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(54) **Image forming apparatus**

(57) An image forming apparatus (1) is provided. The image forming apparatus includes an image forming unit (20), a door (2) to cover an opening in a chassis (30), a fixing unit, a frame (100), a linear motion member to linearly move along with the door, a guiding member to guide the linear motion member to move linearly, a coupler assembly to couple the door with the linear motion member and move the linear motion member, and a ma-

nipulation member being movable according to movement of the linear motion member. The linear motion member includes a contact portion, with which the manipulation member comes in contact along an intersecting direction. The guiding member includes a slider plane to slidably support the linear motion member. The linear motion member is slidably supported by the slider plane of the guiding member at a surface which is on an opposite side from the surface having the contact portion.

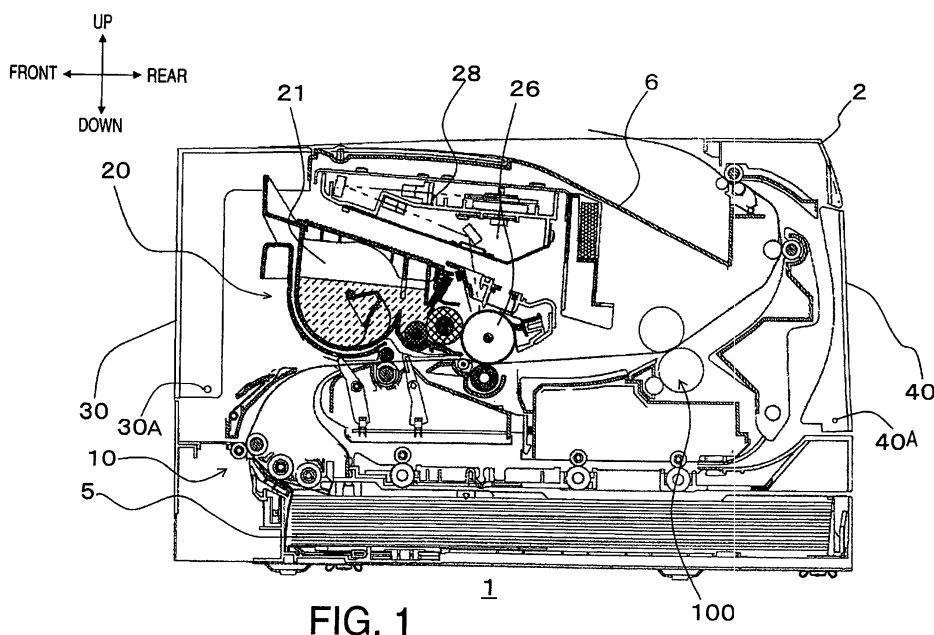


FIG. 1



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