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Lens drive

Abstract

Provided is a lens drive including: a housing; a focus adjustment mechanism including a lens assembly having an optical axis and a fixing member fixed to the housing, the lens assembly is movably connected to the fixing member, and the lens assembly includes at least one lens piece movable along an optical axis; an anti-shake mechanism including a bottom plate fixed on the housing and an image sensor module movable relative to the bottom plate in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis; and a shock absorbing gel provided between the fixing member and the image sensor module. The shock absorbing gel can absorb the interaction force between the anti-shake mechanism and the focus adjustment mechanism when the lens drive is impacted by the external environment, thereby reducing the possibility of damage to the components in the lens drive.

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Background/Summary

TECHNICAL FIELD

(1) The present disclosure relates to the technical field of imaging devices and, in particular, to a lens drive.

BACKGROUND

(2) In the related art, there exist gaps between various parts inside a camera device. When subjected to an external impact, different internal structures may collide with each other, thereby causing damage to the internal parts of the camera device, and thus reducing the service life of the camera device.

(3) Therefore, it is necessary to provide a lens drive that solves the problem that the internal parts of the camera device are easily damaged due to mutual collision.

SUMMARY

(4) An object of the present disclosure is to provide a lens drive.

(5) The technical solution of the present disclosure is as follows.

- (6) A lens drive, including: a housing; a focus adjustment mechanism including a lens assembly having an optical axis and a fixing member fixed to the housing, the lens assembly is movably connected to the fixing member, and the lens assembly includes at least one lens piece movable along an optical axis; an anti-shake mechanism including a bottom plate fixed on the housing and an image sensor module movable relative to the bottom plate in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis; and a shock absorbing gel provided between the fixing member and the image sensor module.
- (7) As an improvement, the shock absorbing gel is disposed at a position where a distance between the fixing member and the image sensor module is the smallest.
- (8) As an improvement, the focus adjustment mechanism is an auto-focusing mechanism, and the lens assembly includes a lens having the at least one lens piece, a lens holder for installing the lens, and an elastic piece for movably connecting the lens holder to the fixing member. The auto-focusing mechanism includes a first coil fixed on the lens holder, and the fixing member includes a base fixed to the housing and a first magnet fixed on the base and opposite to the first coil.
- (9) As an improvement, the shock absorbing gel is disposed on a surface of the base and/or the first magnet facing the image sensor module.
- (10) As an improvement, a surface of the base facing the image sensor module is provided with a protrusion, and the shock absorbing gel is disposed on the protrusion.
- (11) As an improvement, the image sensor module includes a movable frame, a filter fixed to the movable frame and close to the lens, and a sensor located on an image side of the filter, and the shock absorbing gel is provided on a surface of the movable frame facing the focus adjustment mechanism.
- (12) As an improvement, a surface of the movable frame facing the focus adjustment mechanism is provided with a protrusion, and the shock absorbing gel is provided on the protrusion.
- (13) As an improvement, one side of the shock absorbing gel abuts against a surface of the image sensor module facing the focus adjustment mechanism, and the other side of the shock absorbing gel abuts against a surface of the fixing member facing the anti-shake mechanism.
- (14) As an improvement, the focus adjustment mechanism is a zoom mechanism, and the lens assembly includes at least two lens pieces, and a distance between adjacent lens pieces of the at least two pieces is adjustable.
- (15) As an improvement, a prism for changing an optical path is provided on an object side and/or an image side of the focus adjustment mechanism.
- (16) The beneficial effect of the present disclosure is that the shock absorbing gel of the present disclosure can absorb the interaction force between the anti-shake mechanism and the focus adjustment mechanism when the shockproof device is impacted by the external environment, thereby reducing damage to the components in the lens drive when the image sensor module shakes suddenly by the effect of shock absorption and thus reduce the impact to the focus adjustment mechanism.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

- (1) FIG. 1 is an exploded view of a lens drive according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (2) FIG. 2 is a top view of a lens drive according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (3) FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken along section line AA of the top view of the lens drive according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (4) FIG. 4 is an exploded view of a fixing member, a shock-proof gel and a movable frame according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

- (5) FIG. 5 is a top view of a fixing member, a shock-proof gel and a movable frame according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (6) FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken along section line BB of the top view of the fixing member, the shockproof gel, and the movable frame according to a first embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (7) FIG. 7 is a partial enlarged view of part I in FIG. 6;
- (8) FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view taken along section line CC of the top view of the fixing member, the shockproof gel, and the movable frame according to a first embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (9) FIG. 9 is a partial enlarged view of part II in FIG. 8;
- (10) FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view taken along section line CC of the top view of the fixing member, the shockproof gel, and the movable frame according to a second embodiment of the present disclosure;
- (11) FIG. 11 is a partial enlarged view of part III in FIG. 10;
- (12) FIG. 12 is a schematic diagram of a zoom mechanism in a lens drive according to an embodiment of the present disclosure; and
- (13) FIG. 13 is a schematic diagram of a periscope lens in a lens drive according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

REFERENCE SIGN

(14) **1**—housing; **201**—auto-focusing mechanism; **202**—zoom mechanism; **203**—periscope lens; **21**—lens assembly; **211**—lens; **211a**—optical axis; **212**—lens holder; **213**—elastic member; **22**—fixing member; **221**—base; **222**—first magnet; **23**—first coil; **24**—first position detection unit; **25**—position detection magnet; **26**—holder gel; **27**—first flexible substrate; **28**—claw member; **3**—anti-shake mechanism; **31**—bottom plate; **32**—image sensor module; **321**—movable frame; **322**—filter; **323**—sensor; **33**—second coil; **34**—second magnet; **35**—yoke; **36**—second position detection unit; **37**—second flexible substrate; **38**—bearing surface; **39**—bearing member; **4**—shock absorbing gel; **5**—protrusion; **6**—bottom plate gel; **7**—pedestal.

(15) The accompanying drawings are incorporated in and constitute a part of the specification, which illustrate embodiments and together with the description and serve to explain the principles of the present disclosure.

DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

(16) The present disclosure will be further described below with reference to the accompanying drawings and embodiments.

(17) As shown in FIGS. 1 to 3, an embodiment of the present disclosure provides a lens drive, including a housing **1**, a focus adjustment mechanism, an anti-shake mechanism **3** and a shock absorbing gel **4**. The focus adjustment mechanism includes a lens assembly **21** having an optical axis **211a** and a fixing member **22** fixed to the housing **1**. The lens assembly **21** is movably connected to the fixing member **22**. Along the direction of the optical axis **211a**, the lens assembly **21** includes at least one lens piece. The anti-shake mechanism **3** includes a bottom plate **31** fixed to the housing **1** and an image sensor module **32** that can move relative to the bottom plate **31** in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis. The focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3** are arranged in sequence along the direction of the optical axis **211a**, and the shock absorbing gel **4** is arranged between the fixing member **22** and the image sensor module **32**.

(18) When the lens drive falls or is impacted by the external environment, the shock absorbing gel **4** can absorb the interaction force between the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3**, thereby reducing the possibility of damage to the internal parts of the lens drive, and reducing the generation of dust inside the lens drive.

(19) As shown in FIG. 1 to FIG. 3, in an embodiment, the shock absorbing gel **4** is arranged at a position where the distance between the fixing member **22** and the image sensor module **32** is the smallest.

(20) When the lens drive is impacted by the external environment, there is relative movement between the fixing member **22** and the image sensor, the position where the distance between the fixing member **22** and the image sensor module **32** is the smallest is most likely to contact each other and collide, causing damage to the internal parts of the lens drive. Placing the shock absorbing gel **4** at this position can more effectively reduce the possibility of damage to the internal parts in the lens drive caused by the collision between the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3**.

(21) As shown in FIG. **1** and FIG. **3**, taking the focus adjustment mechanism as the auto-focusing mechanism **201** as an example, the lens assembly **21** includes a lens **211** with lens pieces, a lens holder **212** for mounting the lens **211**, an elastic member **213** for movably connecting the lens holder **212** and the fixing member **22**. The auto-focusing mechanism **201** further includes a first coil **23** wound around the lens holder **212**, and the fixing member **22** of the auto-focusing mechanism **201** further includes a first magnet **222** and a base **221**. The base **221** is fixed to the housing **1**, and the first magnet **222** is fixed to the base **221** and is disposed corresponding to the first coil **23** along a circumferential direction of the first coil **23**.

(22) Under the action of the magnetic field of the first magnet **222** when the first coil **23** is energized, the lens holder **212** can move along the direction of the optical axis **211a**, and the lens **211** can also move along the direction of the optical axis **211a** together with the lens holder **212**. Therefore, by controlling the direction and magnitude of the current passing through the first coil **23** can adjust the position of the lens **211**, thereby realizing focus adjustment. When there is no current flowing through the first coil **23**, the elastic member **213** can restore the lens holder **212** to the original position through its own elasticity.

(23) As shown in FIG. **10** and FIG. **11**, in an embodiment, the shock absorbing gel **4** is located on the surface of the base **221** and/or the first magnet **222** facing the image sensor module **32**, and abuts surface of the image sensor module **32** facing the focus adjustment mechanism.

(24) When the lens drive is impacted by the external environment, relative movement or collision may occur between the image sensor module **32** and the focus adjustment mechanism. The shock absorbing gel **4** disposed on the base **221** and/or the first magnet **222** and can abut against the module **32** to absorb the interaction force between the image sensor module **32** and the focus adjustment mechanism, and reduce the risk of damage to the internal parts of the lens drive caused by the relative movement or collision between the image sensor module **32** and the focus adjustment mechanism.

(25) As shown in FIGS. **10** and **11**, in an embodiment, the base **221** is provided with a protrusion **5** extending toward the image sensor module **32**, and the cross-sectional area of the protrusion **5** is smaller than the base **221**. The shock absorbing gel **4** can be arranged on the protrusion **5**.

(26) When relative movement or collision occurs between the image sensor module **32** and the focus adjustment mechanism, the protrusion **5** is in contact with the image sensor module **32**, which can reduce the contact area, thereby reducing damage to the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3**. Therefore, disposing the shock absorbing gel **4** on the protrusion **5** can further strengthen the protection of the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3**.

(27) As shown in FIG. **1**, the auto-focusing mechanism **201** further includes a position detection magnet **25** fixed to the lens holder **212**, a first position detection unit **24** corresponding to the position detection magnet **25** and fixed to the base **221**, and a first flexible substrate **27** electrically connected to the first position detection unit **24** and the first coil **23**. The first position detection unit **24** can determine the position of the lens **211** by detecting the magnetic flux of the position detection magnet **25**. The first flexible substrate **27** is electrically connected to the first coil **23** and can energize the first coil **23**. The substrate **27** and the first position detection unit **24** can transmit signals to the first position detection unit **24**, and adjust the magnitude and direction of the current flowing into the first coil **23** through the position information of the lens **211** detected by the first

position detection unit **24**, thereby achieving focus adjustment.

(28) As shown in FIGS. **2** and **3**, the housing **1** includes a claw member **28** extending toward the auto-focusing mechanism **201**, and a holder gel **26** is provided on the surface of the lens holder **212** close to the housing **1**, and the holder gel **26** and the claw member **28** are close to and abut against the surface of the lens holder **212**. When the first coil **23** is suddenly energized, the lens holder **212** will vibrate to a large extent, the holder gel **26** has shockproof effect, which improves accuracy of the position adjustment of the auto-focusing mechanism to the lens **211**.

(29) As shown in FIG. **3**, the image sensor module **32** includes a movable frame **321**, a filter **322** fixed on the movable frame **321** and close to the lens **21**, and a sensor **323** located on the image side of the filter **322**.

(30) The filter **322** is used to block infrared rays of undesired wavelengths to protect the sensor **323**. Both the filter **322** and the sensor **323** are mounted on the movable frame **321**, which can reduce the number of components in the anti-shake mechanism **3** and is beneficial to the miniaturization of the anti-shake mechanism **3**. In addition, the verticality of the sensor **323** relative to the direction of the optical axis **211** can be improved, and the possibility of deviation caused by the installation process can be reduced.

(31) As shown in FIG. **3**, the anti-shake mechanism **3** further includes a yoke **35** fixed to the side of the movable frame **321** close to the focus adjustment mechanism, a second magnet **34** fixed to the bottom plate **31**, and a second coil **33** fixed to the movable frame **321** and located between the yoke **35** and second magnet **34**. A current passes into the second coil **33**, and under the action of the magnetic field of the second magnet **34**, the second coil **33** can drive the movable frame **321** to move in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis **211**, thereby driving the filter **322** and the sensor **323** moves along the direction perpendicular to the optical axis **211**. The direction and magnitude of the movement of the movable frame **321** can be controlled by controlling the direction and magnitude of the current flowing into the second coil **33**, so that the lens drive achieves the anti-shake effect.

(32) As shown in FIGS. **4** to **9**, in an embodiment, the shock absorbing gel **4** is located on the surface of the movable frame **321** facing the focus adjustment mechanism, and abuts against the surface of the fixing member **22** of the focus adjustment mechanism facing the anti-shake mechanism **3**.

(33) When the second coil **33** is suddenly energized, the movable frame **321** will generate a sudden shock, and the shock absorbing gel **4** in contact with the fixing member **22** can absorb the sudden shock generated by the movable frame **321**, and thereby reducing the influence of sudden shock of the movable frame **321** on the focus adjustment mechanism.

(34) As shown in FIG. **6** to FIG. **9**, in an embodiment, the side of the movable frame **321** close to the focus adjustment mechanism is provided with a protrusion **5** extending toward the focus adjustment mechanism, and the shock absorbing gel **4** is provided on the protrusion **5**.

(35) The cross-sectional area of the protrusion **5** is smaller than the cross-sectional area of the movable frame **321**. When the lens drive is impacted by the external environment or the movable frame **321** shakes suddenly, the protrusion **5** contacts the fixing member **22** of the focus adjustment mechanism, which can reduce the contact area, thereby reducing the risk of damage caused by the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3**. The shock absorbing gel **4** is arranged on the protrusion **5**, which can further strengthen the protection of the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism **3**.

(36) As shown in FIGS. **1** to **3**, the yoke **35** of the anti-shake mechanism **3** is mounted on the movable frame **321**, and the magnetic force generated between the yoke **35** and the second magnet **34** has a magnetic spring effect, which can provide restoring force for the movable frame **321** when moving in a plane perpendicular to the optical axis **211a**.

(37) As shown in FIG. **1** to FIG. **3**, in an embodiment, the anti-shake mechanism **3** includes at least two second position detection units **36** fixed to the second coil **33**. The detection is performed to

determine the position of the image sensor module 32.

(38) The lens drive includes a second flexible substrate 37 electrically connected to the second coil 33, the sensor 323 and the second position detection unit 36. The second flexible substrate 37 can also transmit a signal of the position of the image sensor module 32 detected by the second position detection unit 36, and the control system adjusts the magnitude and direction of the current flowing into the second coil 33 through the second flexible substrate 37, so as to move the image sensor module 32 to a preset position.

(39) In an embodiment, the second flexible substrate 37 connected to the first flexible substrate 27 is disposed along the circumferential direction of the image sensor module 32, and is disposed in the gap between the image sensor module 32 and the housing 1. With the increase of the transmission wires provided in the second flexible substrate 37, the hardness of the second flexible substrate 37 will increase accordingly, which can reduce the obstruction to the movement of the image sensor module 32. The second flexible substrate 37 is connected to the sensor 323, the second coil 33 and the second position detection unit 36 by signal lines, power lines and the like.

(40) As shown in FIG. 3, in an embodiment, the lens drive includes a pedestal 7 fixed on the bottom plate 31, and also includes a bearing surface 38 respectively fixed on the pedestal 7 and the movable frame 321. A bearing member 39 is provided between the opposite bearing surfaces 38 along the direction of the optical axis 211a, and the bearing member 39 can be a ball, which can reduce the resist force between the movable frame 321 and the pedestal 7 during the movement, and reduce the force required for driving the movable frame 321, making the movement of the movable frame 321 more convenient. By adjusting the surface accuracy of the bearing surface 38, the friction between the bearing member 39 and the bearing surface 38 can be reduced, and the bearing member 39 can slide more smoothly. There is mutually attractive magnetic force between the second magnet 34 fixed on the bottom plate 31 and the yoke 35 fixed on the movable frame 321, so that the bottom plate 31 and the movable frame 321 have the effect of being drawn close to each other. Since the pedestal 7 is fixed on the bottom plate 31, the pedestal 7 and the movable frame 321 also have the effect of being drawn close to each other, thus the bearing member 39 between the movable frame 321 and the pedestal 7 is tightened. As shown in FIG. 3, the side of the bottom plate 31 close to the image sensor module 32 is provided with a bottom plate gel 6, and the pedestal 7 is provided with an avoidance hole through which the bottom plate gel 6 can pass, so that the bottom plate gel 6 can abut against one side of the image sensor module 32 close to the bottom plate 31. When the second coil 33 is suddenly energized, the bottom plate gel 6 has shock absorption effect to the shock generated by the image sensor module 32, so that the anti-shake mechanism 3 obtains better anti-shake function.

(41) As shown in FIG. 12, in an embodiment, the focus adjustment mechanism is a zoom mechanism 202, the lens assembly includes at least two lens pieces, and the zoom mechanism 202 can make the adjacent lens pieces retract in multiple stages along the direction of the arrow in FIG. 12, so as to adjust the focal length of the lens assembly 21. The anti-shake mechanism 3 is located at the image side of the zoom mechanism 202. The shockproof gel 4 is located at the position where the distance between the zoom mechanism 202 and the anti-shake mechanism 3 is the smallest, and achieves shock absorption effect between the zoom mechanism 202 and the anti-shake mechanism 3.

(42) As shown in FIG. 13, in an embodiment, the focus adjustment mechanism is a periscope lens 203, that is, the object side and/or the image side of the focus adjustment mechanism is provided with a prism for changing the light path. The direction of the arrow in FIG. 13 shows the direction of the light path. The shockproof gel 4 is located at the position where the distance between the periscope lens 203 and the anti-shake mechanism 3 is the smallest, and achieves shock absorption effect between the periscope lens 203 and the anti-shake mechanism 3.

(43) The structure, features, and effects according to the present disclosure are described in detail above based on the embodiments shown in the drawings. The above are only preferred

embodiments of the present disclosure. However, the above embodiment do not limit the scope of the present disclosure. Any changes or equivalent embodiments which still do not exceed the concept covered by the specification and illustrations should fall within the protection scope of the present disclosure.

Claims

1. A lens drive, comprising: a housing; a focus adjustment mechanism comprising a lens assembly having an optical axis and a fixing member fixed to the housing, wherein the lens assembly is movably connected to the fixing member, and the lens assembly comprises at least one lens piece movable along an optical axis; an anti-shake mechanism comprising a bottom plate fixed on the housing and an image sensor module movable relative to the bottom plate in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis; and a shock absorbing gel provided between the fixing member and the image sensor module, the shock absorbing gel can absorb an interaction force between the focus adjustment mechanism and the anti-shake mechanism when the lens drive falls or is impacted by the external environment.
2. The lens drive according to claim 1, wherein the shock absorbing gel is disposed at a shortest distance between the fixing member and the image sensor module, wherein the shortest distance is the distance where the fixing member and the image sensor module most likely to contact each other and collide along a direction of relative motion between the fixing member and the image sensor module when the lens drive is impacted by an external environment.
3. The lens drive according to claim 2, wherein the focus adjustment mechanism is an auto-focusing mechanism, and the lens assembly comprises a lens having the at least one lens piece, a lens holder for installing the lens, and an elastic piece for movably connecting the lens holder to the fixing member; and the auto-focusing mechanism comprises a first coil fixed on the lens holder, and the fixing member comprises a base fixed to the housing and a first magnet fixed on the base and opposite to the first coil.
4. The lens drive according to claim 3, wherein the shock absorbing gel is disposed on a surface of the base and/or the first magnet facing the image sensor module.
5. The lens drive according to claim 4, wherein one side of the shock absorbing gel abuts against a surface of the image sensor module facing the focus adjustment mechanism, and the other side of the shock absorbing gel abuts against a surface of the fixing member facing the anti-shake mechanism.
6. The lens drive according to claim 3, wherein a surface of the base facing the image sensor module is provided with a protrusion, and the shock absorbing gel is disposed on the protrusion.
7. The lens drive according to claim 2, wherein the image sensor module comprises a movable frame, a filter fixed to the movable frame and close to the lens, and a sensor located on an image side of the filter, and the shock absorbing gel is provided on a surface of the movable frame facing the focus adjustment mechanism.
8. The lens drive according to claim 7, wherein a surface of the movable frame facing the focus adjustment mechanism is provided with a protrusion, and the shock absorbing gel is provided on the protrusion.
9. The lens drive according to claim 7, wherein one side of the shock absorbing gel abuts against a surface of the image sensor module facing the focus adjustment mechanism, and the other side of the shock absorbing gel abuts against a surface of the fixing member facing the anti-shake mechanism.
10. The lens drive according to claim 7, wherein the anti-shake mechanism further comprises a yoke fixed to the side of the movable frame close to the focus adjustment mechanism and a second magnet fixed to the bottom plate, a magnetic force generated between the yoke and the second magnet has a magnetic spring effect, which can provide restoring force for the movable frame

when moving in a plane perpendicular to the optical axis.

11. The lens drive according to claim 2, wherein the gel is disposed at the position having the smallest distance between the fixing member and the image sensor module and further extending outwardly along a direction away from the position having the smallest distance.

12. The lens drive according to claim 1, wherein the focus adjustment mechanism is a zoom mechanism, and the lens assembly comprises at least two lens pieces, and a distance between adjacent lens pieces of the at least two pieces is adjustable.

13. The lens drive according to claim 1, wherein a prism for changing an optical path is provided on an object side and/or an image side of the focus adjustment mechanism.

14. The lens drive according to claim 1, wherein the lens drive comprises a pedestal fixed on the bottom plate, a bearing surface respectively fixed on the pedestal and the movable frame, and bearing member provided between the opposite bearing surfaces along the direction of the optical axis.

15. The lens drive according to claim 14, wherein the bearing member is a ball.
