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(54) **Trailing edge deflector for sheet handling apparatus**

(57) A sheet handling apparatus (1000) for feeding a sequential plurality of sheets is disclosed having a sheet feed path for guiding sheets in a sheet feeding direction through the apparatus, the apparatus comprising driving means (104,351) for driving sheets along the sheet feed path, and trail edge deflecting means (380) located on the sheet feed path, the trail edge deflecting means being arranged to deflect the trailing edge of a leading sheet to ensure overlap by a following sheet on a predetermined side of the leading sheet.

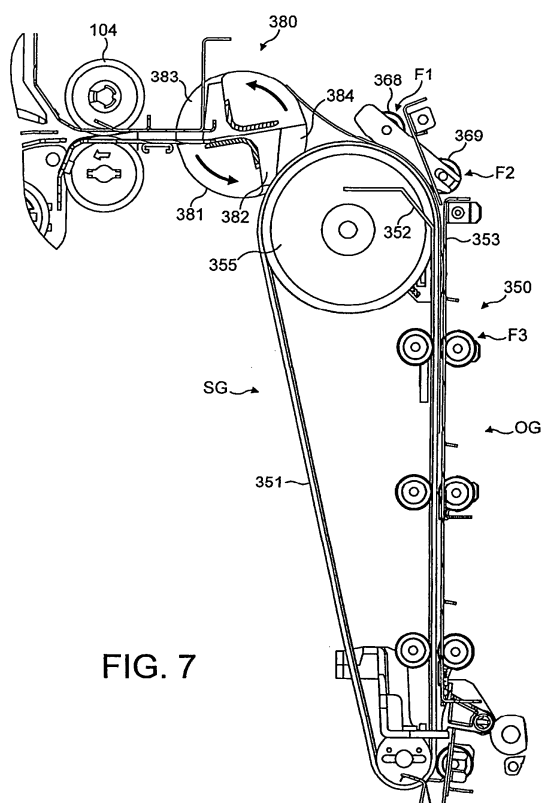


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