WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

an endless intermediate transfer belt;

a toner image forming unit configured to form a toner image on the intermediate transfer belt;

a first transfer member arranged outside the intermediate transfer belt in contact with the intermediate transfer belt, configured to electrostatically transfer the toner image formed on the intermediate transfer belt onto a recording material;

a second transfer member arranged inside the intermediate transfer belt at a position opposing the first transfer member across the intermediate transfer belt, configured to stretch the intermediate transfer belt;

a suppression mechanism configured to suppress deviation of the intermediate transfer belt in a width direction; and

a pressing member configured to press the intermediate transfer belt from the inside at a position adjacent to and on the upstream side of the second transfer member in the moving direction of the intermediate transfer belt, end portions, in the width direction, of the pressing member being arranged outside of a moving region of the intermediate transfer belt in the width direction.

2. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein at least a portion of the pressing member which makes contact with the intermediate transfer belt has a planar shaped surface.

3. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the pressing member which makes contact with the intermediate transfer belt has a roller shape.

4. The image forming apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein the pressing member includes a plurality of sheet-shape portions, and

wherein each of the plurality of sheet-shape portions makes contact with the intermediate transfer belt at a different position in the moving direction.

5. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a distance between a most downstream position of a portion of the pressing member that abuts the intermediate transfer belt and a most upstream position of a portion of the second transfer member that abuts the intermediate transfer belt in the moving direction of the intermediate transfer belt is equal to or smaller than 25 mm.

6. The image forming apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 5,

wherein the suppression mechanism includes an

inclinable steering roller configured to stretch the intermediate transfer belt, an inclination mechanism configured to incline the steering roller, a driving source configured to drive the inclination mechanism, and a detection member configured to detect the location in the width direction of the intermediate transfer belt within the moving region of the intermediate transfer belt, and

wherein the image forming apparatus includes a control unit configured to control the driving source based on a detection result of the detection member.

7. The image forming apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the suppression mechanism includes an inclinable steering roller configured to stretch the intermediate transfer belt, wherein, along with movement of the intermediate transfer belt in one direction in the width direction, friction force generated by a resting portion arranged on an end portion of the steering roller and the intermediate transfer belt causes the steering roller to be inclined to cause the intermediate transfer belt to move in a direction opposite to said one direction.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A transfer apparatus comprising:

a transfer belt configured to carry a toner image on a surface for transferring the toner

image onto a recording material;

a suppression mechanism configured to suppress deviation ofthe transfer belt in a width direction of the transfer belt within a predetermined range;

a pair of transfer members disposed opposite to each other by having the transfer belt therebetween, configured to form a transfer nip that transfers a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material: and

a pressing member provided at an upstream side in a moving direction of the transfer belt with respect to the transfer nip, configured to press an inner surface of the transfer belt,

wherein the pressing member is configured to press an area within 25 mm or less upstream toward a moving direction of the transfer belt from the transfer nip, and

wherein both ends of the pressing member are arranged to be outside than the predetermined range with respect to the width direction of the transfer belt.

2. The transfer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the pressing member is a sheet-shape member which contacts with the transfer belt.

3. The transfer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the pressing member is a roller configured to rotatbly contact with the transfer belt.

4. The transfer apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first sheet-shape member configured to contact with the transfer belt: and

second sheet-shape member disposed upstream side in a moving direction of the transfer belt than the first sheet-shape member, configured to contact with the transfer belt.

5. The transfer apparatus according to claim 1,

the suppression mechanism including a steering roller configured to steer the transfer belt,

wherein, during a transferring operation for transferring a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material, at least one end of the steering roller is swingably held so that a position in a width direction of the transfer belt to be settled within the predetermined range.

6. The transfer apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

a swinging mechanism configured to swing the steering roller;

a driving source configured to drive the swinging mechanism;

a detection member configured to detect the location in the width direction of the transfer belt; and

a control unit configured to control the driving source based on a detection result of the detection member.

7. The transfer apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

the steering roller comprises a non-rotary member at each of both ends of the steering roller in non-rotary manner,

the steering roller swings according to frictional force generated between the non-rotary members and the transfer belt, and

the transfer belt is settled within the predetermined range according to the swing.

8. The transfer apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the pressing member is formed with a resin material having a thickness of 0.4mm to 0.6mm.

9. The transfer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an inner surface of the transfer belt is formed with a resin material.

10. A transfer apparatus compromising:

a transfer belt configured to carry a toner image on a surface for transferring the toner image onto a recording material;

a suppression mechanism configured to suppress deviation of the transfer belt in a width direction of the transfer belt within a predetermined range;

a pair of transfer members disposed opposite to each other by having the transfer belt therebetween, configured to form a transfer nip that transfers a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material;

a guide member disposed opposite to the transfer belt on an upstream side in the moving direction of the transfer belt than the transfer nip, configured to guide a recording material to the transfer nip; and

a pressing member configured to press an inner surface of the transfer belt which is disposed upstream side than the transfer nip and downstream side than the

guide member with respect to a moving direction of the transfer belt,

wherein both ends of the pressing member are arranged to be outside than the predetermined range with respect to the width direction of the transfer belt.

11. A transfer apparatus comprising:

a transfer belt configured to carry a toner image on a surface for transferring the toner image onto a recording material;

a suppression mechanism configured to suppress deviation of the transfer belt in a width direction of the transfer belt within a predetermined range;

a pair of transfer members disposed opposite to each other by having the transfer belt therebetween, configured to form a transfer nip that transfers a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material; and

a pressing member provided upstream side in a moving direction of the transfer belt with respect to the transfer nip, configured to press an inner surface of the transfer belt,

wherein the pressing member is configured to press an area within 25 mm or less upstream toward a moving direction of the transfer belt from the transfer nip, and

wherein the pressing member is configured to back-up both ends of the transfer belt when the transfer belt is positioned to one end ofthe predetermined range, and back-up both ends of the transfer belt when the transfer belt is positioned to the other end side of the predetermined range.

12. The transfer apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the pressing member is a roller configured to rotatbly contact with the transfer belt.

13. The transfer apparatus according to claim 11,

the suppression mechanism including a steering roller configured to steer the transfer belt,

wherein, during a transferring operation for transferring a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material, at least one end of the steering roller is swingably held so that a position in a width direction of the transfer belt to be settled within the predetermined range.

14. The transfer apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising:

a swinging mechanism configured to swing the steering roller;

a driving source configured to drive the swinging mechanism;

a detection member configured to detect the location in the width direction of the transfer belt; and

a control unit configured to control the driving source based on a detection result of the detection member.

15. The transfer apparatus according to claim 13, wherein

the steering roller comprises a non-rotary member at each of both ends of the steering roller in non-rotary manner,

the steering roller swings according to frictional force generated between the non-rotary members and the transfer belt, and

the transfer belt is settled within the predetermined range according to the swing.

16. The transfer apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the pressing member is formed with a resin material having a thickness 0.4mm to 0.6mm.

17. The transfer apparatus according to claim 11, wherein an inner surface of the transfer belt is formed with a resin material.

18. A new transfer apparatus comprising:

a transfer belt configured to carry a toner image on a surface for transferring the toner image onto a recording material;

a suppression mechanism configured to suppress deviation of the transfer belt in a width direction of the transfer belt within a predetermined range;

a pair of transfer members disposed opposite to each other by having the transfer belt therebetween, configured to form a transfer nip that transfers a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material;

a guide member disposed opposite to the transfer belt on an upstream side in the moving direction of the transfer belt than the transfer nip, configured to guide a recording material to the transfer nip; and

a pressing member configured to press an inner surface of the transfer belt which is disposed upstream side than the transfer nip and downstream side than the guide member with respect to a moving direction of the transfer belt,

wherein the pressing member is configured to back-up both ends of the transfer belt when the transfer belt is positioned to one end of the predetermined range, and back-up both ends of the transfer belt when the transfer belt is positioned to the other end side of the predetermined range,

19. The transfer apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the pressing member is a roller configured to rotatbly contact with the transfer belt.

20. The transfer apparatus according to claim 18,

the suppression mechanism including a steering roller configured to steer the transfer belt,

wherein, during a transferring operation for transferring a toner image on the transfer belt onto a recording material, at least one end of the steering roller is swingably held so that a position in a width direction of the transfer belt to be settled within the predetermined range.

21. The transfer apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising:

a swinging mechanism configured to swing the steering roller;

a driving source configured to drive the swinging mechanism;

a detection member configured to detect the location in the width direction of the transfer belt; and

a control unit configured to control the driving source based on a detection result of the detection member.

22. The transfer apparatus according to claim 20, wherein

the steering roller comprises a non-rotary member at each of both ends of the steering roller in non-rotary manner,

the steering roller swings according to frictional force generated between the non-rotary members and the transfer belt, and

the transfer belt is settled within the predetermined range according to the swing.

23. The transfer apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the pressing member is formed with a resin material having a thickness of 0.4mm to 0.6mm.

24. The transfer apparatus according to claim 18, wherein an inner surface of the transfer belt is formed with a resin material.