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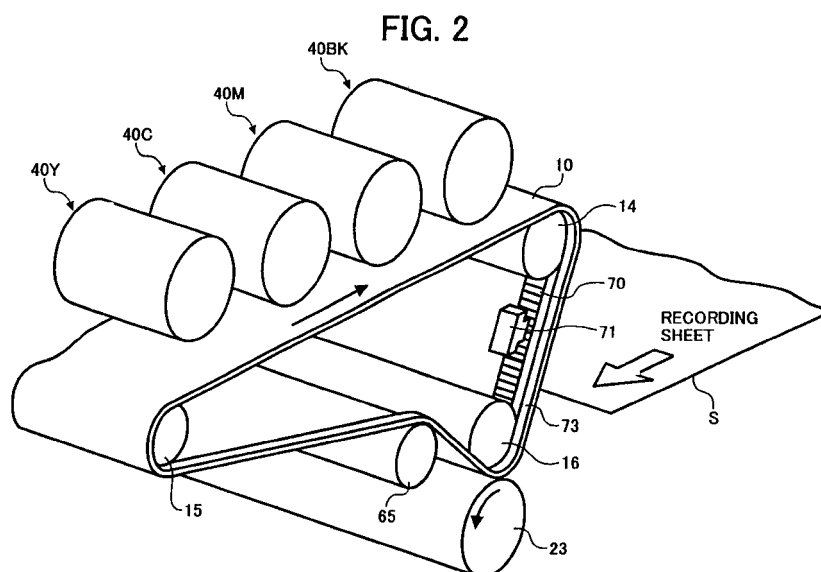
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(54) **Apparatus and method of image forming with a speed controlled transfer member**

(57) An image forming apparatus (1) includes a rotating member (10), a drive mechanism, a scale (70), and a scale reading mechanism (71). The rotating member (10) is configured to carry an image. The drive mechanism is configured to rotationally drive the rotating member (10). The scale (70) is provided around an en-

tire perimeter of a surface of the rotating member (10). The scale reading mechanism (71) is configured to read the scale (70) and arranged in a region where the rotating member is prevented from wavering. A rotating drive of the rotating member (10) is controlled based on information read by the scale reading mechanism (71).



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