What is claimed is :

1. A process cartridge comprising:

a casing including an opening and an arc-shaped protrusion on an external portion of the casing adjacent to the opening;

a photosensitive drum having an axis L1, the photosensitive drum being rotatably supported in the casing to permit rotation about the axis L1; and

a coupling member having an axis L2, the coupling member having (i) a first end portion connected to the photosensitive drum, (ii) a second end portion including at least one projection that is open to the axis L2, and (iii) a connecting portion connecting the first end portion and the second end portion, wherein a maximum distance as measured from the axis L2, in a direction perpendicular to the axis L2, of at least part of the connecting portion is shorter than a distance between the at least one projection and the axis L2, and wherein at least part of the second end portion extends beyond the opening in the direction of the axis L1,

wherein the coupling member is movable between (i) a first position in which a tip of the at least one projection is a first distance away from the photosensitive drum as measured in the direction of the axis L1 and (ii) a second position in which the tip of the at least one projection is a second distance away from the photosensitive drum as measured in the direction of the axis L1, with the first distance being greater than the second distance, and

wherein the arc-shaped protrusion extends only partway around the coupling member.

2. A process cartridge according to claim 1, further comprising a second protrusion extending partway around the coupling member.

3. A process cartridge according to claim 2, wherein the arc-shaped protrusion extends a third distance away from the photosensitive drum as measured in the direction of the axis L1, and the second protrusion extends a fourth distance away from the photosensitive drum as measured in the direction of the axis L1, with the third distance being greater than the fourth distance.

4. A process cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the arc-shaped protrusion is disposed adjacent to a peripheral surface of the photosensitive drum as seen in a direction of the axis L1.

5. A process cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the coupling member is movable between (i) a position in which the axis L2 of the coupling member is coaxial with the axis L1 of the photosensitive drum and (ii) an inclined position in which the axis L2 of the coupling member is inclined with respect to the axis L1 of the photosensitive drum, and

wherein a maximum angle of inclination of the axis L2 with respect to the axis L1 is about 20 degrees to about 60 degrees.

6. A process cartridge comprising:

a casing including an opening and at least one protrusion on an external portion of the casing adjacent to the opening;

a photosensitive drum having an axis L1, the photosensitive drum being rotatably supported in the casing to permit rotation about the axis L1;

a rotatable developing roller configured to develop a latent image formed on the photosensitive drum;

a coupling member having an axis L2, the coupling member having (i) a first end portion connected to the photosensitive drum, (ii) a second end portion including at least one projection that is open to the axis L2, and (iii) a connecting portion connecting the first end portion and the second end portion, wherein a maximum distance as measured from the axis L2, in a direction perpendicular to the axis L2, of at least part of the connecting portion is shorter than a distance between the at least one projection and the axis L2, and wherein at least part of the second end portion extends beyond the opening in the direction of the axis L1,

wherein the coupling member is movable between (i) a first position in which a tip of the at least one projection is a first distance away from the photosensitive drum as measured in the direction of the axis L1 and (ii) a second position in which the tip of the at least one projection is a second distance away from the photosensitive drum as measured in the direction of the axis L1, with the first distance being greater than the second distance, and

wherein the protrusion is provided adjacent to the coupling member with at least part of the

connecting portion of the coupling member being uncovered to outside of the casing in a direction perpendicular to the axis L1 when the coupling member takes the first position.

7. A process cartridge according to claim 6, wherein the protrusion is disposed adjacent to a peripheral surface of the photosensitive drum as seen in a direction of the axis L1.

8. A process cartridge according to claim 6, wherein the coupling member is movable between (i) a position in which the axis L2 of the coupling member is coaxial with the axis L1 of the photosensitive drum and (ii) an inclined position in which the axis L2 of the coupling member is inclined with respect to the axis L1 of the photosensitive drum, and

wherein a maximum angle of inclination of the axis L2 with respect to the axis L1 is about 20 degrees to about 60 degrees.

9. A process cartridge according to claim 6, wherein the protrusion is provided adjacent to the coupling member with at least part of the connecting portion of the coupling member being uncovered to outside of the casing in a direction perpendicular to the axis L1 away from the developing roller when the coupling member takes the first position.