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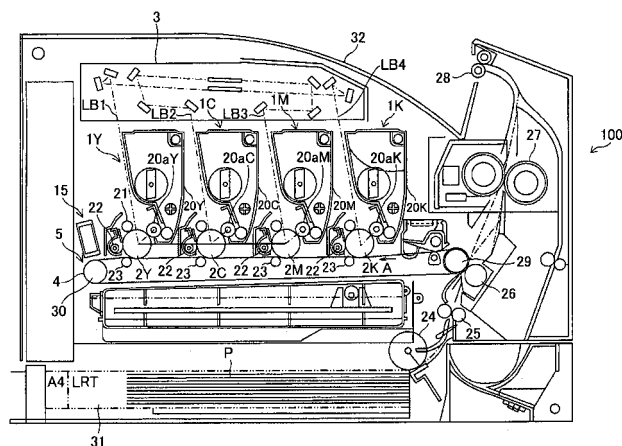
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(54) **Image forming apparatus**

(57) Time T_i since an immediately preceding rotational reference position 16a1 is calculated by a timer in accordance with a detection signal at a rotational reference position 16a1, and then it is stored. When a black photosensitive drum 2K is stopped in a monochrome

mode using the stored time T_i , the phase of the black photosensitive drum 2K is matched with the phases of the photosensitive drums 2Y, 2C, and 2M whose rotations are stopped in a color mode, thereby making it possible to prevent positional shifts between color toner images and a black toner image.

FIG.1





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