ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

LINEAR MOTOR AND LINEAR COMPRESSOR

A linear motor comprising prismatic inner yokes each constructed in a manner that a large number of sheets each having a generally rectangular configuration and having a high magnetic permeability are piled up each other and outer yokes each constructed in a manner that a number of sheets each having a generally rectangular configuration and having a high magnetic permeability are piled up each other. Each of coils is wound around a central portion of three magnetic pole portions of the outer yoke to alternately establish different magnetic poles along a direction of an axis of the linear motor. A surface of the outer yoke, holding the magnetic pole portions, is disposed in an opposed relation to the inner yoke to define a predetermined gap therebetween so that the inner yoke and the outer yoke form each of a plurality of yoke blocks. The yoke blocks are placed around the axis so that the sheet piling-up direction is perpendicular to a diametrical direction of a shaft. In addition, a moving element having a pair of permanent magnets magnetized radially so that their magnetizing directions are opposite to each other is movably located between the inner yoke and the outer yoke at a predetermined interval along the axis. This construction improves the motor efficiency and facilitates the manufacturing of the motor.

Figure 1.