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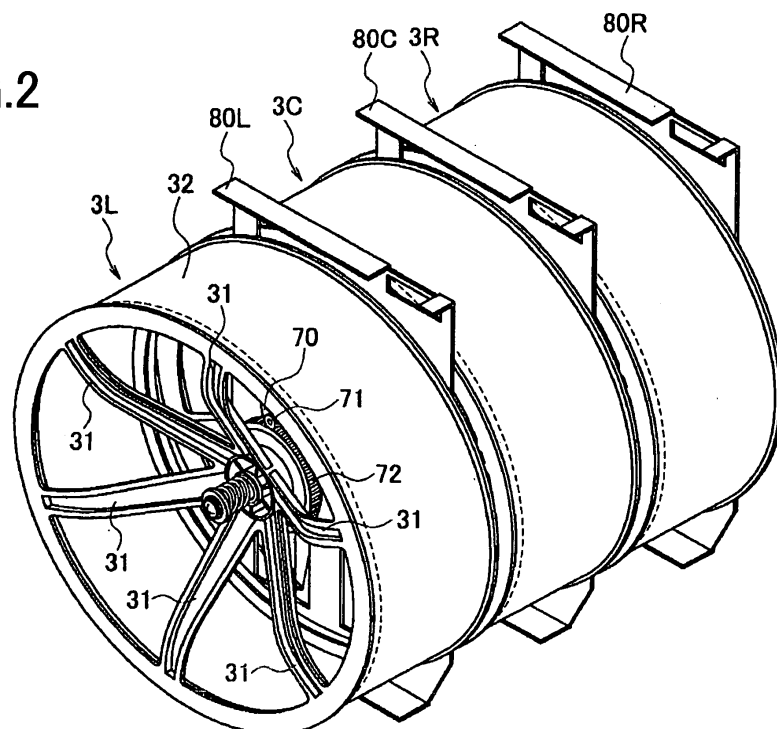
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(54) **Reel drive device for a gaming machine**

(57) The reel drive device is provided with the reel 3 having the cylindrical member 32 formed from transparent material, on an outer periphery of which a plurality of symbols are described, and an input gear installed in the cylindrical member 32; the shaft support part 720 for rotatably supporting the reel 3; the stepping motor

70 for rotating the reel 3 through the input gear 72; the detection member 11 arranged in the input gear 72, the detection member 11 being formed from opaque material; and the position detection sensor 10 for detecting the detection member 11 as the rotation reference position of the reel 3.

FIG.2





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