. A cartridge according to claim 113, wherein said photosensitive drum is unified together, into said first frame, with (a) a charging member configured and positioned to electrically charge said photosensitive drum, and (b) a cleaning member configured and positioned to clean said photosensitive drum, and

wherein said developing roller is unified together, into said second frame, with a developer container configured and positioned to contain the developer.

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