Claims:

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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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, relative to said developing roller; and

(iv) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

2. A cartridge according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to be rotatably hold said driving force receiving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving force receiving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller; 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 an axis of said driving force receiving 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 force receiving 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 1, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

8. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

9. A cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

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

11. 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.

12. 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

13. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, relative to said developing roller; and

(iv) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is in an urged state by said urging portion at least when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

14. A cartridge according to Claim 13, further comprising:

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

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

15. A cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

16. A cartridge according to Claim 15, 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.

17. A cartridge according to Claim 15 or 16, wherein, when said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving force receiving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

18. A cartridge according to Claim 14, 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.

19. A cartridge according to Claim 13, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

20. A cartridge according to Claim 13, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

21. A cartridge according to Claim 13, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

22. A cartridge according to Claim 13, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

23. A cartridge according to Claim 13, 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.

24. A cartridge according to Claim 13, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

25. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, relative to said developing roller; and

(iv) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller irrespective of the position of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

26. A cartridge according to Claim 25, further comprising:

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

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

27. A cartridge according to Claim 25, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

28. A cartridge according to Claim 27, 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.

29. A cartridge according to Claim 27 or 28, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving force receiving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

30. A cartridge according to Claim 26, 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.

31. A cartridge according to Claim 25, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

32. A cartridge according to Claim 25, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

33. A cartridge according to Claim 25, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

34. A cartridge according to Claim 25, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

35. A cartridge according to Claim 25, 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.

36. A cartridge according to Claim 25, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

37. 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;

(iv) a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven 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;

(v) 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

(vi) a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion so that an axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

38. A cartridge according to Claim 37, 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.

39. A cartridge according to Claim 38, 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.

40. A cartridge according to Claim 38 or 39, 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.

41. A cartridge according to Claim 37, 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.

42. A cartridge according to Claim 37, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

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

44. A cartridge according to Claim 37, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

45. A cartridge according to Claim 37, wherein said holding portion is a bearing.

46. A cartridge according to Claim 37, 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.

47. A cartridge according to Claim 37, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

48. 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;

(iv) a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven 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;

(v) 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

(vi) a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum an axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

49. A cartridge according to Claim 48, 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, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum is shorter than a distance, in the direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said developing roller.

50. A cartridge according to Claim 49, 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.

51. A cartridge according to Claim 49 or 50, wherein, when said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

52. A cartridge according to Claim 48, 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.

53. A cartridge according to Claim 48, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

54. A cartridge according to Claim 48, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

55. A cartridge according to Claim 48, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

56. A cartridge according to Claim 48, wherein said holding portion is a bearing.

57. A cartridge according to Claim 48, 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.

58. A cartridge according to Claim 48, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

59. 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;

(iv) a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven 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;

(v) 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

(vi) a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position, an axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

60. A cartridge according to Claim 59, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance, in a direction crossing the axis of

said developing roller, between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum is shorter than a distance, in the direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum.

61. A cartridge according to Claim 60, 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.

62. A cartridge according to Claim 60 or 61, 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.

63. A cartridge according to Claim 59, 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.

64. A cartridge according to Claim 59, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

65. A cartridge according to Claim 59, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

66. A cartridge according to Claim 59, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

67. A cartridge according to Claim 59, wherein said holding portion is a bearing.

68. A cartridge according to Claim 59, 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.

69. A cartridge according to Claim 59, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

70. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

71. A cartridge according to Claim 70, further comprising:

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

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

72. A cartridge according to Claim 71, 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.

73. 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.

74. A cartridge according to Claim 71, wherein said coupling member includes:

A driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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,

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

75. A cartridge according to Claim 74, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

76. A cartridge according to Claim 70 or 71, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

77. A cartridge according to Claim 70, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

78. A cartridge according to Claim 70, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

79. A cartridge according to Claim 70, 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.

80. A cartridge according to Claim 70, 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.

81. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is in an urged state by said urging portion at least when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

82. A cartridge according to Claim 81, further comprising:

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

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

83. A cartridge according to Claim 82, 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.

84. A cartridge according to Claim 82, 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.

85. A cartridge according to Claim 82, wherein said coupling member includes:

A driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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,

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

86. A cartridge according to Claim 85, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion 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.

87. A cartridge according to Claim 81 or 82, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

88. A cartridge according to Claim 81, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

89. A cartridge according to Claim 81, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

90. A cartridge according to Claim 81, 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.

91. A cartridge according to Claim 81, 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.

92. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said

second frame irrespective of the position of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

93. A cartridge according to Claim 92, further comprising:

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

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

94. A cartridge according to Claim 93, 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.

95. A cartridge according to Claim 93, 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.

96. A cartridge according to Claim 93, wherein said coupling member includes:

A driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

97. A cartridge according to Claim 96, wherein said urging

portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

98. A cartridge according to Claim 92 or 93, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

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

100. A cartridge according to Claim 92, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

101. A cartridge according to Claim 92, 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.

102. A cartridge according to Claim 92, 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.

103. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and

positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

104. A cartridge according to Claim 103, further comprising:

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

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

105. A cartridge according to Claim 104, 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.

106. A cartridge according to Claim 104, 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.

107. A cartridge according to Claim 104, wherein said coupling member includes:

A driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame; and

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 longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

108. A cartridge according to Claim 107, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

109. A cartridge according to Claim 103 or 104, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

110. A cartridge according to Claim 103, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

111. A cartridge according to Claim 103, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

112. A cartridge according to Claim 103, 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.

113. A cartridge according to Claim 103, 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.

114. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said developing roller,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is in an urged state by said urging portion at least when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

115. A cartridge according to Claim 114, further comprising:

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

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

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, 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.

118. A cartridge according to Claim 115, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame; and

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 longitudinal direction of said second frame while maintaining engagement with said driven portion,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

119. A cartridge according to Claim 118, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

120. A cartridge according to Claim 114 or 115, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

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

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

123. A cartridge according to Claim 114, 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.

124. A cartridge according to Claim 114, 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, into said first frame, and

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

125. 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 be movable relative to 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 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;

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

(v-i) a driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, irrespective of the position of said developing roller in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

126. A cartridge according to Claim 125, further comprising:

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

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

127. A cartridge according to Claim 126, 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.

128. A cartridge according to Claim 126, 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.

129. A cartridge according to Claim 126, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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 longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion, in a direction which is 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

130. A cartridge according to Claim 129, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

131. A cartridge according to Claim 125 or 126, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

132. A cartridge according to Claim 125, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

133. A cartridge according to Claim 125, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

134. A cartridge according to Claim 125, 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.

135. A cartridge according to Claim 125, 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.

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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, relative to said developing roller; and

(iv) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

2. A cartridge according to claim 1, further comprising:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to be rotatably hold said driving force receiving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving force receiving portion relative to said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller; 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 an axis of said driving force receiving 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 force receiving 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 1, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

8. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

9. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

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

11. 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.

12. 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

13. A cartridge according to claim 12, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

14. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, relative to said developing roller; and

(iv) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is in an urged state by said urging portion at least when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

15. A cartridge according to claim 14, further comprising:

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

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

16. A cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

17. A cartridge according to claim 16, 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.

18. A cartridge according to claim 16 or 17, wherein, when said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving force receiving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

19. A cartridge according to claim 15, 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.

20. A cartridge according to claim 14, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

21. A cartridge according to claim 14, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

22. A cartridge according to claim 14, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

23. A cartridge according to claim 14, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

24. A cartridge according to claim 14, 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.

25. A cartridge according to claim 14, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

26. A cartridge according to claim 25, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

27. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, relative to said developing roller; and

(iv) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller irrespective of the position of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

28. A cartridge according to claim 27, further comprising:

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

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

29. A cartridge according to claim 28, 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.

30. A cartridge according to claim 27, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

31. 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.

32. A cartridge according to claim 30 or 31, wherein, when said developing roller is in the contact position, the axis of said driving force receiving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

33. A cartridge according to claim 27, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position, an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

34. A cartridge according to claim 27, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

35. A cartridge according to claim 27, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

36. A cartridge according to claim 27, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

37. A cartridge according to claim 27, 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.

38. A cartridge according to claim 27, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

39. A cartridge according to claim 38, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

40. 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;

(iv) a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven 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;

(v) 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

(vi) a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion so that an axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

41. A cartridge according to claim 40, 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.

42. A cartridge according to claim 41, 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.

43. A cartridge according to claim 41 or 42, 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.

44. A cartridge according to claim 40, 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.

45. A cartridge according to claim 40, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

46. A cartridge according to claim 40, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

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

48. A cartridge according to claim 40, wherein said holding portion is a bearing.

49. A cartridge according to claim 40, 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.

50. A cartridge according to claim 40, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

51. A cartridge according to claim 50, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

52. 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;

(iv) a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven 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;

(v) 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

(vi) a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum an axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

53. A cartridge according to claim 52, 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, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum is shorter than a distance, in

the direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said developing roller.

54. A cartridge according to claim 53, 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.

55. A cartridge according to claim 53 or 54, wherein, when said developing roller is in contact with said photosensitive drum, the axis of said driving portion and the axis of said developing roller are substantially aligned with each other.

56. A cartridge according to claim 52, 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.

57. A cartridge according to claim 52, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

58. A cartridge according to claim 52, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

59. A cartridge according to claim 52, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

60. A cartridge according to claim 52, wherein said holding portion is a bearing.

61. A cartridge according to claim 52, 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.

62. A cartridge according to claim 52, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

63. A cartridge according to claim 62, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

64. 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;

(iv) a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving portion without holding said intermediary portion and said driven 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;

(v) 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

(vi) a stopping portion configured and positioned to stop said holding portion that is urged by said urging portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position, an axis of said driving portion is deviated from the axis of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller.

65. A cartridge according to claim 64, wherein said stopping portion is disposed at a position such that when said developing roller is in the spaced position a distance, in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said driving portion and an axis of said photosensitive drum is shorter than a distance, in the direction crossing the axis of said developing roller, between the axis of said developing roller and the axis of said photosensitive drum.

66. A cartridge according to claim 65, 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.

67. A cartridge according to claim 65 or 66, 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.

68. A cartridge according to claim 64, 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.

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

70. A cartridge according to claim 64, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

71. A cartridge according to claim 64, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

72. A cartridge according to claim 64, wherein said holding portion is a bearing.

73. A cartridge according to claim 64, 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.

74. A cartridge according to claim 64, 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 connected so as to be rotatable relative to each other.

75. A cartridge according to claim 74, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

76. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

77. A cartridge according to claim 76, further comprising:

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

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

78. A cartridge according to claim 77, 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.

79. A cartridge according to claim 77, 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.

80. A cartridge according to claim 77, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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,

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

81. A cartridge according to claim 80, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

82. A cartridge according to claim 76 or 77, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

83. A cartridge according to claim 76, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

84. A cartridge according to claim 76, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

85. A cartridge according to claim 76, 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.

86. A cartridge according to claim 76, 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.

87. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said developing roller,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is in an urged state by said urging portion at least when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

88. A cartridge according to claim 87, further comprising:

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

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

89. A cartridge according to claim 87 or 88, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

90. A cartridge according to claim 88, 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.

91. A cartridge according to claim 88, 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.

92. A cartridge according to claim 88, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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,

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

93. A cartridge according to claim 92, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion 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.

94. A cartridge according to claim 87, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

95. A cartridge according to claim 87, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

96. A cartridge according to claim 87, 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.

97. A cartridge according to claim 87, 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.

98. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame irrespective of the position of said developing roller in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

99. A cartridge according to claim 98, further comprising:

a holding portion configured and positioned (a) to rotatably hold said driving force receiving portion, and (b) to be movable together with said driving force receiving por-

tion relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame; and

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

100. A cartridge according to claim 99, 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.

101. A cartridge according to claim 99, 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.

102. A cartridge according to claim 99, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

103. A cartridge according to claim 102, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the axis of said second frame.

104. A cartridge according to claim 98 or 99, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

105. A cartridge according to claim 98, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

106. A cartridge according to claim 98, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

107. A cartridge according to claim 98, 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.

108. A cartridge according to claim 98, 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.

109. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

110. A cartridge according to claim 109, further comprising:

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

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

111. A cartridge according to claim 110, 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.

112. A cartridge according to claim 110, 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.

113. A cartridge according to claim 110, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame; and

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 longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

114. A cartridge according to claim 113, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

115. A cartridge according to claim 109 or 110, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

116. A cartridge according to claim 109, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

117. A cartridge according to claim 109, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

118. A cartridge according to claim 109, 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.

119. A cartridge according to claim 109, 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.

120. A cartridge according to claim 109, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

121. 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 driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing a longitudinal direction of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said developing roller,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is in an urged state by said urging portion at least when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum.

122. A cartridge according to claim 121, further comprising:

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

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

123. A cartridge according to claim 122, 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.

124. A cartridge according to claim 122, 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.

125. A cartridge according to claim 122, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one longitudinal end of said second frame; and

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 longitudinal direction of said second frame while maintaining engagement with said driven portion,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

126. A cartridge according to claim 125, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is out of contact with said photosensitive drum an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

127. A cartridge according to claim 121 or 122, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

128. A cartridge according to claim 121, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

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

130. A cartridge according to claim 121, 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.

131. A cartridge according to claim 121, 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, into said first frame, and

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

132. A cartridge according to claim 121, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.

133. 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 be movable relative to 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 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;

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

(v-i) a driving force receiving portion configured and positioned (a) to receive a driving force for rotating said developing roller, and (b) to be movable relative to said second frame in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame; and

(vi) an urging portion configured and positioned to urge said driving force receiving portion, in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame, irrespective of the position of said developing roller in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

134. A cartridge according to claim 133, further comprising:

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

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

135. A cartridge according to claim 134, 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.

136. A cartridge according to claim 134, 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.

137. A cartridge according to claim 134, wherein said coupling member includes:

a driven portion provided adjacent to the one axial end of said second frame; and

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 longitudinal direction of said second frame, while maintaining engagement with said driven portion,

wherein said driving force receiving portion is configured and positioned (a) to engage with said intermediary portion, and (b) to be movable relative to said intermediary portion, in a direction which is 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

wherein said holding portion holds said driving force receiving portion without holding said driven portion and said intermediary portion.

138. A cartridge according to claim 137, wherein said urging portion urges said driving force receiving portion so that when said developing roller is in the spaced position an axis of said driving force receiving portion is deviated from an axis of said driven portion in a direction crossing the longitudinal direction of said second frame.

139. A cartridge according to claim 133 or 134, wherein said coupling member is an Oldham coupling.

140. A cartridge according to claim 133, wherein said urging portion is elastically deformable.

141. A cartridge according to claim 133, wherein said urging portion is a spring.

142. A cartridge according to claim 133, 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.

143. A cartridge according to claim 133, 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.

144. A cartridge according to claim 133, wherein said first frame and said second frame are connected by a shaft.