

ABSTRACT

In an electrophotographic copying apparatus, component units are disposed in a vertical arrangement in order that the electrophotographic copying apparatus can be
5 made more compact, lighter in weight and shorter in copying time.

An image processing and conveyance unit has a sheet feeder unit 3, an image processing unit 2 and a fixing-and-discharge section 22 placed generally vertically
10 in this order from below. A developing unit of an image processing unit is retained by a unit retaining portion formed into a generally U shaped in cross section and erected on both sides of one end of a base, and by a resin frame having pillar portions integrally formed at the other
15 end. An exposure optical unit 1 is fitted to upper end portion of the resin frame, and the image processing and conveyance unit is so arranged that its top portion is located in a place out of the region of scanning by the second reflecting means of the exposure optical unit.
20 Thus, the whole apparatus can be made compact and shorter in the conveyance distance of sheets.