CLAIMS

Claim 1. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus comprising:

a main assembly including a driving force application member and a braking force application member; and

~~A~~ a cartridge detachably mountable to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, including,

a casing,

a photosensitive drum rotatably supported by the casing, and

a coupling connected with the photosensitive drum so as to be capable of drive transmission toward the photosensitive drum,

the coupling including,

a driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for rotating the coupling by engagement with the driving force application member,

a braking force receiving portion for receiving a braking force for applying a load against rotation of the coupling, by engagement with the braking force application member, and

a guide for moving the braking force application member relative to the driving force application member.

Claim 2. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the guide is configured to rotate the braking force application member relative to the driving force application member.

Claim 3. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the guide the braking force application member is configured to move the braking force application member relative to the driving force application member toward downstream in a rotational moving direction of the coupling.

Claim 4. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus

according to any one of Claims 1 - 3, wherein the guide is configured to move the braking force application member away from the driving force application member.

Claim 5. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 3, wherein the guide is configured to permit the driving force receiving portion to enter between the braking force application member and the driving force application member by moving the braking force application member from the driving force application member.

Claim 6. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 5, wherein the guide is configured to guide the braking force application member toward the braking force receiving portion.

Claim 7. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 6, wherein the casing includes a first end portion and a second end portion opposite from the first end portion,

wherein the photosensitive drum is rotatably supported by the first end portion and the second end portion,

the coupling is disposed adjacent to the first end portion of the casing, and

a distance measured from the second end portion of the casing to the guide along an axial direction of the coupling decreases toward downstream in a rotational moving direction of coupling.

Claim 8. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the guide has a portion remote from the second end portion of the casing than the driving force receiving portion in the axial direction of the coupling, and

at least a part of the driving force receiving portion is more remote from an axis of the coupling in a radial direction of the coupling.

Claim 9. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 8, wherein the guide has a portion extending from upstream towards downstream in a rotational moving direction of the coupling toward the driving force receiving portion.

Claim 10. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 9, wherein the guide has a portion provided between the driving force receiving portion and the braking force receiving portion.

Claim 11. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 10, wherein the coupling is provided with opening coaxial with an axis of the coupling.

Claim 12. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the opening of the coupling is configured to engage with a positioning portion of the driving force application member to position the coupling relative to the driving force application member.

Claim 13. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 11 or 12, wherein the guide extends in a rotational moving direction of the coupling around the opening.

Claim 14. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 13, wherein the coupling includes a blocking portion for blocking the braking force application member from approaching toward the coupling in an axial direction of the coupling.

Claim 15. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the blocking portion is configured to block the braking force application member from approaching toward the coupling in a state that the braking force application member is close to the driving force application member.

Claim 16. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 14 or 15, wherein the blocking portion overhangs outwardly in a radial direction of the coupling.

Claim 17. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 14 - 17, wherein the blocking portion is adjacent to the guide at a position upstream of the guide in a rotational moving direction of the coupling.

Claim 18. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 14 - 17, wherein the blocking portion is provided so as to cover a space provided downstream of the braking force receiving portion in a rotational moving direction of coupling.

Claim 19. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 18, wherein the coupling includes a push-back portion configured to make the braking force application member away from the coupling in an axial direction of the coupling.

Claim 20. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the casing includes a first end portion and a second end portion opposite from the first end portion,

the photosensitive drum is rotatably supported by the first end portion of the casing and the second end portion,

the coupling is disposed adjacent to the first end portion of the casing, and

a distance measured from the second end portion of the casing to the push-back portion along the axial direction of the coupling increases toward downstream in a rotational moving direction of the coupling.

Claim 21. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 19 or 20, wherein the push-back portion is disposed adjacent to the guide upstream of the guide in the rotational moving

direction of the coupling.

Claim 22. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 21, wherein at least a part of the coupling is movable.

Claim 23. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein by mounting the cartridge to a main assembly of the image forming apparatus, at least a part of the coupling moves.

Claim 24. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 23, wherein the coupling is directly connected with an end portion of the photosensitive drum.

Claim 25. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 24, wherein the photosensitive drum is rotatably supported by the casing by way of the coupling.

Claim 26. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 - 25, wherein the cartridge further includes:

a charging roller for charging the photosensitive drum,

toner accommodated in the casing, and

a development roller for developing a latent image formed on the photosensitive drum with the toner.