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(54) **Angular positioning of magnets in a developer roller used in electrophotographic apparatus or the like.**

(57) An extended portion of an axle (9) supporting magnets (10a) in a developer roller (4) is provided with a gear (27) and a lever plate (28). A magnetic sensor (91), such as a Hall element, is arranged in place of a photosensitive drum (1) where there is the narrowest gap between the developer roller (4) and the photosensitive drum (1). The sensor (91) detects the magnetic field of the magnets (10a) while the magnets are rotated by an external drive (93, 94) via the gear (27). At an angular position of the magnets

(10a) where a peak of magnetic field of a particular magnet pole (N₁) facing the drum (1) is detected, the lever plate (28) is fixed to a frame (25), which rotatably supports the axle (9), of a developer unit including the developer roller (4) by, for example, fastening a screw (30) on the frame. Accordingly, the angular position of the magnets (10a) can be adjusted easily and accurately enough to achieve quality printing.

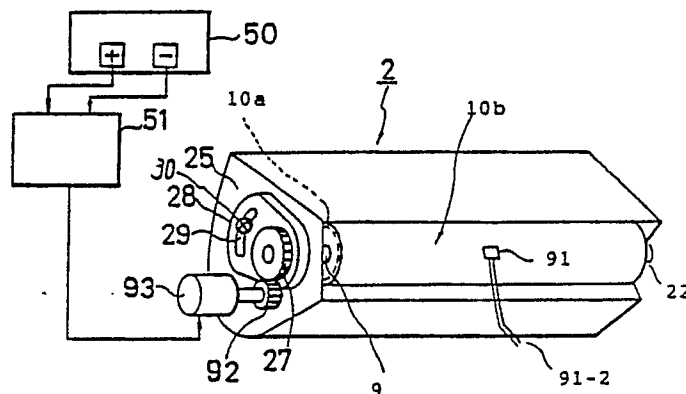


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