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(54) **CAMERA ACTUATOR AND CAMERA
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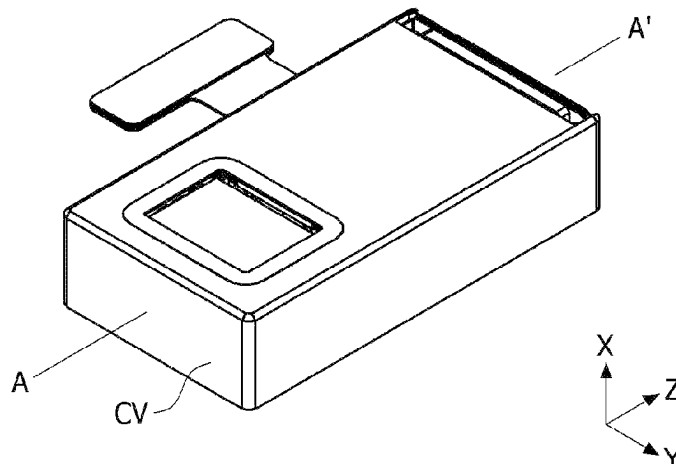
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An embodiment of the present invention discloses a camera
actuator comprising: a housing; a first lens assembly and a
second lens assembly moving in the optical axis direction in
the housing; and a driving unit for moving the first lens
assembly and the second lens assembly, wherein the first
lens assembly includes a first outer side surface, and the
second lens assembly includes a second outer side surface
which faces the first outer side surface and at least partially
overlaps the first outer side surface in the optical axis
direction and a bonding member that is in contact with at
least one of the first outer side surface and the second outer
side surface.

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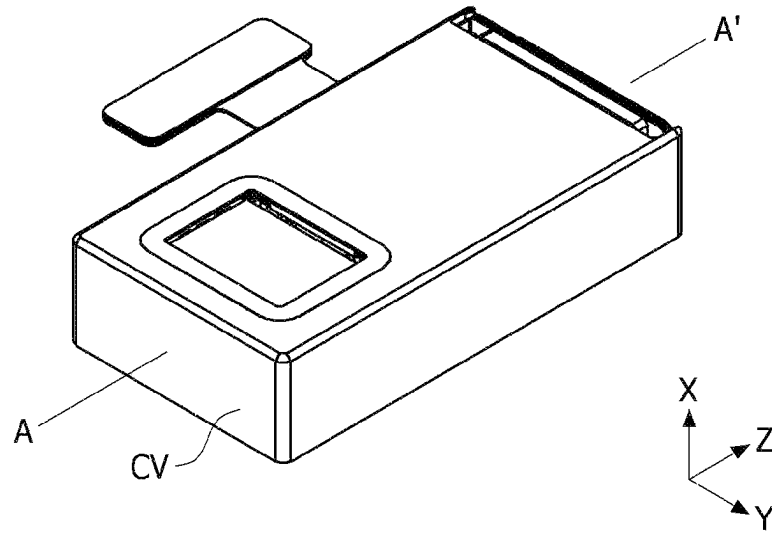
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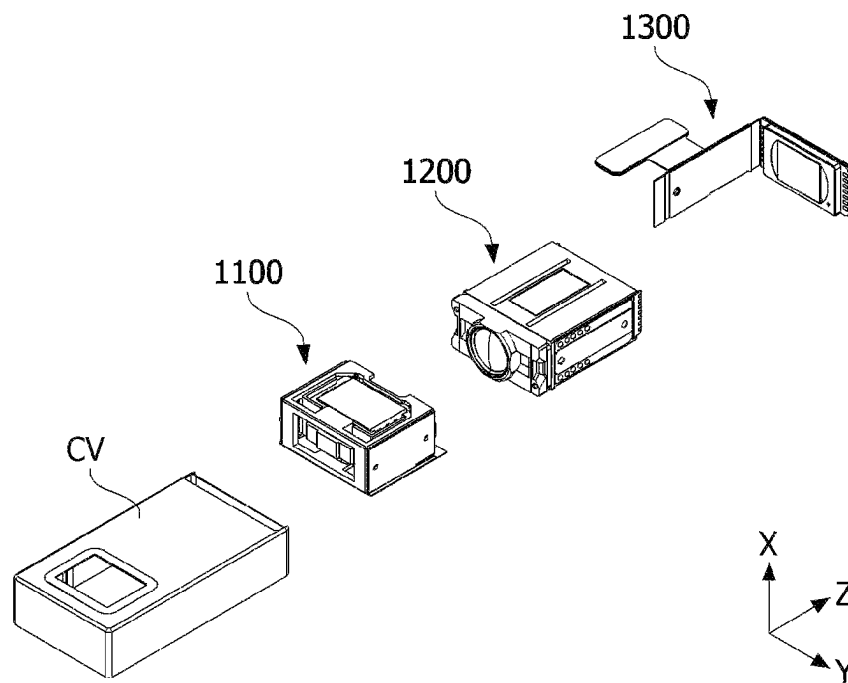
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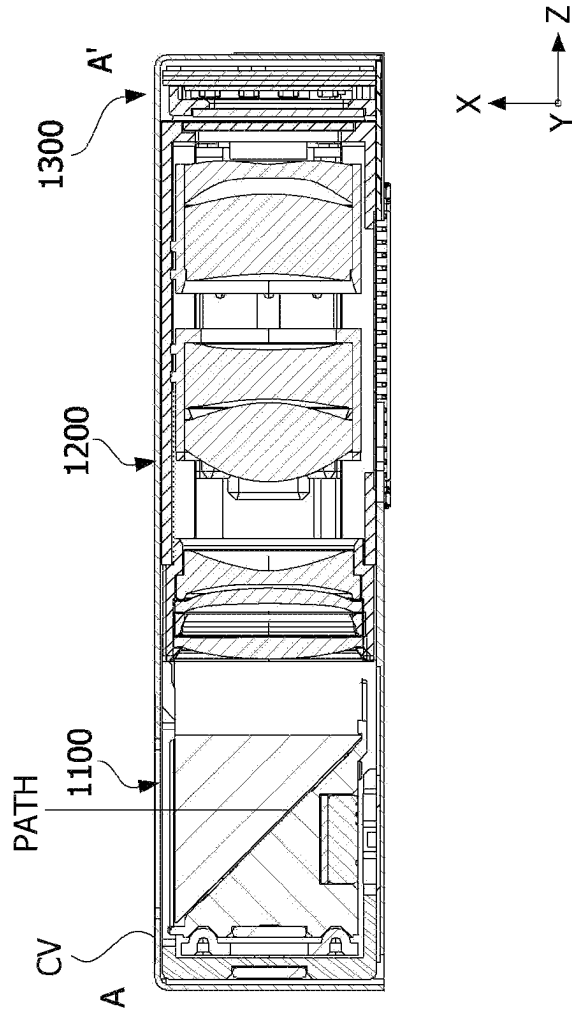
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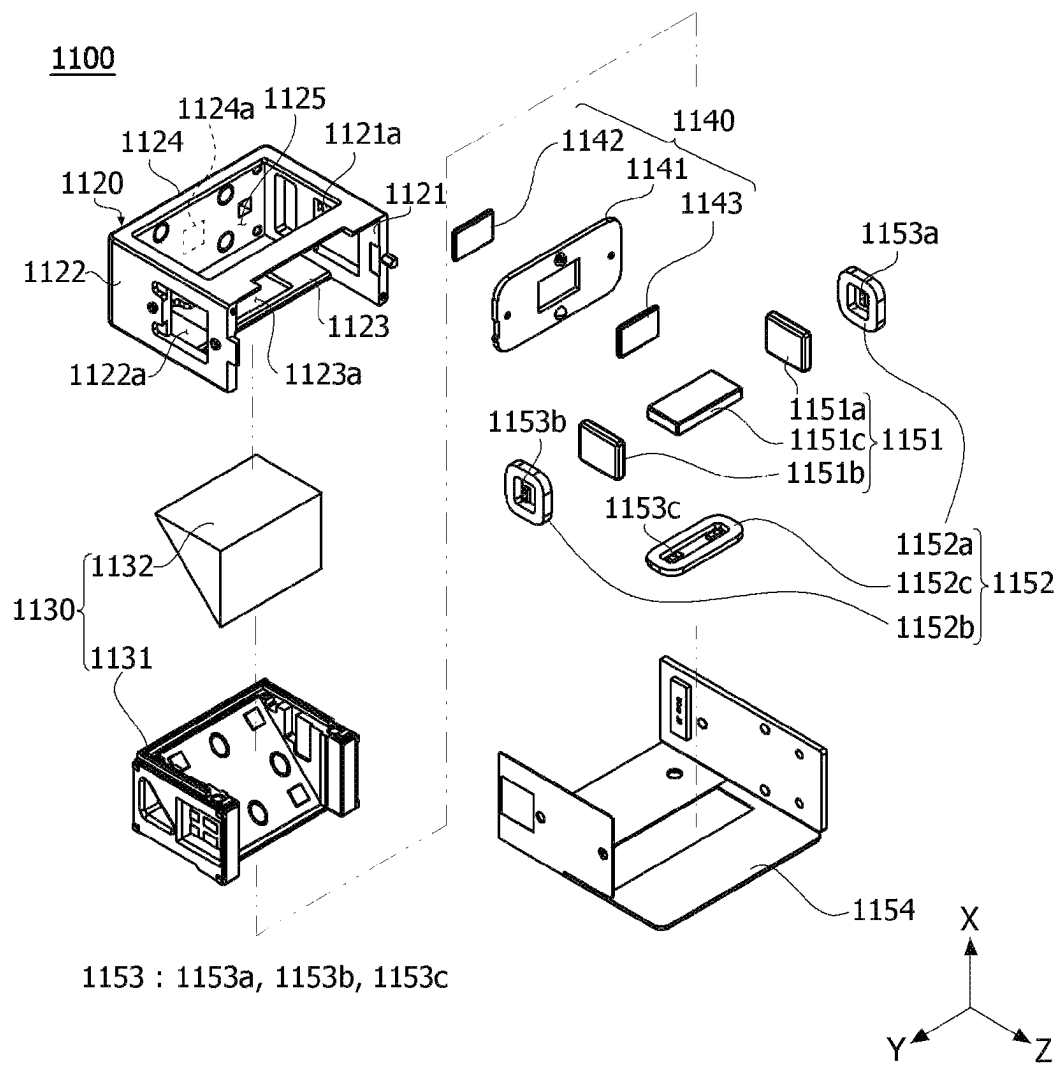
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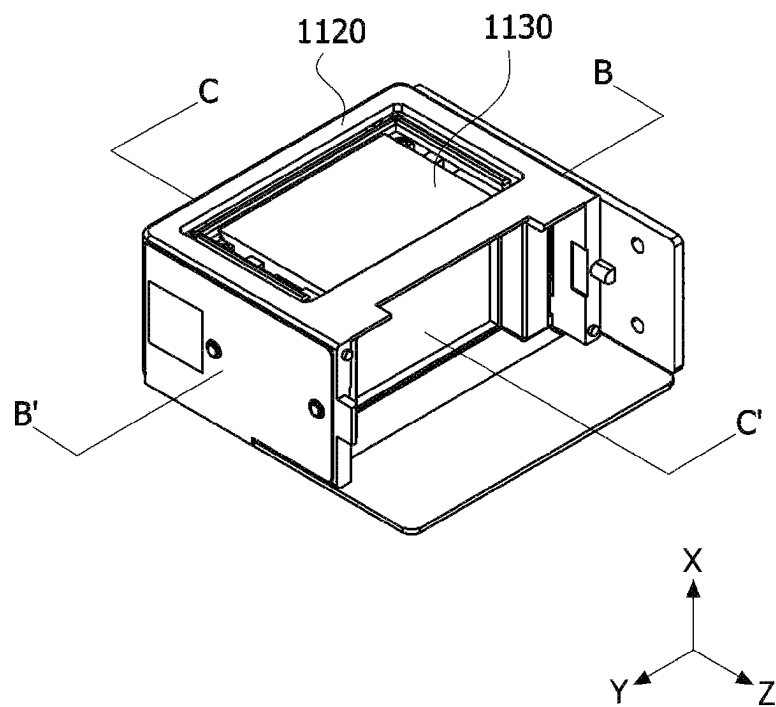
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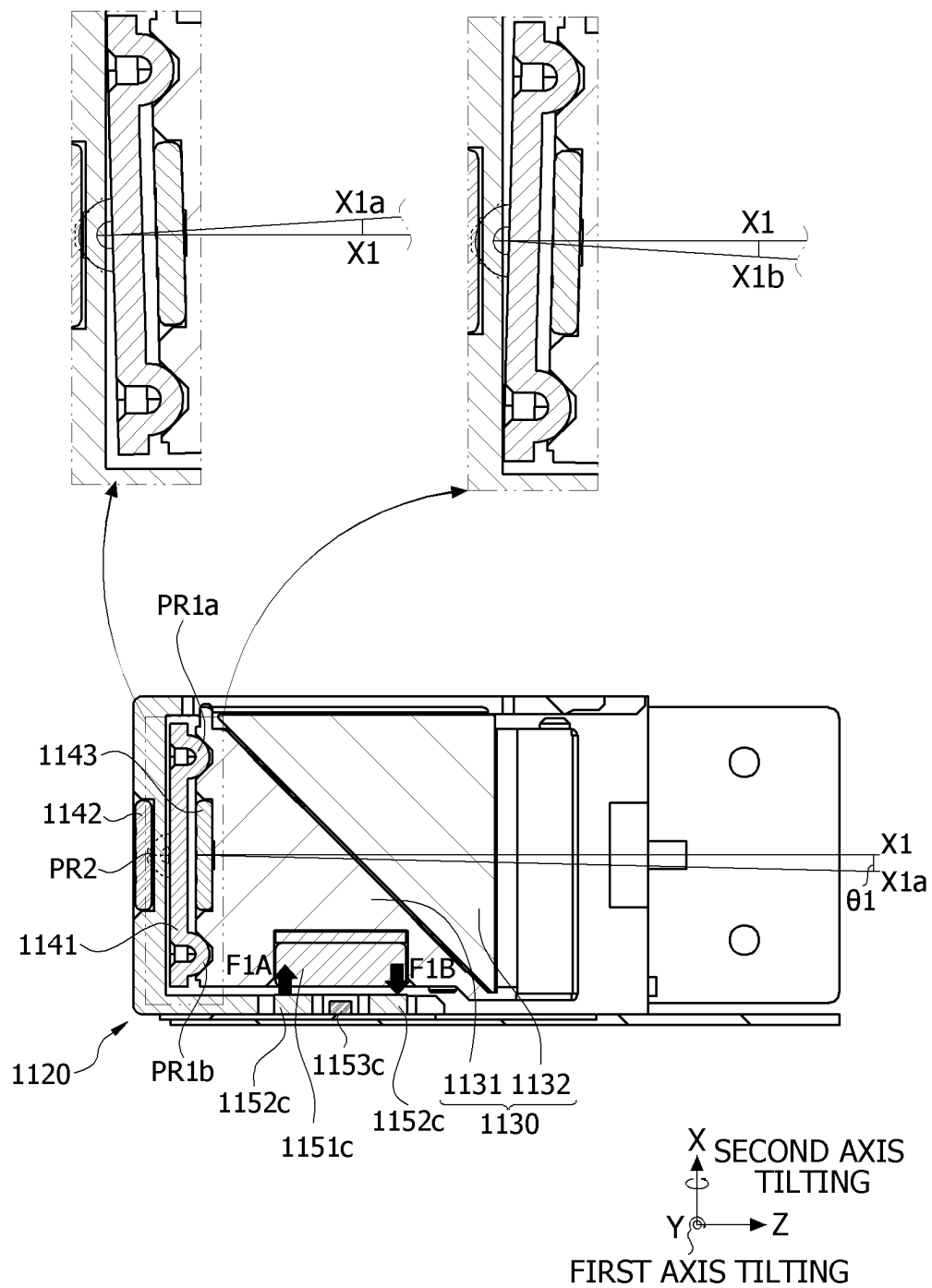
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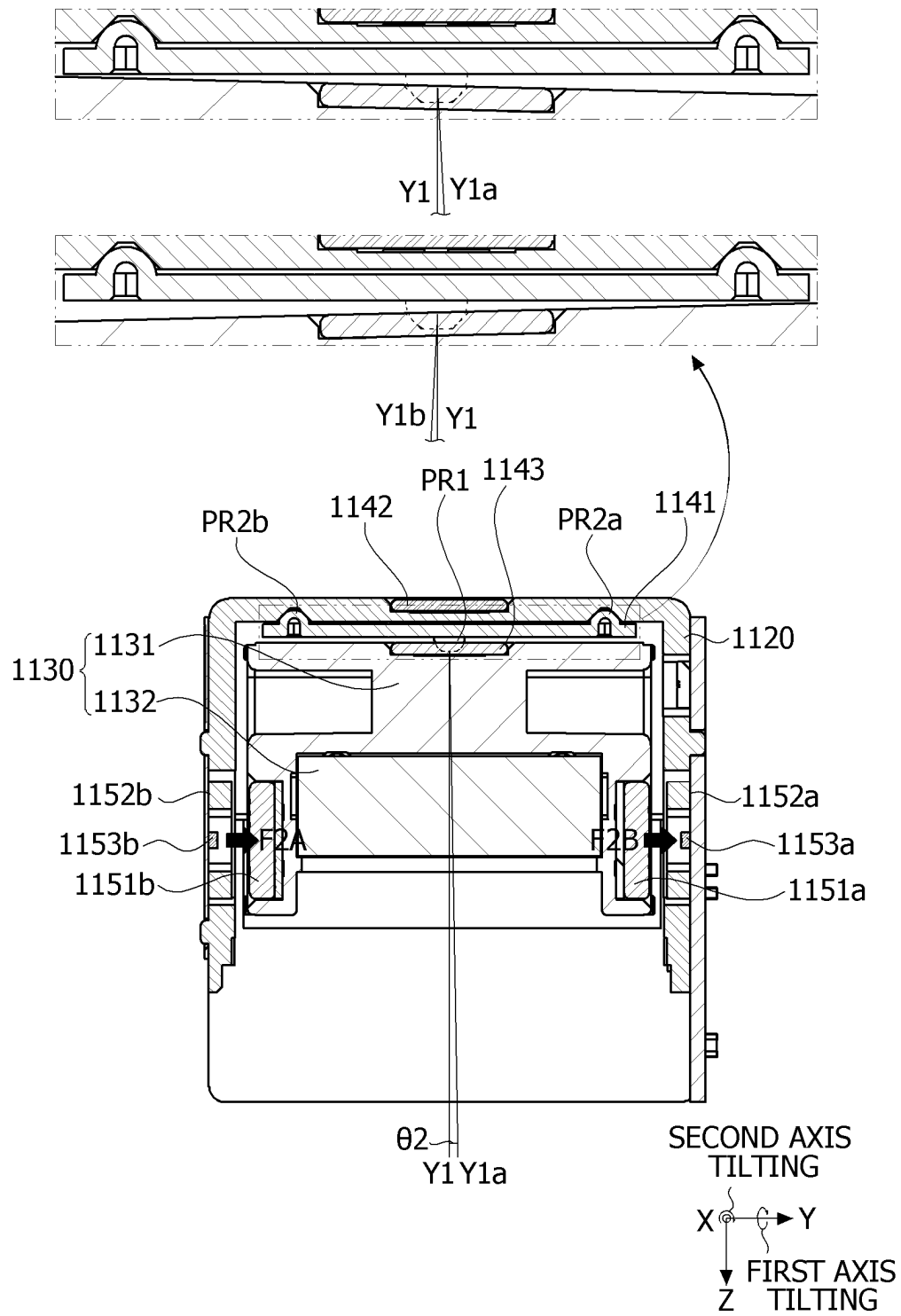
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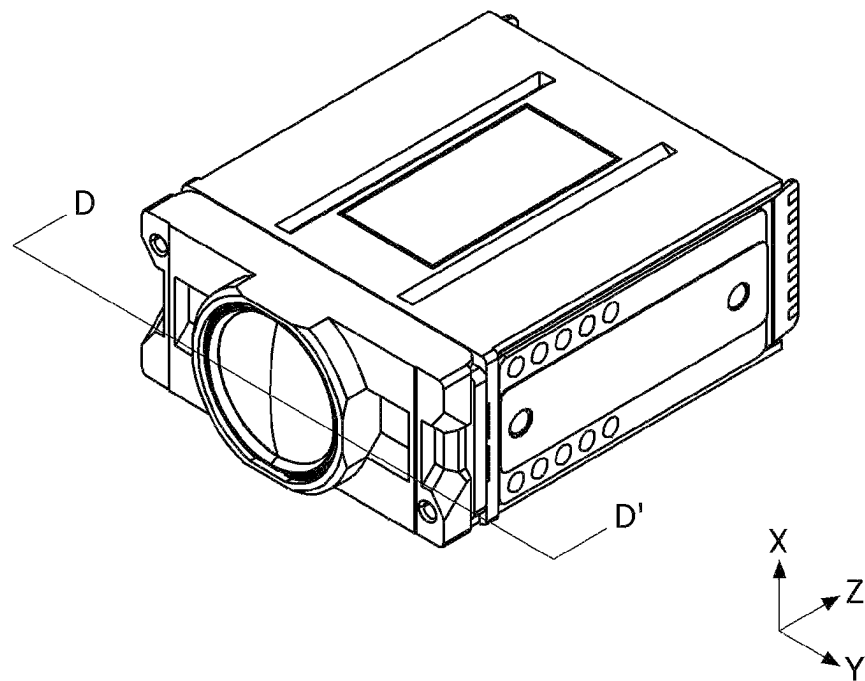
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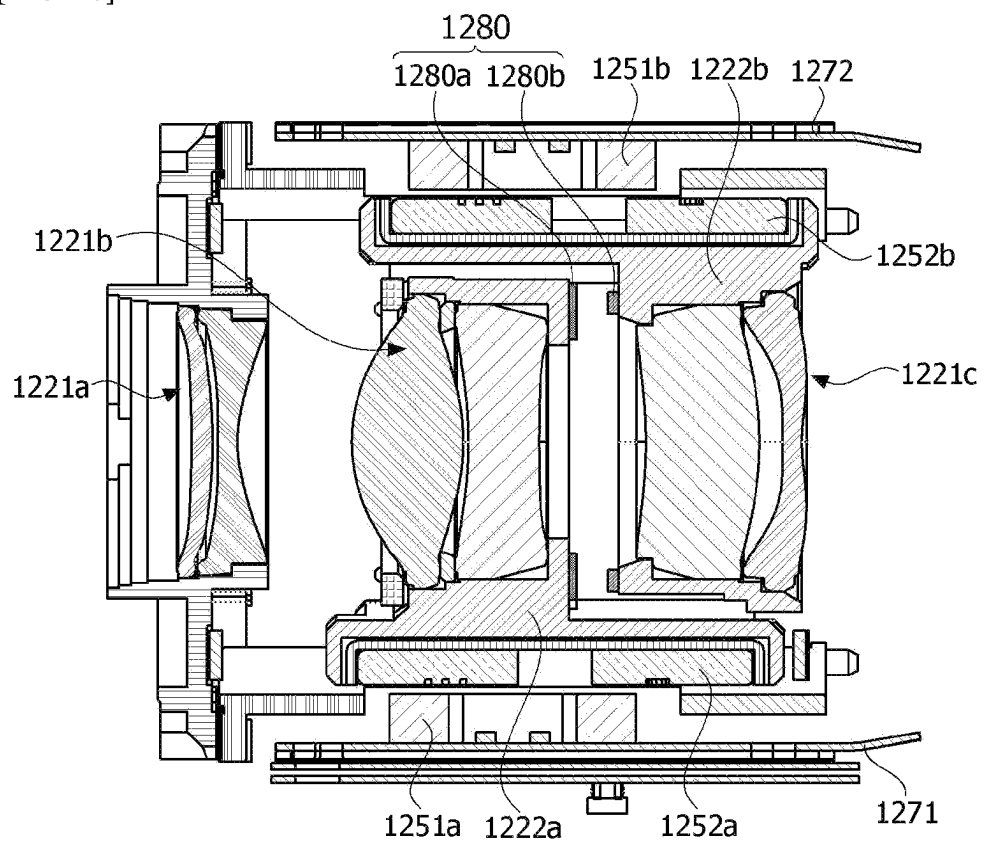
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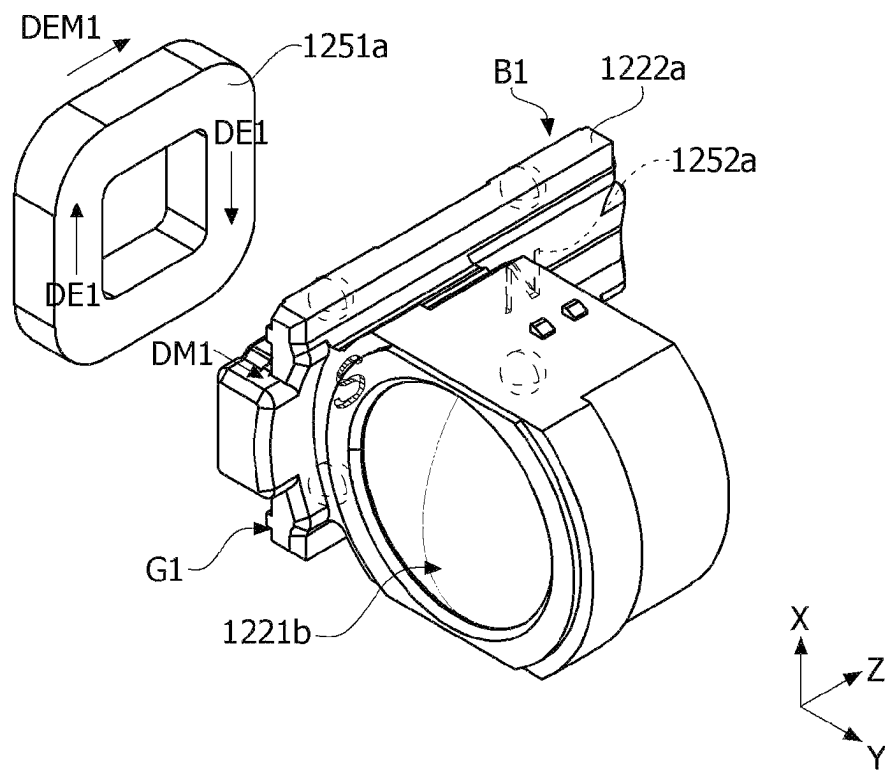
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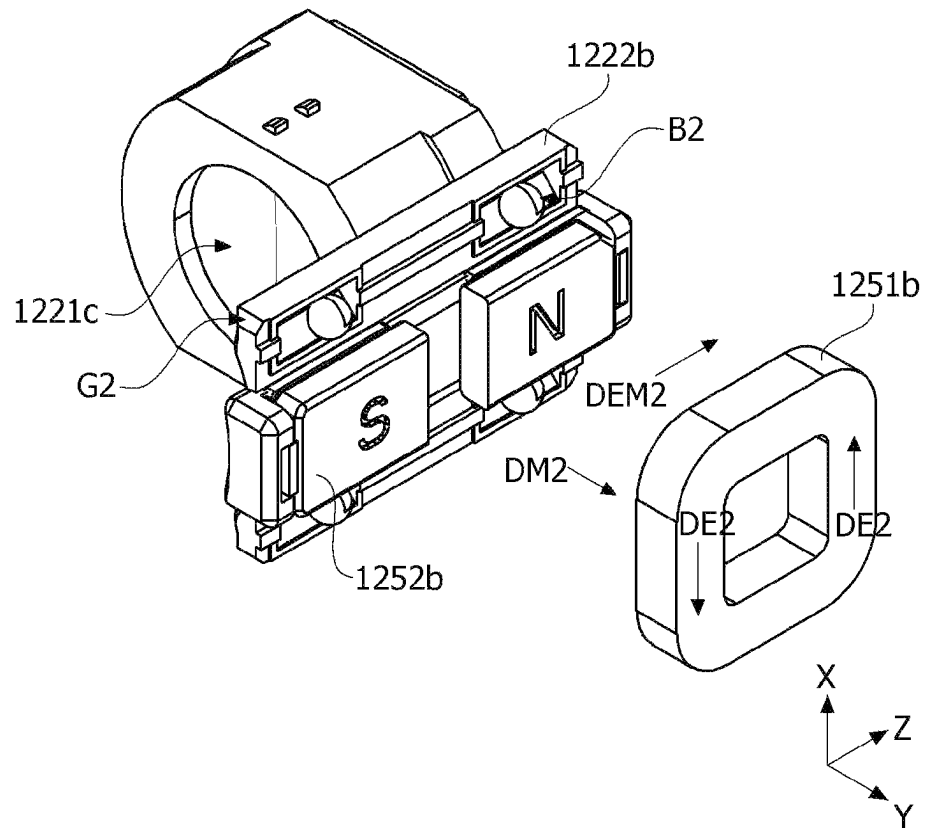
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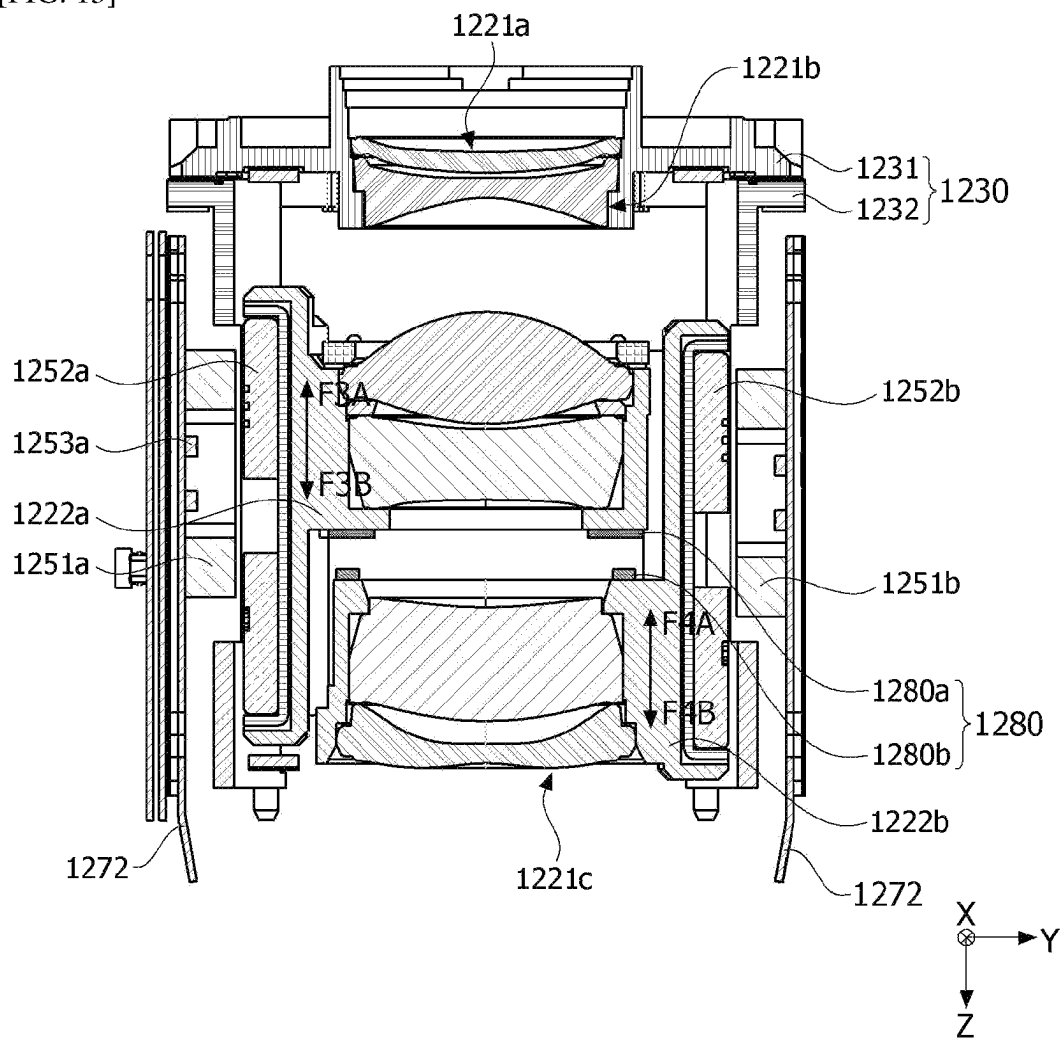
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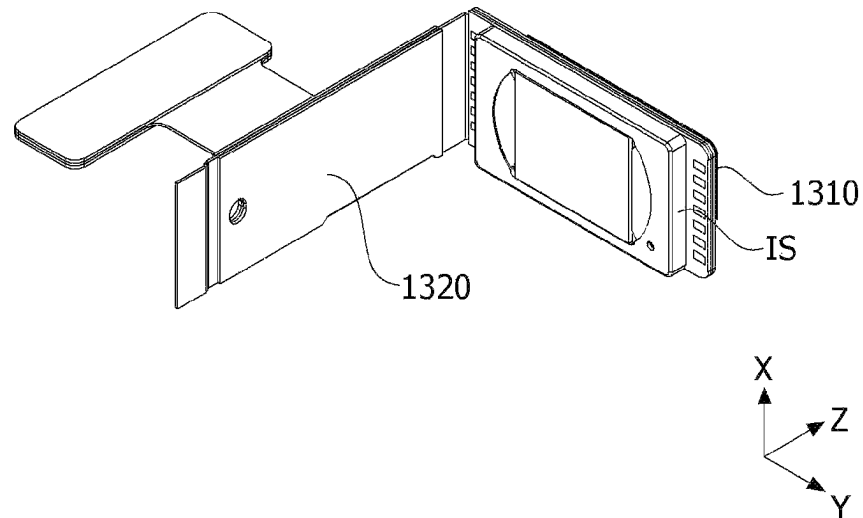


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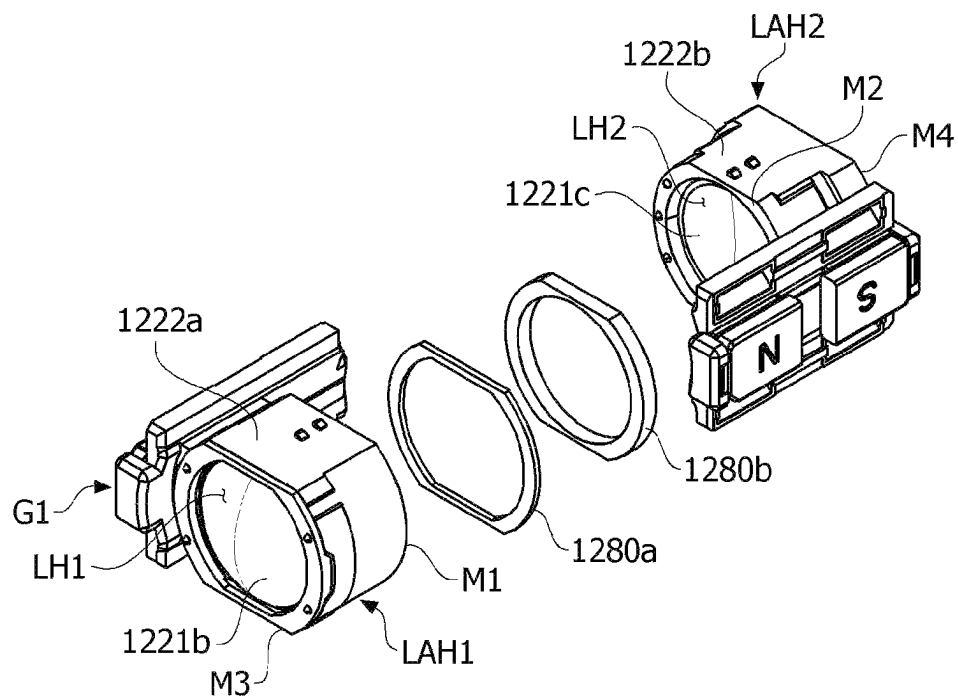


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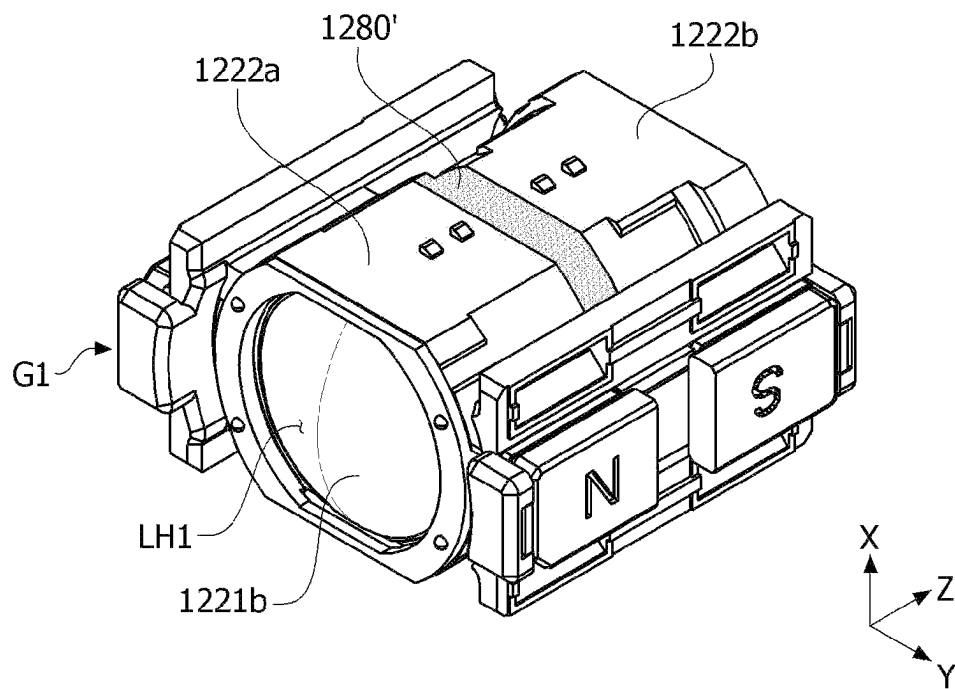
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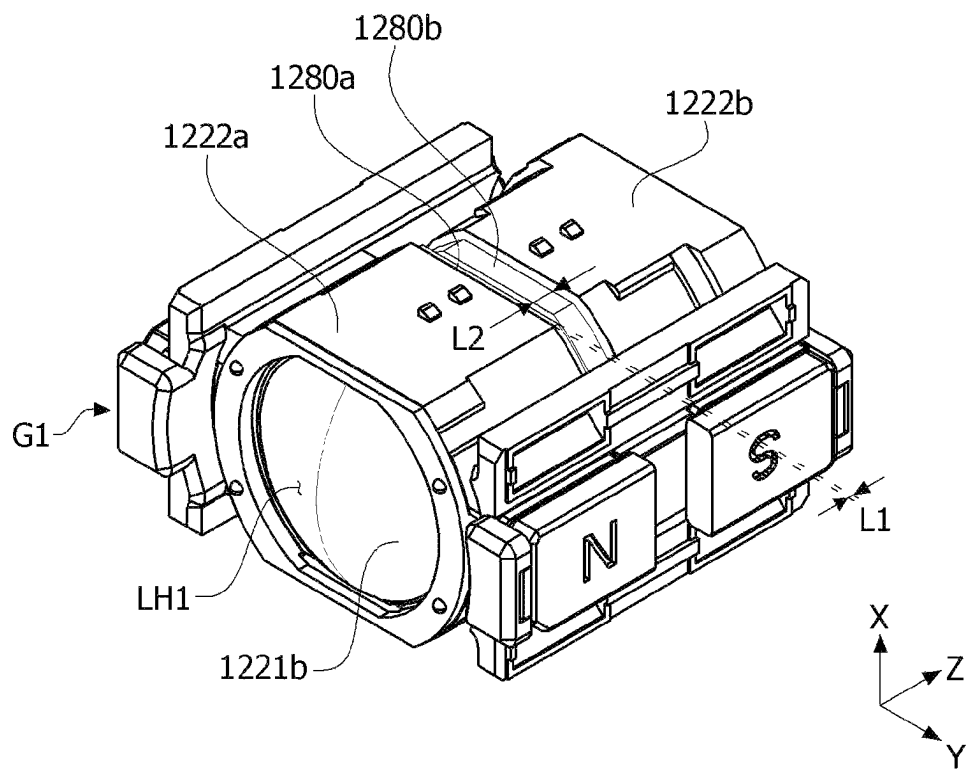
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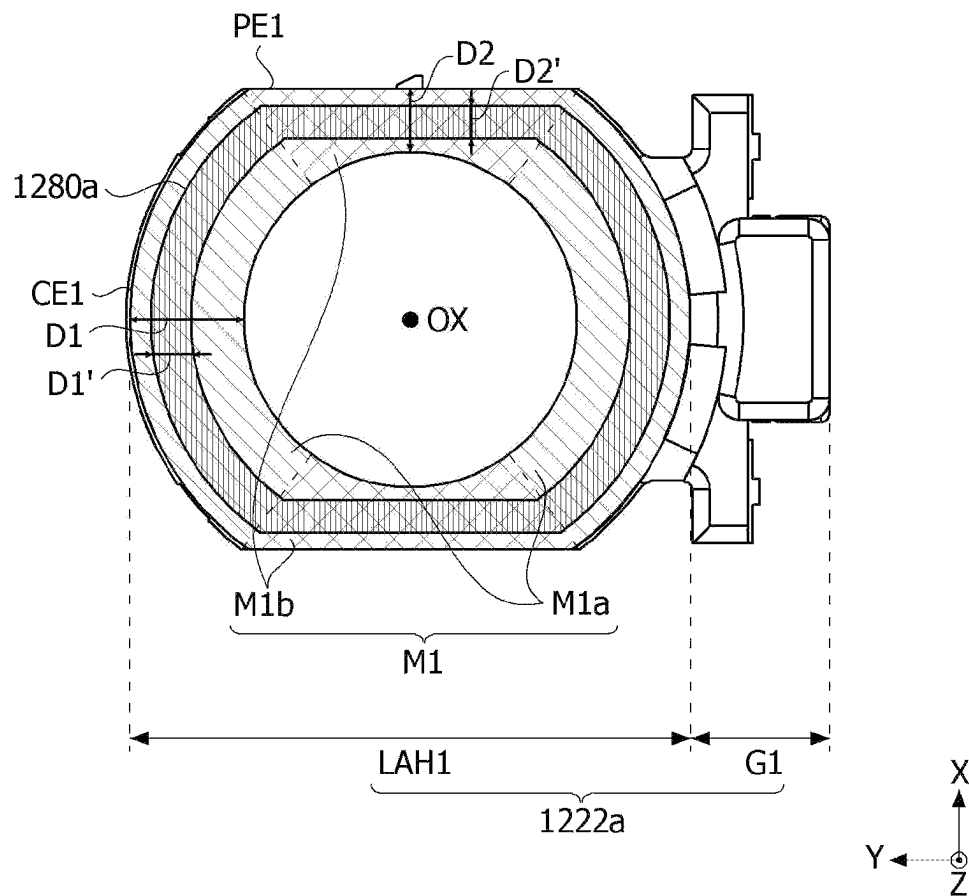
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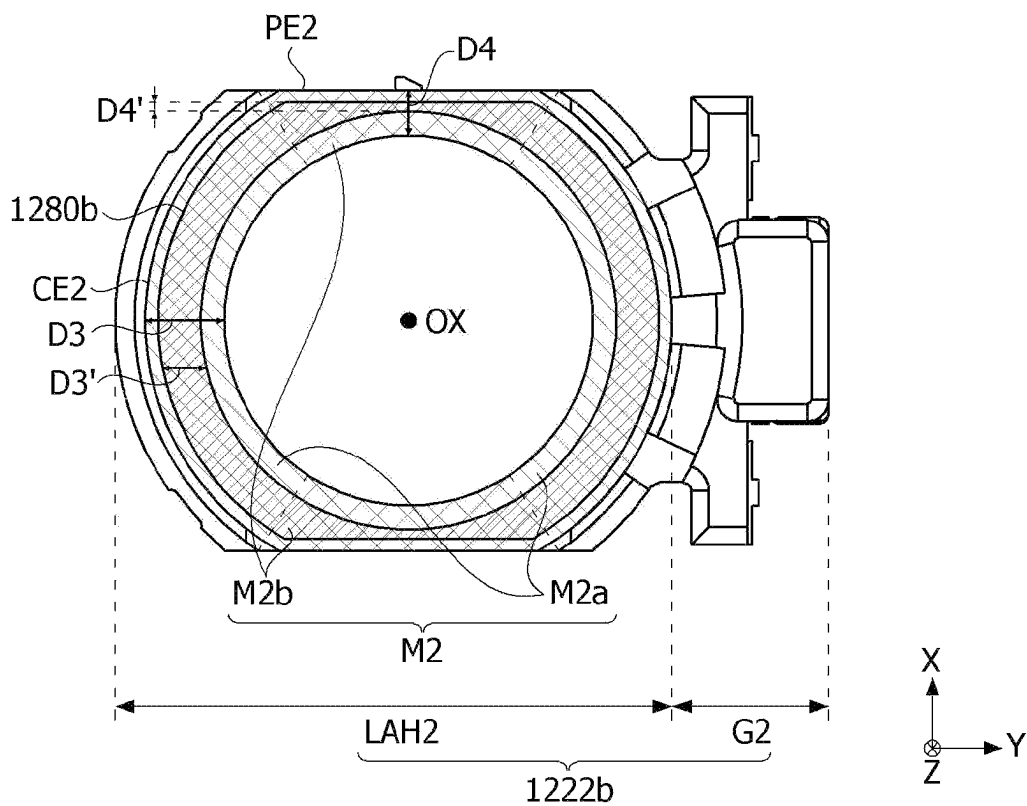
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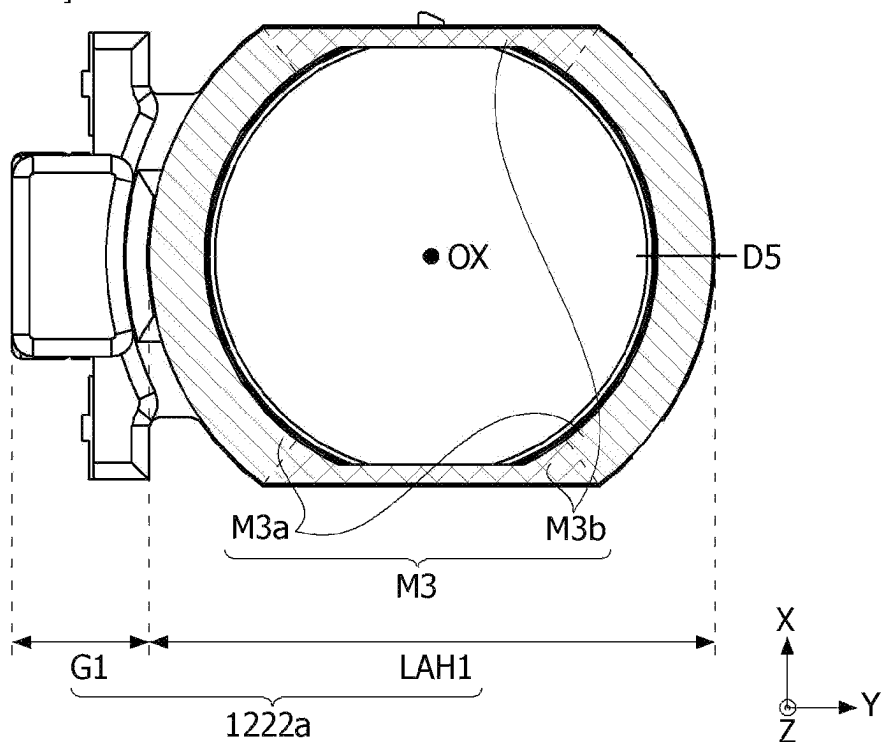
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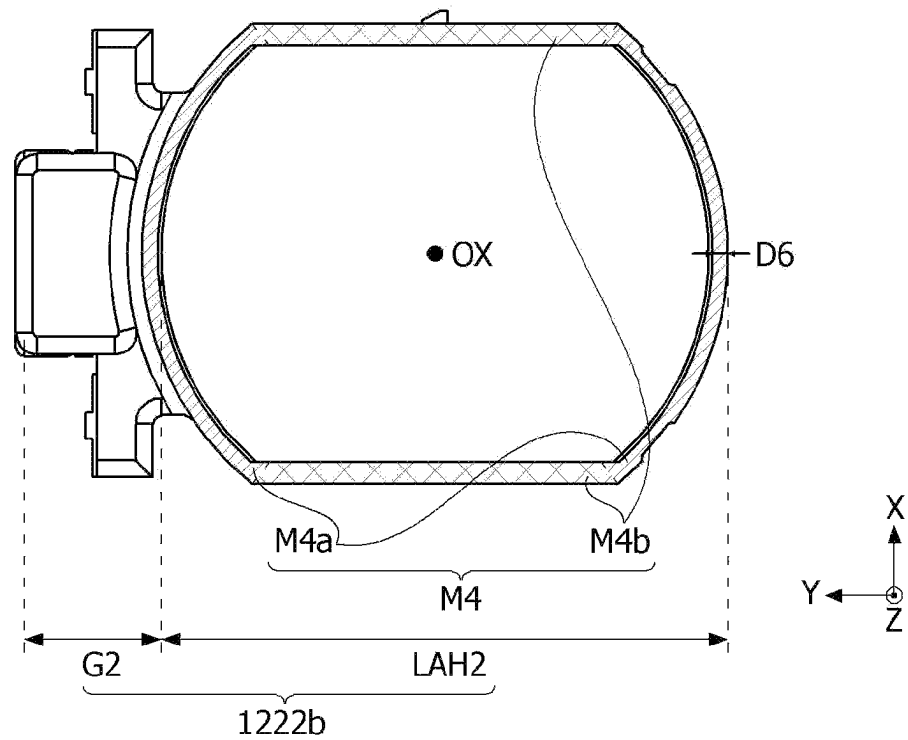
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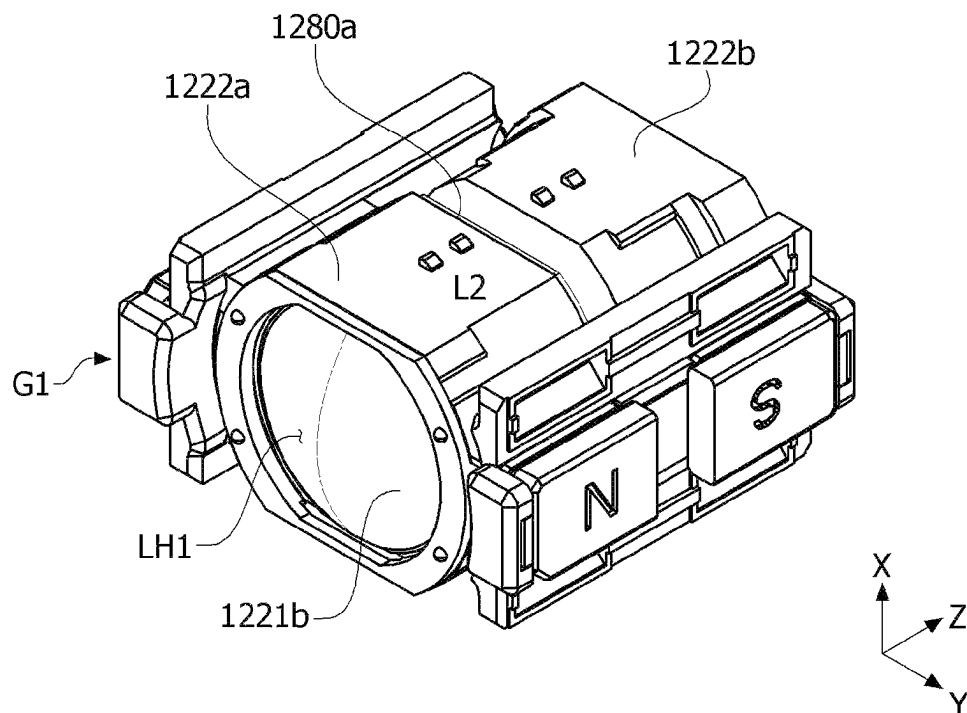
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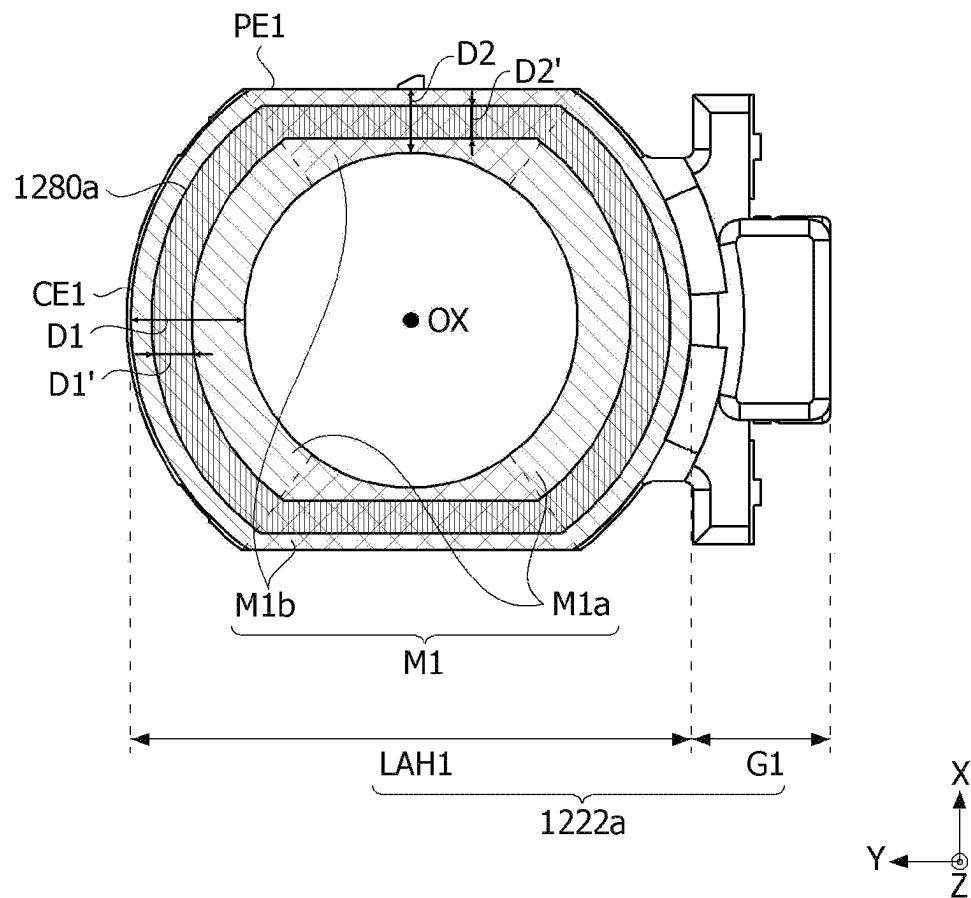
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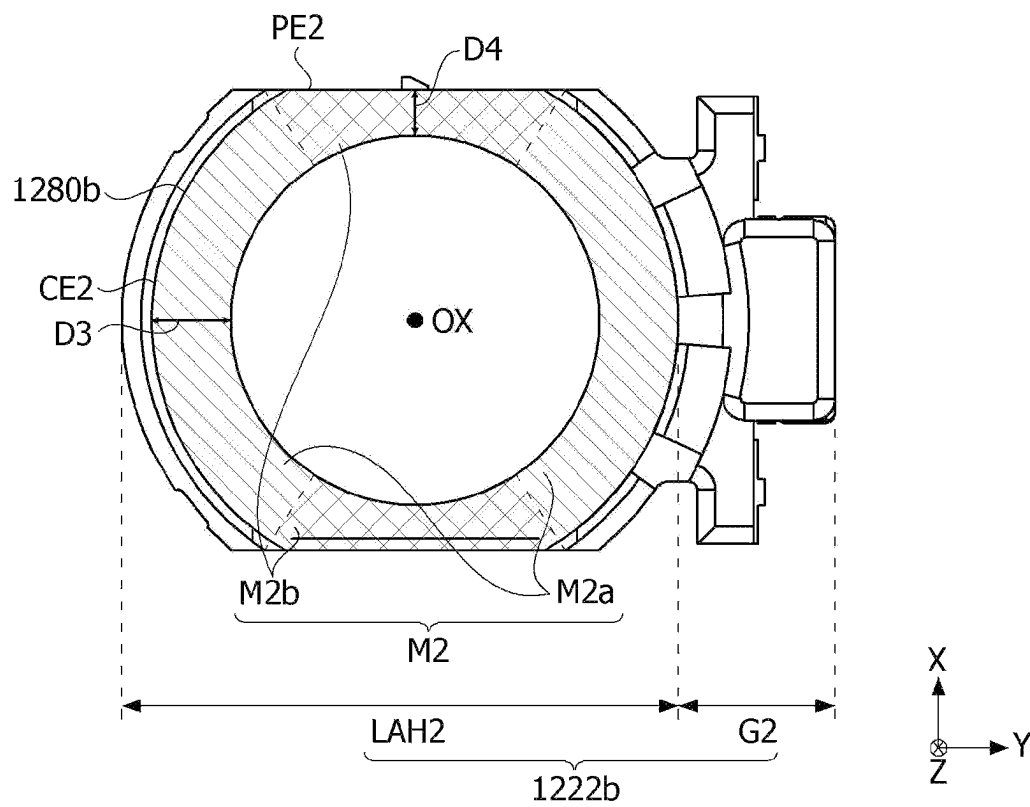
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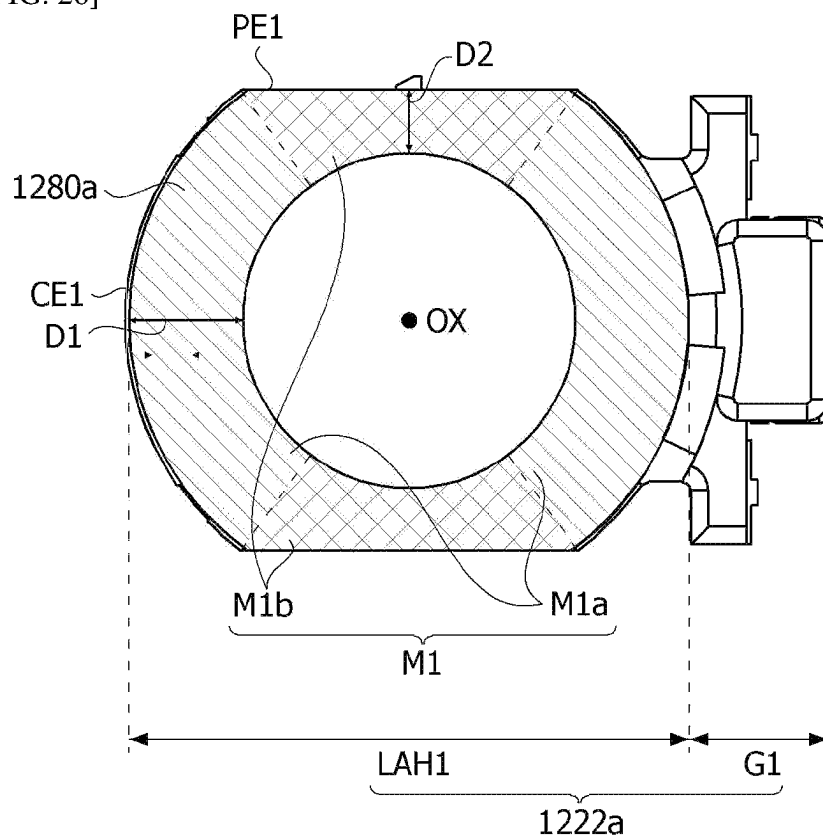
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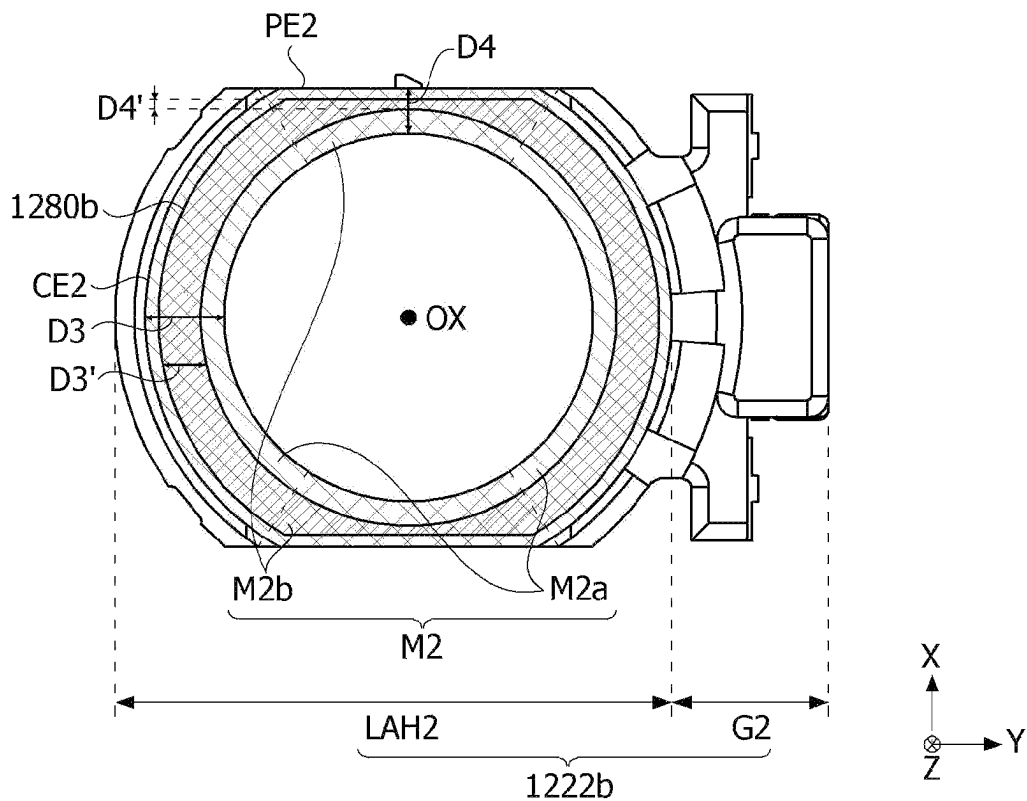
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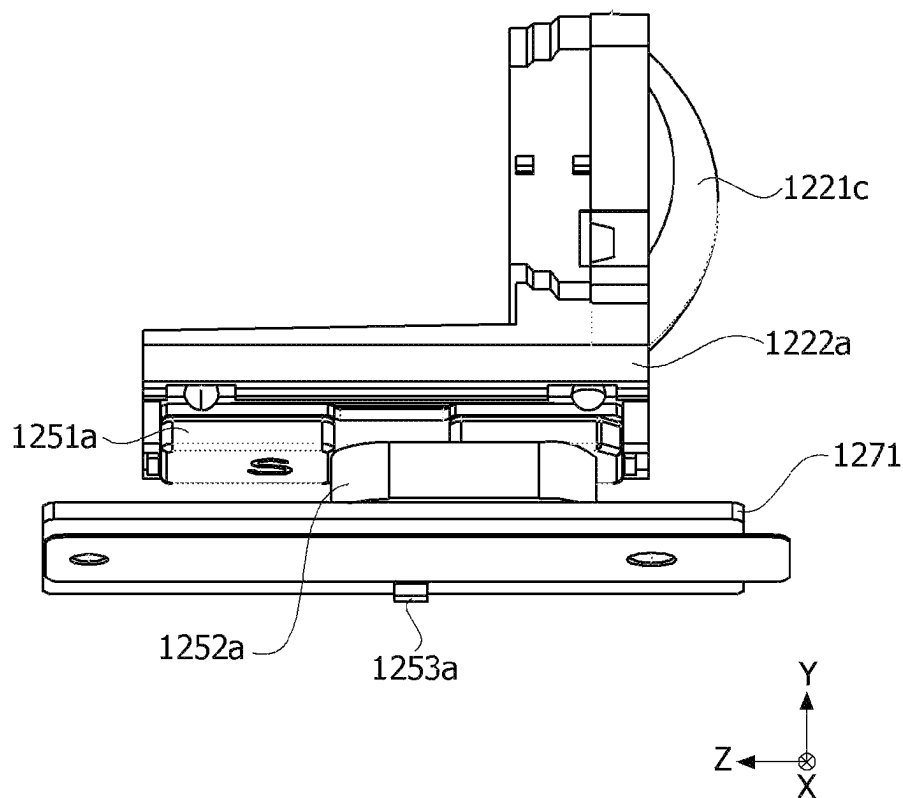
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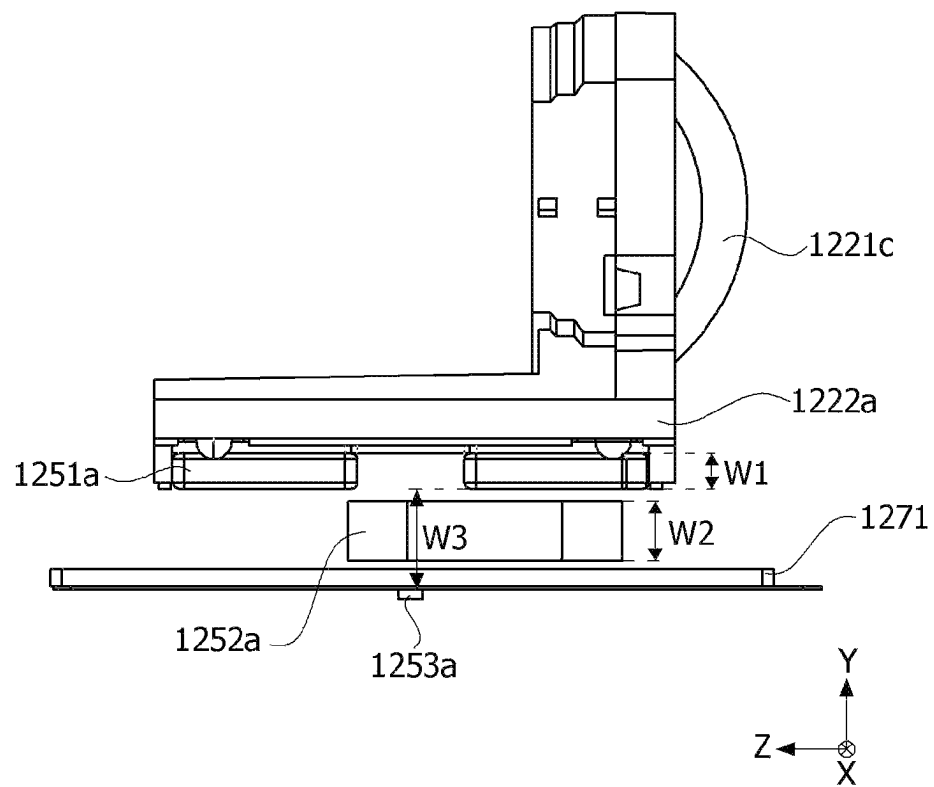
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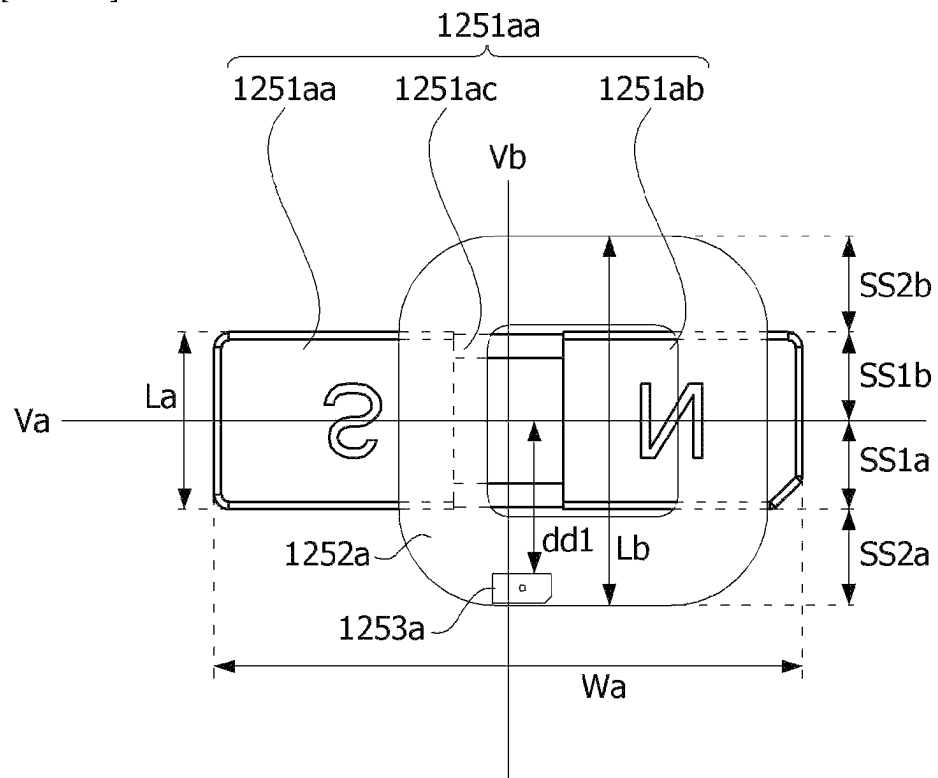
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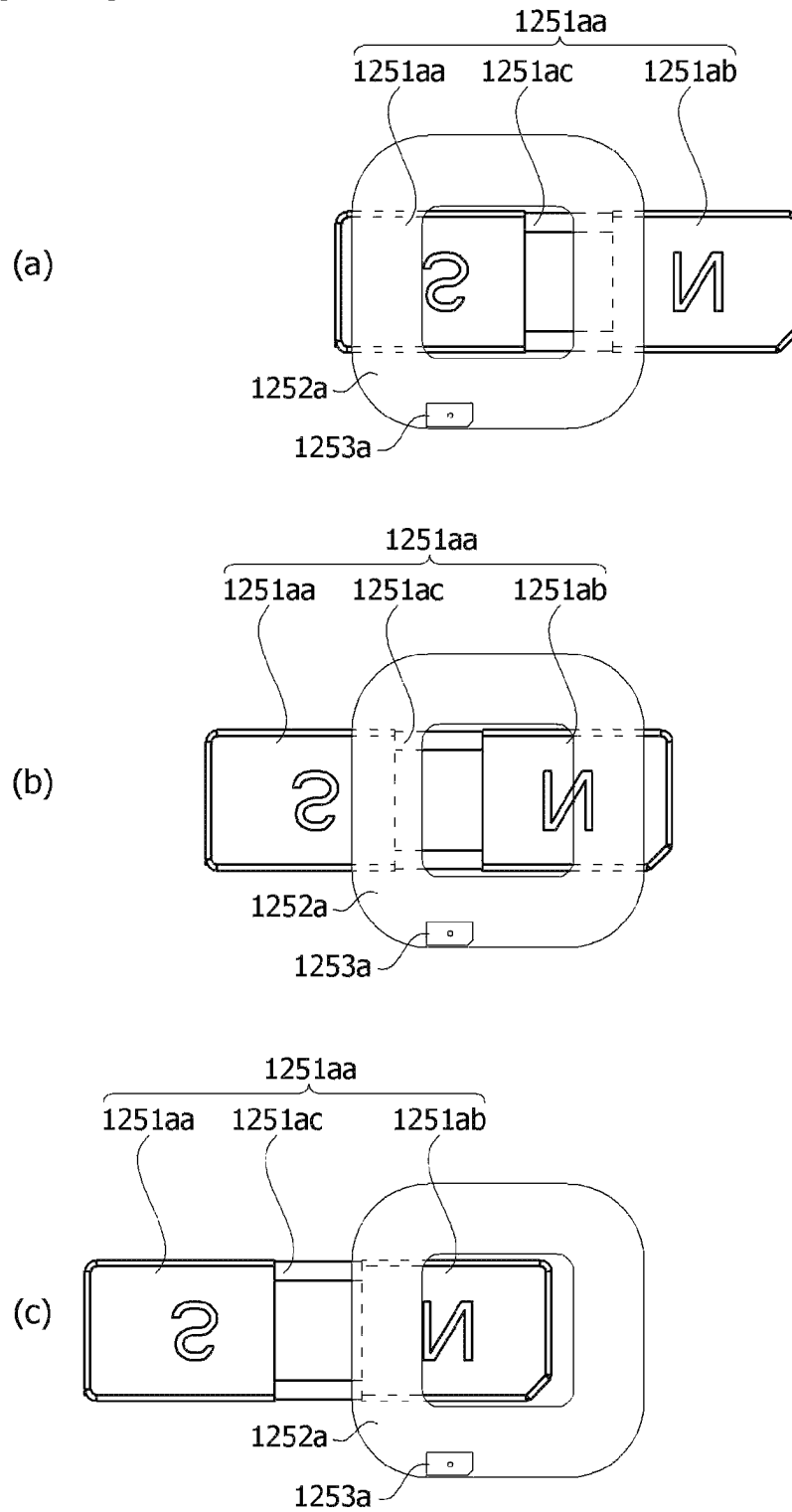
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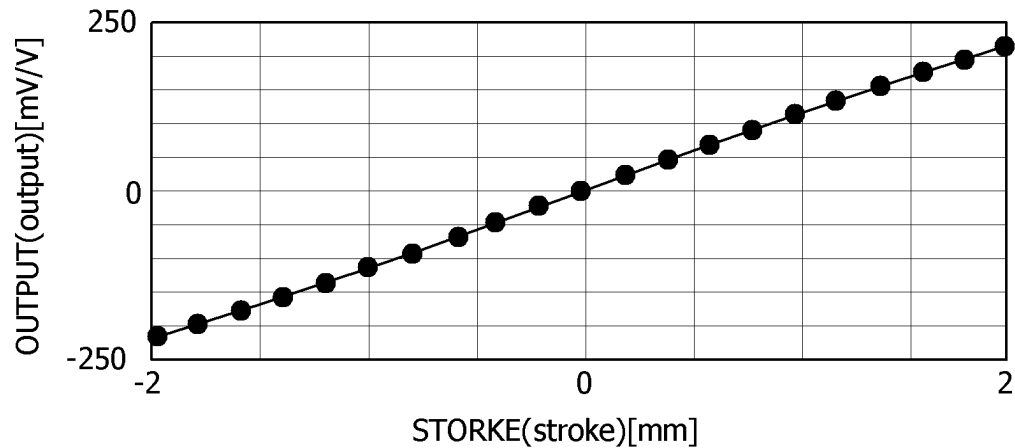
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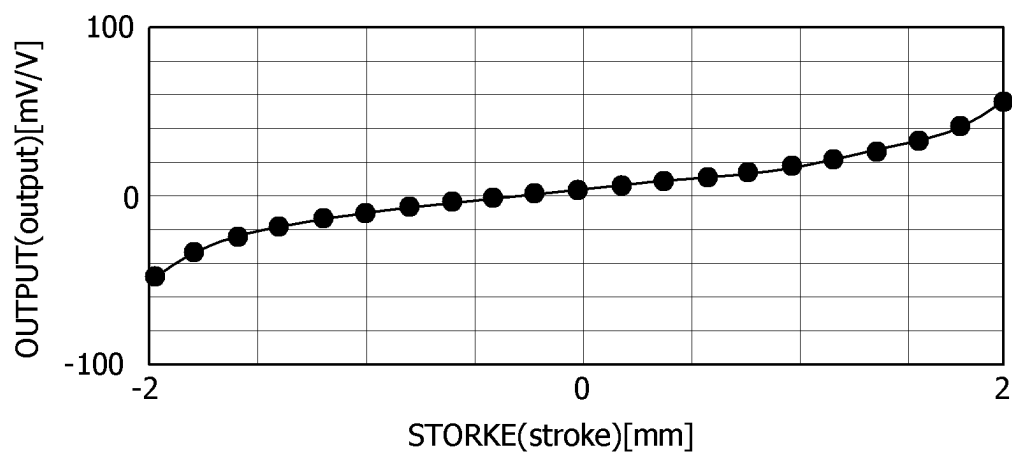
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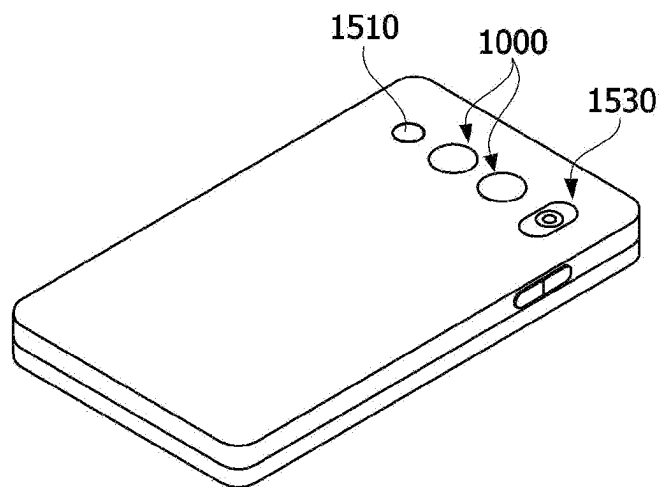
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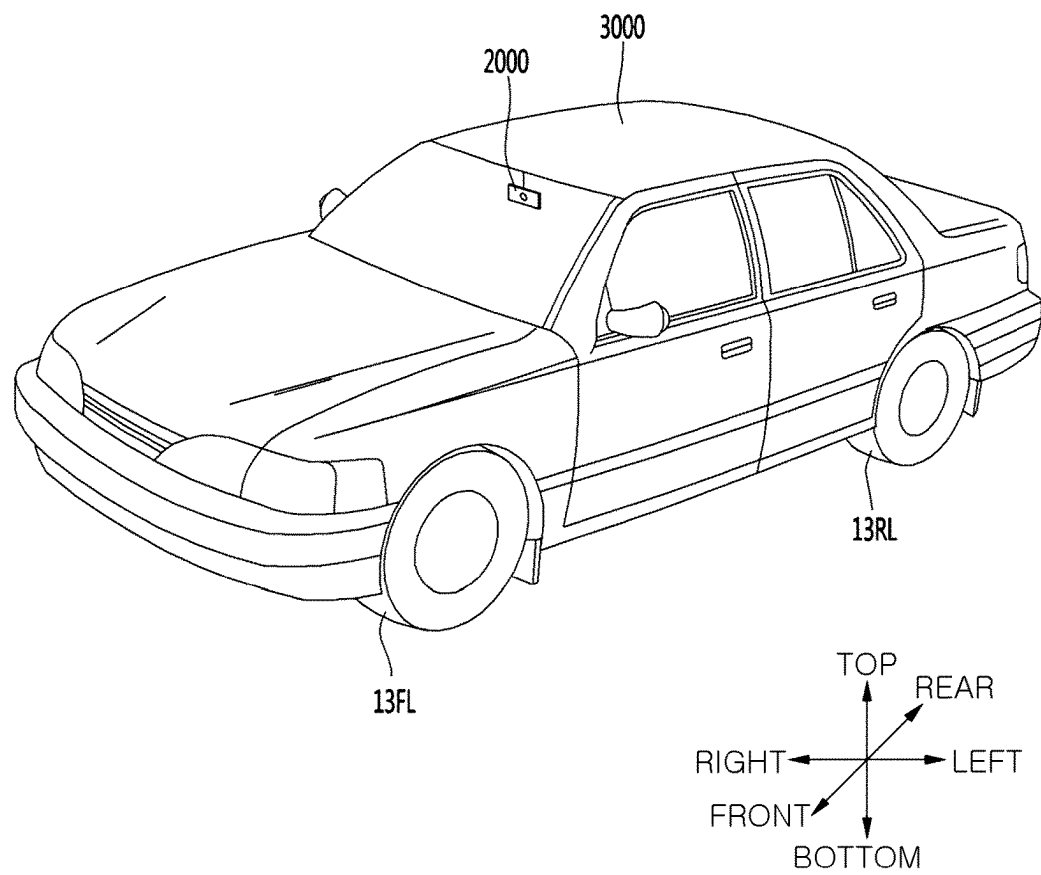
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**CAMERA ACTUATOR AND CAMERA
DEVICE COMPRISING SAME****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT
APPLICATIONS**

This application is a U.S. National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/KR2021/010591, filed Aug. 10, 2021, which claims priority to Korean Patent Application Nos. 10-2020-0100603, filed Aug. 11, 2020 and 10-2020-0135235, filed Oct. 19, 2020, whose entire disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a camera actuator and a camera device including the same.

BACKGROUND ART

A camera is a device for taking pictures or videos of subjects and is mounted on a mobile device, a drone, a vehicle, or the like. A camera module may have an image stabilization (IS) function of correcting or preventing the image shake caused by the movement of a user in order to improve the quality of the image, an auto focusing (AF) function of aligning a focal length of a lens by automatically adjusting an interval between an image sensor and the lens, and a zooming function of capturing a remote subject by increasing or decreasing the magnification of the remote subject through a zoom lens.

Meanwhile, a pixel density of the image sensor increases as a resolution of the camera increases, and thus a size of the pixel becomes smaller, and as the pixel becomes smaller, the amount of light received for the same time decreases. Therefore, as the camera has a higher pixel density, the image shake caused by hand shaking due to a shutter speed decreased in a dark environment may more severely occur. As a representative IS technique, there is an optical image stabilizer (OIS) technique of correcting motion by changing a path of light.

According to the general OIS technique, the motion of the camera may be detected through a gyro sensor or the like, and a lens may tilt or move, or a camera module including a lens and an image sensor may tilt or move based on the detected motion. When the lens or the camera module including the lens and the image sensor tilts or moves for an OIS, it is necessary to additionally secure a space for tilting or moving around the lens or the camera module.

Meanwhile, an actuator for OIS may be disposed around the lens. In this case, the actuator for OIS may include actuators in charge of two axes (i.e., an X-axis and a Y-axis perpendicular to a Z-axis which is an optical axis) tilting.

However, according to the needs of ultra-slim and ultra-small camera devices, there is a large space constraint for arranging the actuator for OIS, and it may be difficult to secure a sufficient space where the lens or the camera device including the lens and the image sensor itself may be tilted or moved for OIS. In addition, as the camera has a higher pixel density, it is preferable that a size of the lens be increased to increase the amount of received light, and there may be a limit to increasing the size of the lens due to a space occupied by the actuator for OIS.

In addition, when a zooming function, an AF function, and an OIS function are all included in the camera device,

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there is also a problem that an OIS magnet and an AF or zoom magnet are disposed close to each other to cause magnetic field interference.

Technical Problem

The present invention is directed to providing a camera actuator and a camera device applicable to ultra-slim, ultra-small, and high-resolution cameras.

In addition, the present invention may provide a camera actuator and a camera device that easily perform optical or mechanical alignment of adjacent lens assemblies.

In addition, the present invention may provide a camera actuator and a camera device having improved resistance against an impact occurring when adjacent lens assemblies move in an optical axis direction.

In addition, the present invention may provide a camera actuator having improved accuracy of position detection in a camera actuator for providing a long stroke.

The object of embodiments is not limited thereto and may also include objects or effects that may be identified from the configurations or embodiments to be described below.

Technical Solution

A camera actuator according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a housing, a first lens assembly and a second lens assembly that move in an optical axis direction in the housing, and a driving unit configured to move the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly, wherein the first lens assembly includes a first outer side surface, the second lens assembly includes a second outer side surface facing the first outer side surface and at least partially overlapping the first outer side surface in the optical axis direction, and a bonding member in contact with at least one of the first outer side surface and the second outer side surface.

The bonding member may include a first bonding member in contact with the first outer side surface and a second bonding member in contact with the second outer side surface.

The first bonding member and the second bonding member may not overlap at least partially in the optical axis direction.

A first length of the first bonding member in the optical axis direction may be smaller than a second length of the second bonding member in the optical axis direction.

The first lens assembly may include a first lens hole, the second lens assembly may include a second lens hole, and the camera actuator may further include at least one lens disposed in each of the first lens hole and the second lens hole.

The first outer side surface may include a 1-1 outer region symmetrical in a first direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge and a 1-2 outer region symmetrical in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat outer edge.

A first minimum thickness of the 1-1 outer region may be greater than a second minimum thickness of the 1-2 outer region.

The bonding member may be disposed in the 1-1 outer region.

The second outer side surface may include a 2-1 outer region symmetrical in a first direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge and a 2-2 outer region symmetrical in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat outer edge.

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A third minimum thickness of the 2-1 outer region may be greater than a fourth minimum thickness of the 2-2 outer region.

The bonding member may be in contact with the 2-1 outer region.

The first lens assembly may move within a first moving distance in the optical axis direction, the second lens assembly may move within a second moving distance in the optical axis direction, and the first moving distance may be smaller than the second moving distance.

The first lens assembly may include a third outer side surface opposite to the first outer side surface, and the third outer side surface may include a 3-1 outer region symmetrical in the first direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge and a 3-2 outer region symmetrical in the second direction perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat outer edge.

A first minimum thickness of the 1-1 outer region may be greater than a minimum thickness of the 3-1 outer region.

The second lens assembly may include a fourth outer side surface opposite to the second outer side surface, the fourth outer side surface may include a 4-1 outer region symmetrical in the first direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge; and a 4-2 outer region symmetrical in the second direction perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat outer edge, and a third minimum thickness of the 2-1 outer region may be greater than a minimum thickness of the 4-1 outer region.

A camera device according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a housing, a lens assembly including at least one lens in the housing, and a driving unit configured to move the lens assembly in an optical axis direction, wherein the driving unit includes a driving magnet and a driving coil positioned to face each other and a sensor unit configured to detect a magnetic force from the driving magnet, and the driving coil is disposed between the driving magnet and the sensor unit.

The driving magnet may include a first polarity portion and a second polarity portion having different polarities, the sensor unit may be disposed to be misaligned with a first virtual line, and the first virtual line may be a bisector of the driving magnet in the optical axis direction.

The driving magnet may further include an air gap disposed between the first polarity portion and the second polarity portion.

The driving coil may include a first region overlapping the driving magnet in a direction toward the facing driving magnet and a second region disposed above or under the driving magnet.

The sensor unit may be disposed in the second region.

The sensor unit may not overlap the driving magnet in a direction from the driving magnet toward the driving coil.

The camera device may further include a first side board and a second side board electrically connected to the driving unit and disposed to be spaced apart from each other on facing side surfaces of the housing.

The sensor unit may be disposed on an outer side surface of the first side board or an outer side surface of the second side board.

The driving coil may be disposed on an inner side surface of the first side board or an inner side surface of the second side board.

The sensor unit may further include a main board including a tunnel magnetoresistive effect (TMR) sensor, disposed on a rear end of the lens assembly, and having an image sensor.

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A camera module according to an embodiment includes a housing, a lens assembly including at least one lens in the housing, and a driving unit configured to move the lens assembly in an optical axis direction, wherein the driving unit includes a driving magnet and a driving coil positioned to face each other and a sensor unit configured to detect a magnetic force from the driving magnet, and the driving magnet, the driving coil, and the sensor unit are disposed in a direction away from the optical axis and do not overlap one another in the optical axis direction.

Advantageous Effects

Embodiments of the present invention may provide a camera actuator and a camera device applicable to ultra-slim, ultra-small, and high-resolution cameras.

In particular, it is possible to efficiently dispose an actuator for an optical image stabilizer (OIS) even without increasing the overall size of the camera device.

According to embodiments of the present invention, an X-axis tilting and a Y-axis tilting do not cause magnetic field interference, it is possible to implement the X-axis tilting and the Y-axis tilting with a stable structure, and the X-axis tilting and the Y-axis tilting do not cause magnetic field interference with an auto focusing (AF) or zoom actuator, thereby achieving a precise OIS function.

According to embodiments of the present invention, it is possible to secure a sufficient amount of light by overcoming the size limitation of the lens and implement an OIS with low power consumption.

In addition, it is possible to implement a camera actuator with improved accuracy of position detection in a camera actuator for providing a long stroke.

The object of embodiments is not limited thereto and may also include objects or effects that may be identified from the configurations or embodiments to be described below.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a camera device according to an embodiment.

FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the camera device according to the embodiment.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view along line A-A' in FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of a first camera actuator according to an embodiment.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the first camera actuator according to the embodiment from which a first shield can and a board are removed.

FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view along line B-B' in FIG. 5.

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view along line C-C' in FIG. 5.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 9 is an exploded perspective view of the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view along line D-D' in FIG. 8.

FIGS. 11 and 12 are views for describing the driving of each lens assembly according to an embodiment.

FIG. 13 is a view showing the driving of the second camera actuator according to an embodiment.

FIG. 14 is a schematic diagram showing a circuit board according to an embodiment.

FIG. 15 is a perspective view of a first lens assembly, a first bonding member, a second bonding member, and a second lens assembly according to an embodiment.

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FIG. 16 is a view showing the alignment performed by coupling the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly by the bonding member before separation.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view of the first lens assembly, the first bonding member, the second bonding member, and the second lens assembly according to the embodiment after the bonding member in FIG. 16 is separated.

FIG. 18 is a view showing a first outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to the embodiment.

FIG. 19 is a view showing a second outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to the embodiment.

FIG. 20 is a view showing a third outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to the embodiment.

FIG. 21 is a view showing a fourth outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to the embodiment.

FIG. 22 is a perspective view of a first lens assembly, a first bonding member, and a second lens assembly according to another embodiment.

FIG. 23 is a view showing a first outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to another embodiment.

FIG. 24 is a view showing a second outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to another embodiment.

FIG. 25 is a perspective view of a first lens assembly, a second bonding member, and a second lens assembly according to still another embodiment.

FIG. 26 is a view showing a first outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to still another embodiment.

FIG. 27 is a view showing a second outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to still another embodiment.

FIG. 28 is a perspective view of a first side board, a fourth coil, a fourth magnet, a first sensor, a first lens assembly, and a third lens group in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 29 is a top view of the first side board, the fourth coil, the fourth magnet, the first sensor, the first lens assembly, and the third lens group in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 30 is a side view of the fourth magnet, the fourth coil, and the first sensor in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 31 (a) to (c) are views for describing the positional relationship between the fourth magnet, the fourth coil, and the first sensor according to driving in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 32 is a view showing the driving of the first sensor overlapping a second region in a second direction in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 33 is a view showing the driving of the first sensor overlapping a first region in the second direction in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

FIG. 34 is a perspective view of a mobile terminal to which the camera device according to the embodiment is applied.

FIG. 35 is a perspective view of a vehicle to which the camera device according to the embodiment is applied.

MODES OF THE INVENTION

Since the present invention may have various changes and various embodiments, specific embodiments are illustrated and described in the accompanying drawings. However, it should be understood that it is not intended to limit specific embodiments, and it should be understood to include all modifications, equivalents, and substitutes included in the spirit and scope of the present invention.

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Terms including ordinal numbers such as second or first may be used to describe various components, but the components are not limited by the terms. The terms are used only for the purpose of distinguishing one component from another. For example, a second component may be referred to as a first component, and similarly, the first component may also be referred to as the second component without departing from the scope of the present invention. The term “and/or” includes a combination of a plurality of related listed items or any of the plurality of related listed items.

When a certain component is described as being “connected” or “coupled” to another component, it is understood that it may be directly connected or coupled to another component or other components may also be disposed therebetween. On the other hand, when a certain component is described as being “directly connected” or “directly coupled” to another component, it should be understood that other components are not disposed therebetween.

The terms used in the application are only used to describe specific embodiments and are not intended to limit the present invention. The singular expression includes the plural expression unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. In the application, it should be understood that terms such as “comprise” or “have” are intended to specify that a feature, a number, a step, an operation, a component, a part, or a combination thereof described in the specification is present, but do not preclude the possibility of the presence or addition of one or more other features, numbers, steps, operations, components, parts, or combinations thereof.

Unless defined otherwise, all terms used herein, including technical or scientific terms, have the same meaning as commonly understood by those of ordinary skill in the art to which the present invention pertains. Terms such as those defined in a commonly used dictionary should be construed as having a meaning consistent with the meaning in the context of the related art and should not be construed in an ideal or excessively formal meaning unless explicitly defined in the application.

Hereinafter, embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings, and the same or corresponding components are given the same reference numerals regardless of the reference numerals, and overlapping descriptions thereof will be omitted.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a camera device according to an embodiment, FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the camera device according to the embodiment, and FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view along line A-A' in FIG. 1.

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, a camera device 1000 according to the embodiment may include a cover CV, a first camera actuator 1100, a second camera actuator 1200, and a circuit board 1300. Here, the first camera actuator 1100 may be used interchangeably with “first actuator,” and the second camera actuator 1200 may be used interchangeably with “second actuator.”

The cover CV may cover the first camera actuator 1100 and the second camera actuator 1200. It is possible to increase a coupling force between the first camera actuator 1100 and the second camera actuator 1200 by the cover CV.

Furthermore, the cover CV may be made of a material which blocks electromagnetic waves. Therefore, it is possible to easily protect the first camera actuator 1100 and the second camera actuator 1200 in the cover CV.

In addition, the first camera actuator 1100 may be an optical image stabilizer (OIS) actuator.

The first camera actuator 1100 may include a fixed focal length lens disposed in a predetermined barrel (not shown).

The fixed focal length lens may also be referred to as “single focal length lens” or “single lens.”

The first camera actuator **1100** may change an optical path. In the embodiment, the first camera actuator **1100** may change the optical path vertically through an optical member (e.g., a mirror) therein. With this configuration, even when a thickness of a mobile terminal is decreased, a lens with a focal length that is greater than the thickness of the mobile terminal is disposed in the mobile terminal through a change in the optical path so that zooming, auto focusing (AF), and OIS functions may be performed.

The first camera actuator **1100** may change the optical path from a first direction to a third direction. In the specification, an optical axis direction corresponds to a proceeding direction of light provided to an image sensor in the third direction or a Z-axis direction.

The second camera actuator **1200** may be disposed at a rear end of the first camera actuator **1100**. The second camera actuator **1200** may be coupled to the first camera actuator **1100**. In addition, mutual coupling may be performed by various methods.

In addition, the second camera actuator **1200** may be a zoom actuator or an AF actuator. For example, the second camera actuator **1200** may support one or more lenses and perform an AF function or a zooming function by moving the lenses according to a predetermined control signal of a control part.

The circuit board **1300** may be disposed at a rear end of the second camera actuator **1200**. The circuit board **1300** may be electrically connected to the second camera actuator **1200** and the first camera actuator **1100**. In addition, a plurality of circuit boards **1300** may be provided.

The circuit board **1300** may be connected to a second housing of the second camera actuator **1200** and may have the image sensor. Furthermore, a base unit including a filter may be seated on the circuit board **1300**. A description thereof will be given below.

A camera device according to the embodiment may include one or more camera devices. For example, the plurality of camera devices may include a first camera device and a second camera device.

In addition, the first camera device may include one or more actuators. For example, the first camera device may include the first camera actuator **1100** and the second camera actuator **1200**.

In addition, the second camera device may include an actuator (not shown) disposed in a predetermined housing (not shown) and capable of driving a lens unit. The actuator may be a voice coil motor, a micro actuator, a silicon actuator, and the like and applied in various methods such as an electrostatic method, a thermal method, a bimorph method, and an electrostatic force method, but the present invention is not limited thereto. In addition, in the specification, a camera actuator may be referred to as an “actuator” or the like. In addition, a camera device composed of a plurality of camera devices may be mounted in various electronic devices such as mobile terminals.

Referring to FIG. 3, the camera device according to the embodiment may include the first camera actuator **1100** for performing the OIS function and the second camera actuator **1200** for performing the zooming function and the AF function.

Light may enter the camera device through an opening region positioned in an upper surface of the first camera actuator **1100**. In other words, the light may enter the first camera actuator **1100** in an optical axis direction (e.g., an X-axis direction), and the optical path may be changed in a

vertical direction (e.g., a Z-axis direction) through the optical member. In addition, the light may pass through the second camera actuator **1200** and may be incident on an image sensor IS positioned at one end of the second camera actuator **1200** (PATH).

In the specification, the bottom surface refers to one side in a first direction. In addition, the first direction is the X-axis direction in the drawings and may be used interchangeably with a second axis direction or the like. A second direction is a Y-axis direction in the drawings and may be used interchangeably with a first axis direction or the like. The second direction is a direction perpendicular to the first direction. In addition, a third direction is the Z-axis direction in the drawings and may be used interchangeably with a third axis direction or the like. In addition, the third direction is perpendicular to both the first direction and the second direction. Here, the third direction (Z-axis direction) corresponds to the optical axis direction, and the first direction (X-axis direction) and the second direction (Y-axis direction) are directions perpendicular to the optical axis and may be tilted by the second camera actuator. A description thereof will be given below. In addition, hereinafter, the optical axis direction is a third direction (Z-axis direction) in the description of the second camera actuator **1200** and will be described below based on this.

In addition, with this configuration, the camera device according to the embodiment may reduce the spatial limitations of the first camera actuator and the second camera actuator by changing the optical path. In other words, the camera device according to the embodiment may extend the optical path while minimizing the thickness of the camera device in response to the change in the optical path. Furthermore, it should be understood that the second camera actuator may provide a high magnification by controlling a focus or the like in the extended optical path.

In addition, the camera device according to the embodiment may implement an OIS by controlling the optical path through the first camera actuator, thereby minimizing the occurrence of a decentering or tilting phenomenon and providing the best optical characteristics.

Furthermore, the second camera actuator **1200** may include an optical system and a lens driving unit. For example, at least one of a first lens assembly, a second lens assembly, a third lens assembly, and a guide pin may be disposed in the second camera actuator **1200**.

In addition, the second camera actuator **1200** may include a coil and a magnet and perform a high-magnification zooming function.

For example, the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly may be moving lenses that each moves through the coil, the magnet, and a guide pin, and the third lens assembly may be a fixed lens, but the present invention is not limited thereto. For example, the third lens assembly may perform a function of a focator by which light forms an image at a specific position, and the first lens assembly may perform a function of a variator for re-forming an image formed by the third lens assembly, which is the focator, at another position. Meanwhile, the first lens assembly may be in a state in which a magnification change is large because a distance to a subject or an image distance is greatly changed, and the first lens assembly, which is the variator, may play an important role in a focal length or magnification change of the optical system. Meanwhile, imaging points of an image formed by the first lens assembly, which is the variator, may be slightly different depending on a position. Therefore, the second lens assembly may perform a position compensation function for the image formed by the variator. For example, the second

lens assembly may perform a function of a compensator for accurately forming an image at an actual position of the image sensor using the imaging points of the image formed by the first lens assembly which is the variator. For example, the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly may be driven by an electromagnetic force generated by the interaction between the coil and the magnet. The above description may be applied to a lens assembly to be described below.

Meanwhile, when the OIS actuator and the AF actuator or the zoom actuator are disposed according to the embodiment of the present invention, the magnetic field interference with an AF magnet or a zoom magnet can be prevented when an OIS is driven. Since a first driving magnet of the first camera actuator **1100** is disposed separately from the second camera actuator **1200**, the magnetic field interference between the first camera actuator **1100** and the second camera actuator **1200** can be prevented. In the specification, an OIS may be used interchangeably with terms such as hand shaking correction, optical image stabilization, optical image correction, shake correction, or the like.

FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of the first camera actuator according to the embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 4, the first camera actuator **1100** according to the embodiment includes a first shield can (not shown), a first housing **1120**, a mover **1130**, a rotational unit **1140**, and a first driving unit **1150**.

The mover **1130** may include a holder **1131** and an optical member **1132** seated on the holder **1131**. The rotational unit **1140** includes a rotational plate **1141**, a first magnetic part **1142** having a coupling force with the rotational plate **1141**, and a second magnetic part **1143** positioned in the rotational plate **1141**. In addition, the first driving unit **1150** includes a first driving magnet **1151**, a first driving coil **1152**, a first Hall sensor unit **1153**, and a first board unit **1154**.

The first shield can (not shown) may be positioned at an outermost side of the first camera actuator **1100** and positioned to surround the rotational unit **1140** and the first driving unit **1150**, which will be described below.

The first shield can (not shown) may block or reduce the influence of electromagnetic waves generated from the outside. Therefore, it is possible to reduce the number of occurrences of malfunction of the rotational unit **1140** or the first driving unit **1150**.

The first housing **1120** may be positioned in the first shield can (not shown). In addition, the first housing **1120** may be positioned inside the first board unit **1154** to be described below. The first housing **1120** may be fastened by being fitted into or engaged with the first shield can (not shown).

The first housing **1120** may be composed of a plurality of housing side portions. The first housing **1120** may include a first housing side portion **1121**, a second housing side portion **1122**, a third housing side portion **1123**, and a fourth housing side portion **1124**.

The first housing side portion **1121** and the second housing side portion **1122** may be disposed to face each other. In addition, the third housing side portion **1123** and the fourth housing side portion **1124** may be disposed between the first housing side portion **1121** and the second housing side portion **1122**.

The third housing side portion **1123** may be in contact with the first housing side portion **1121**, the second housing side portion **1122**, and the fourth housing side portion **1124**. In addition, the third housing side portion **1123** may be a lower portion of the first housing **1120** and include a bottom surface thereof.

In addition, the first housing side portion **1121** may include a first housing hole **1121a**. A first coil **1153a** to be described below may be positioned in the first housing hole **1121a**.

In addition, the second housing side portion **1122** may include a second housing hole **1122a**. In addition, a second coil **1153b** to be described below may be positioned in the second housing hole **1122a**.

The first coil **1153a** and the second coil **1153b** may be coupled to the first board unit **1154**. In an embodiment, the first coil **1153a** and the second coil **1153b** may be electrically connected to the first board unit **1154** so that a current may flow therethrough. The current is an element of an electromagnetic force by which the first camera actuator may tilt with respect to an X-axis.

In addition, the third housing side portion **1123** may include a third housing hole **1123a**. A third coil **1153c** to be described below may be positioned in the third housing hole **1123a**. The third coil **1153c** may be coupled to the first board unit **1154**. Further, the third coil **1153c** may be electrically connected to the first board unit **1154** so that a current may flow therethrough. The current is an element of the electromagnetic force by which the first camera actuator may tilt with respect to a Y-axis.

The fourth housing side portion **1124** may include a first housing groove **1124a**. The first magnetic part **1142** to be described below may be disposed in a region facing the first housing groove **1124a**. Therefore, the first housing **1120** may be coupled to the rotational plate **1141** by a magnetic force or the like.

In addition, the first housing groove **1124a** according to the embodiment may be positioned on an inner side surface or an outer side surface of the fourth housing side portion **1124**. Therefore, the first magnetic part **1142** may also be disposed to correspond to a position of the first housing groove **1124a**.

In addition, the first housing **1120** may include an accommodating portion **1125** formed by the first to fourth housing side portions **1121** to **1124**. The mover **1130** may be positioned in the accommodating portion **1125**.

The mover **1130** includes the holder **1131** and the optical member **1132** seated on the holder **1131**.

The holder **1131** may be seated in the accommodating portion **1125** of the first housing **1120**. The holder **1131** may include a first prism outer side surface to a fourth prism outer side surface respectively corresponding to the first housing side portion **1121**, the second housing side portion **1122**, the third housing side portion **1123**, and the fourth housing side portion **1124**.

A seating groove in which the second magnetic part **1143** may be seated may be disposed on the fourth prism outer side surface facing the fourth housing side portion **1124**.

The optical member **1132** may be seated on the holder **1131**. To this end, the holder **1131** may have a seating surface, and the seating surface may be formed by an accommodating groove. The optical member **1132** may include a reflector disposed therein. However, the present invention is not limited thereto. In addition, the optical member **1132** may reflect light reflected from the outside (e.g., an object) into the camera device. In other words, the optical member **1132** can reduce spatial limitations of the first camera actuator and the second camera actuator by changing the path of the reflected light. As described above, it should be understood that the camera device may also provide a high magnification by extending an optical path while minimizing a thickness thereof.

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The rotational unit **1140** includes the rotational plate **1141**, the first magnetic part **1142** having a coupling force with the rotational plate **1141**, and the second magnetic part **1143** positioned on the rotational plate **1141**.

The rotational plate **1141** may be coupled to the mover **1130** and the first housing **1120**. The rotational plate **1141** may include an additional magnetic part (not shown) positioned therein.

In addition, the rotational plate **1141** may be disposed adjacent to the optical axis. Therefore, the actuator according to the embodiment may easily change the optical path according to first axis tilting and second axis tilting, which will be described below.

The rotational plate **1141** may include first protrusions disposed to be spaced apart from each other in a first direction (X-axis direction) and second protrusions disposed to be spaced apart from each other in a second direction (Y-axis direction). In addition, the first protrusion and the second protrusion may protrude in opposite directions. A description thereof will be given below.

In addition, the first magnetic part **1142** may include a plurality of yokes, and the plurality of yokes may be positioned to face each other with respect to the rotational plate **1141**. In an embodiment, the first magnetic part **1142** may include a plurality of facing yokes. In addition, the rotational plate **1141** may be positioned between the plurality of yokes.

As described above, the first magnetic part **1142** may be positioned in the first housing **1120**. In addition, as described above, the first magnetic part **1142** may be seated on the inner or outer side surface of the fourth housing side portion **1124**. For example, the first magnetic part **1142** may be seated in a groove formed on the outer side surface of the fourth housing side portion **1124**. Alternatively, the first magnetic part **1142** may be seated in the first housing groove **1124a**.

In addition, the second magnetic part **1143** may be positioned on the mover **1130**, particularly, an outer side surface of the holder **1131**. With this configuration, the rotational plate **1141** may be easily coupled to the first housing **1120** and the mover **1130** by a coupling force generated by a magnetic force between the second magnetic part **1143** and the first magnetic part **1142** therein. In the present invention, positions of the first magnetic part **1142** and the second magnetic part **1143** may be changed.

The first driving unit **1150** includes the first driving magnet **1151**, the first driving coil **1152**, the first Hall sensor unit **1153**, and the first board unit **1154**.

The first driving magnet **1151** may include a plurality of magnets. In an embodiment, the first driving magnet **1151** may include a first magnet **1151a**, a second magnet **1151b**, and a third magnet **1151c**.

Each of the first magnet **1151a**, the second magnet **1151b**, and the third magnet **1151c** may be positioned on the outer side surface of the holder **1131**. In addition, the first magnet **1151a** and the second magnet **1151b** may be positioned to face each other. In addition, the third magnet **1151c** may be positioned on a bottom surface of the outer side surface of the holder **1131**. A description thereof will be given below.

The first driving coil **1152** may include a plurality of coils. In an embodiment, the first driving coil **1152** may include the first coil **1153a**, the second coil **1153b**, and the third coil **1153c**.

The first coil **1153a** may be positioned to face the first magnet **1151a**. Therefore, the first coil **1153a** may be positioned in the first housing hole **1121a** of the first housing side portion **1121** as described above.

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In addition, the second coil **1153b** may be positioned to face the second magnet **1151b**. Therefore, the second coil **1153b** may be positioned in the second housing hole **1122a** of the second housing side portion **1122** as described above.

The first coil **1153a** may be positioned to face the second coil **1153b**. In other words, the first coil **1153a** may be positioned to be symmetrical to the second coil **1153b** with respect to the first direction (X-axis direction). This may also be applied to the first magnet **1151a** and the second magnet **1151b** in the same manner. In other words, the first magnet **1151a** and the second magnet **1151b** may be positioned symmetrically with respect to the first direction (X-axis direction). In addition, the first coil **1153a**, the second coil **1153b**, the first magnet **1151a**, and the second magnet **1151b** may be disposed to overlap at least partially in the second direction (Y-axis direction). With this configuration, X-axis tilting may be accurately performed without inclination to one side by an electromagnetic force between the first coil **1153a** and the first magnet **1151a** and an electromagnetic force between the second coil **1153b** and the second magnet **1151b**.

The third coil **1153c** may be positioned to face the third magnet **1151c**. Therefore, the third coil **1153c** may be positioned in the third housing hole **1123a** of the third housing side portion **1123** as described above. The third coil **1153c** generates an electromagnetic force with the third magnet **1151c** so that the mover **1130** and the rotational unit **1140** may perform Y axis tilting with respect to the first housing **1120**.

Here, the X-axis tilting refers to tilting based on the X-axis, and the Y-axis tilting refers to tilting based on the Y-axis.

The first Hall sensor unit **1153** may include a plurality of Hall sensors. The Hall sensor corresponds to "sensor" described below and is used interchangeably therewith. In an embodiment, the first Hall sensor unit **1153** may include a first Hall sensor **1153a**, a second Hall sensor **1153b**, and a third Hall sensor **1153c**.

The first Hall sensor **1153a** may be positioned inside the first coil **1153a**. The second Hall sensor **1153b** may be disposed to be symmetrical with the first Hall sensor **1153a** with respect to the first direction (X-axis direction) and the third direction (Z-axis direction). In addition, the second Hall sensor **1153b** may be positioned inside the second coil **1153b**.

The first Hall sensor **1153a** may detect a change in magnetic flux inside the first coil **1153a**. In addition, the second Hall sensor **1153b** may detect a change in magnetic flux in the second coil **1153b**. Therefore, positions between the first and second magnets **1151a** and **1151b** and the first and second Hall sensors **1153a** and **1153b** may be sensed. For example, the first camera actuator according to the embodiment may control X-axis tilting through the first and second Hall sensors **1153a** and **1153b**.

In addition, the third Hall sensor **1153c** may be positioned inside the third coil **1153c**. The third Hall sensor **1153c** may detect a change in magnetic flux inside the third coil **1153c**. Therefore, a position between the third magnet **1151c** and the third Hall sensor **1153c** may be sensed. Therefore, the first camera actuator according to the embodiment may control X-axis tilting. Therefore, the first camera actuator according to the embodiment may control Y-axis tilting. One or more first to third Hall sensors may be provided.

The first board unit **1154** may be positioned on a lower portion of the first driving unit **1150**. The first board unit **1154** may be electrically connected to the first driving coil **1152** and the first Hall sensor unit **1153**. For example, the

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first board unit **1154** may be coupled to the first driving coil **1152** and the first Hall sensor unit **1153** through a surface mounting technology (SMT). However, the present invention is not limited to this method.

The first board unit **1154** may be positioned between the first shield can (not shown) and the first housing **1120** and coupled to the first shield can and the first housing **1120**. The coupling method may be variously performed as described above. In addition, through the coupling, the first driving coil **1152** and the first Hall sensor unit **1153** may be positioned within an outer side surface of the first housing **1120**.

The first board unit **1154** includes a circuit board having line patterns that may be electrically connected, such as a rigid printed circuit board (RPCB), a flexible PCB (FPCB), and a rigid flexible PCB (RFPCB). However, the present invention is not limited to these types.

FIG. **5** is a perspective view of the first camera actuator according to the embodiment from which a first shield can and a board are removed, FIG. **6** is a cross-sectional view along line B-B' in FIG. **5**, and FIG. **7** is a cross-sectional view along line C-C' in FIG. **5**.

Referring to FIGS. **5** to **7**, a first coil **1152a** may be positioned on the first housing side portion **1121**.

In addition, the first coil **1152a** and the first magnet **1151a** may be positioned to face each other. At least a portion of the first magnet **1151a** may overlap the first coil **1152a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In addition, a second coil **1152b** may be positioned on the second housing side portion **1122**. Therefore, the second coil **1152b** and the second magnet **1151b** may be positioned to face each other. At least a portion of the second magnet **1151b** may overlap the second coil **1152b** in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In addition, the first coil **1152a** and the second coil **1152b** may overlap in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and the first magnet **1151a** and the second magnet **1151b** may overlap in the second direction (Y-axis direction). With this configuration, an electromagnetic force applied to the outer side surfaces of the holders (the first holder outer side surface and the second holder outer side surface) may be positioned on a parallel axis in the second direction (Y-axis direction), thereby accurately and precisely performing X-axis tilting.

In addition, a first accommodating groove (not shown) may be positioned in a fourth holder outer side surface. In addition, first protrusions **PR1a** and **PR1b** may be disposed in the first accommodating groove. Therefore, when X-axis tilting is performed, the first protrusions **PR1a** and **PR1b** may be reference axes (or rotational axes) of the tilt. Therefore, the rotational plate **1141** and the mover **1130** may move in a left-right direction.

As described above, the second protrusion **PR2** may be seated in the groove of an inner side surface of the fourth housing side portion **1124**. In addition, when Y-axis tilting is performed, the rotational plate and the mover may be rotated about the second protrusion **PR2** that is a reference axis of the Y-axis tilt.

According to the embodiment, an OIS function may be performed by the first protrusion and the second protrusion.

Referring to FIG. **6**, Y-axis tilting may be performed. In other words, an OIS can be implemented by the rotation in the first direction (X-axis direction).

In an embodiment, the third magnet **1151c** disposed under the holder **1131** may form an electromagnetic force with the third coil **1152c** to tilt or rotate the mover **1130** in the first direction (X-axis direction).

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Specifically, the rotational plate **1141** may be coupled to the first housing **1120** and the mover **1130** by the first magnetic part **1142** in the first housing **1120** and the second magnetic part **1143** in the mover **1130**. In addition, the first protrusions **PR1** may be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction) and supported by the first housing **1120**.

In addition, the rotational plate **1141** may rotate or tilt based on the second protrusion **PR2** protruding toward the mover **1130**, which is the reference axis (or the rotational axis). In other words, the rotational plate **1141** may perform Y-axis tilting based on the second protrusion **PR2** that is the reference axis.

For example, an OIS can be implemented by rotating ($X1 \rightarrow X1a$ or $X1b$) the mover **1130** at a first angle $\theta 1$ in the X-axis direction by first electromagnetic forces **F1A** and **F1B** between the third magnet **1151c** disposed in the third seating groove and the third coil **1152c** disposed on the third board side portion. The first angle $\theta 1$ may be in the range of $\pm 1^\circ$ to 3° . However, the present invention is not limited thereto.

Hereinafter, in the first camera actuators according to various embodiments, the electromagnetic force may move the mover by generating a force in the described direction or move the mover in the described direction even when a force is generated in another direction. In other words, the described direction of the electromagnetic force refers to a direction of the force generated by the magnet and the coil to move the mover.

Referring to FIG. **7**, X-axis tilting may be performed. In other words, an OIS can be implemented by the rotation in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

The OIS can be implemented by tilting or rotating (or X-axis tilting) the mover **1130** in the Y-axis direction.

In an embodiment, the first magnet **1151a** and the second magnet **1151b** disposed on the holder **1131** generate electromagnetic forces with the first coil **1152a** and the second coil **1152b**, respectively, to tilt or move the rotational plate **1141** and the mover **1130** in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

The rotational plate **1141** may rotate or tilt (may perform X-axis tilting) based on the first protrusion **PR1** that is a reference axis (or a rotational axis) in the second direction.

For example, the OIS can be implemented by rotating ($Y1 \rightarrow Y1a$, $Y1b$) the mover **1130** at a second angle $\theta 2$ in the Y-axis direction by second electromagnetic forces **F2A** and **F2B** between the first and second magnets **1151a** and **1151b** disposed in the first seating groove and the first and second coils **1152a** and **1152b** disposed on the first and second board side portions. The second angle $\theta 2$ may be in the range of $\pm 1^\circ$ to 3° . However, the present invention is not limited thereto.

In addition, as described above, the electromagnetic force generated by the first and second magnets **1151a** and **1151b** and the first and second coils **1152a** and **1152b** may act in the third direction or in a direction opposite to the third direction. For example, the electromagnetic force may be generated from a left portion of the mover **1130** in the third direction (Z-axis direction) and may act from a right portion of the mover **1130** in the direction opposite to the third direction (Z-axis direction). Therefore, the mover **1130** may rotate with respect to the first direction. Alternatively, the mover **1130** may move along the second direction.

As described above, the first actuator according to the embodiment may control the rotational plate **1141** and the mover **1130** to be rotated in the first direction (X-axis direction) or the second direction (Y-axis direction) by the

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electromagnetic force between the first driving magnet in the holder and the first driving coil disposed in the housing, thereby minimizing the occurrence of a decentering or tilting phenomenon when implementing an OIS and providing the best optical characteristics. In addition, as described above, “Y-axis tilting” corresponds to the rotation or tilting in the first direction (X-axis direction), and “X-axis tilting” corresponds to the rotation or tilting in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a second camera actuator according to the embodiment, FIG. 9 is an exploded perspective view of the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view along line D-D' in FIG. 8, FIGS. 11 and 12 are views for describing the driving of each lens assembly according to an embodiment, and FIG. 13 is a view showing the driving of the second camera actuator according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 8 to 10, the second camera actuator 1200 according to the embodiment may include a lens unit 1220, a second housing 1230, a second driving unit 1250, a base unit 1260, a second board unit 1270, and a bonding member 1280. Furthermore, the second camera actuator 1200 may further include a second shield can (not shown), an elastic unit (not shown), and a bonding member (not shown).

The second shield can (not shown) may be positioned in one region (e.g., an outermost side) of the second camera actuator 1200 and positioned to surround the following components (the lens unit 1220, the second housing 1230, the second driving unit 1250, the base unit 1260, the second board unit 1270, and an image sensor IS).

The second shield can (not shown) may block or reduce the influence of electromagnetic waves generated from the outside. Therefore, it is possible to reduce the number of occurrences of malfunction of the second driving unit 1250.

The lens unit 1220 may be positioned in the second shield can (not shown). The lens unit 1220 may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction or optical axis direction). Therefore, the AF function or zooming function described above may be performed.

In addition, the lens unit 1220 may be positioned in the second housing 1230. Therefore, at least a portion of the lens unit 1220 may move in the optical axis direction or the third direction (Z-axis direction) in the second housing 1230.

Specifically, the lens unit 1220 may include a lens group 1221 and a moving assembly 1222.

First, the lens group 1221 may include one or more lenses. In addition, a plurality of lens groups 1221 may be provided, hereinafter, but a description will be given based on one lens group.

The lens group 1221 may be coupled to the moving assembly 1222 and may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction) by the electromagnetic forces generated from a fourth magnet 1252a and a fifth magnet 1252b coupled to the moving assembly 1222.

In an embodiment, the lens group 1221 may include a first lens group 1221a, a second lens group 1221b, and a third lens group 1221c. The first lens group 1221a, the second lens group 1221b, and the third lens group 1221c may be sequentially disposed in the optical axis direction.

The first lens group 1221a may be coupled to and fixed to a 2-1 housing. In other words, the first lens group 1221a may not move in the optical axis direction.

The second lens group 1221b may be coupled to the first lens assembly 1222a and may move in the third direction or

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the optical axis direction. Magnification may be adjusted by moving the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens group 1221b.

The third lens group 1221c may be coupled to the second lens assembly 1222b and may move in the third direction or the optical axis direction. Focal adjustment or AF function may be performed by moving the third lens group 1221c.

However, the present invention is not limited to the number of lens groups, and a fourth lens group or the like may be further disposed on a rear end of the third lens group 1221c.

The moving assembly 1222 may include an opening region surrounding the lens group 1221. The moving assembly 1222 is used interchangeably with the lens assembly. In addition, the moving assembly 1222 may be coupled to the lens group 1221 by various methods. In addition, the moving assembly 1222 may include a groove in a side surface thereof, and may be coupled to the fourth magnet 1252a and the fifth magnet 1252b through the groove. A coupling member or the like may be applied to the groove.

In addition, the moving assembly 1222 may be coupled to the elastic units (not shown) on an upper end and a lower end thereof. Therefore, the moving assembly 1222 may be supported by the elastic unit (not shown) while moving in the third direction (Z-axis direction). In other words, the moving assembly 1222 may be maintained in the third direction (Z-axis direction) as the position of the moving assembly 1222 is maintained. The elastic unit (not shown) may be formed as a leaf spring.

The moving assembly 1222 may be positioned in the second housing 1230 and may include the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b.

A region where the third lens group is seated in the second lens assembly 1222b may be positioned on a rear end of the first lens assembly 1222a. In other words, the region where the third lens group 1221c is seated in the second lens assembly 1222b may be positioned between a region where the second lens group 1221b is seated in the first lens assembly 1222a and the image sensor.

The first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b may include a first guide unit G1 and a second guide unit G2, respectively.

The first guide unit G1 of the first lens assembly 1222a and the second guide unit G2 of the second lens assembly 1222b may be positioned to correspond to each other. For example, the first guide unit G1 and the second guide unit G2 may be positioned opposite to each other in the third direction. In addition, the first guide unit G1 and the second guide unit G2 may at least partially overlap each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

The first guide unit G1 and the second guide unit G2 may include at least one groove or recess. In addition, a first ball B1 or a second ball B2 may be seated in the groove or the recess. Therefore, the first ball B1 or the second ball B2 may move in the third direction along a rail formed inside a first side portion 1232a of the second housing 1230 or a rail formed inside a second side portion 1232b of the second housing 1230. Therefore, the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b may move in the third direction.

In addition, the second driving magnet may be seated on outer side surfaces of the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b. For example, the fifth magnet 1252b may be seated on the outer side surface of the second lens assembly 1222b. The fourth magnet 1252a may be seated on the outer side surface of the first lens assembly 1222a.

The second housing **1230** may be disposed between the lens unit **1220** and the second shield can (not shown). In addition, the second housing **1230** may be disposed to surround the lens unit **1220**.

The second housing **1230** may include a 2-1 housing **1231** and a 2-2 housing **1232**. The 2-1 housing **1231** may be coupled to the first lens group **1221a** and may also be coupled to the above-described first camera actuator. The 2-1 housing **1231** may be positioned in front of the 2-2 housing **1232**.

In addition, the 2-2 housing **1232** may be positioned on a rear end of the 2-1 housing **1231**. The lens unit **1220** may be seated inside the 2-2 housing **1232**.

A hole may be formed in a side portion of the second housing **1230** (or the 2-2 housing **1232**). The fourth coil **1251a** and the fifth coil **1251b** may be disposed in the hole. The hole may be positioned to correspond to the groove of the moving assembly **1222**.

In an embodiment, the second housing **1230** may include the first side portion **1232a** and the second side portion **1232b**. The first side portion **1232a** and the second side portion **1232b** may be positioned to correspond to each other. For example, the first side portion **1232a** and the second side portion **1232b** may be disposed symmetrically with respect to the third direction. The second driving coil **1251** may be positioned on the first side portion **1232a** and the second side portion **1232b**. In addition, the second board unit **1270** may be seated on outer side surfaces of the first side portion **1232a** and the second side portion **1232b**. In other words, a first board **1271** may be positioned on the outer side surface of the first side portion **1232a**, and a second board **1272** may be positioned on the outer side surface of the second side portion **1232b**.

The fifth magnet **1252b** may be positioned to face the fifth coil **1251b**. In addition, the fourth magnet **1252a** may be positioned to face the fourth coil **1251a**.

The elastic unit (not shown) may include a first elastic member (not shown) and a second elastic member (not shown). The first elastic member (not shown) may be coupled to an upper surface of the moving assembly **1222**. The second elastic member (not shown) may be coupled to a lower surface of the moving assembly **1222**. In addition, the first elastic member (not shown) and the second elastic member (not shown) may be formed as leaf springs as described above. In addition, the first elastic member (not shown) and the second elastic member (not shown) may provide elasticity for the movement of the moving assembly **1222**.

The second driving unit **1250** may provide a driving force for moving the lens unit **1220** in the third direction (Z-axis direction). The second driving unit **1250** may include the second driving coil **1251** and a second driving magnet **1252**. Furthermore, the second driving unit **1250** may include a second Hall sensor unit. The second Hall sensor unit **1253** may include at least one fourth Hall sensor **1253a** and may be positioned inside or outside the second driving coil **1251**.

The moving assembly may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction) by the electromagnetic force formed between the second driving coil **1251** and the second driving magnet **1252**.

The second driving coil **1251** may include the fourth coil **1251a** and the fifth coil **1251b**. In addition, the fourth coil **1251a** and the fifth coil **1251b** may be disposed in the hole formed in the side portion of the second housing **1230**. In addition, the fourth coil **1251a** and the fifth coil **1251b** may be electrically connected to the second board unit **1270**.

Therefore, the fourth coil **1251a** and the fifth coil **1251b** may receive a current or the like through the second board unit **1270**.

The second driving magnet **1252** may include the fourth magnet **1252a** and the fifth magnet **1252b**. The fourth magnet **1252a** and the fifth magnet **1252b** may be disposed in the above-described groove of the moving assembly **1222** and positioned to correspond to the fourth coil **1251a** and the fifth coil **1251b**.

The base unit **1260** may be positioned between the lens unit **1220** and the image sensor IS. A component such as a filter may be fixed to the base unit **1260**. In addition, the base unit **1260** may be disposed to surround the above-described image sensor. With this configuration, the image sensor can be free from foreign substances and the like, thereby improving the reliability of the device. However, hereinafter, a description will be given after removing the image sensor in some drawings.

In addition, the second camera actuator **1200** may be a zoom actuator or an AF actuator. For example, the second camera actuator may support one or more lenses and perform an AF function or a zooming function by moving the lens according to a control signal of a predetermined control unit.

In addition, the second camera actuator may be a fixed zoom actuator or a continuous zoom actuator. For example, the second camera actuator may provide the movement of the lens group **1221**.

In addition, the second camera actuator may be composed of a plurality of lens assemblies. For example, one or more of a third lens assembly (not shown) other than the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b** and a guide pin (not shown) may be disposed in the second camera actuator. The above description may be applied to a description thereof. Therefore, the second camera actuator may perform a high-magnification zooming function through the second driving unit. For example, the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b** may be moving lenses moving through the second driving unit and the guide pin (not shown), and the third lens assembly (not shown) may be a fixed lens but the present invention is not limited thereto. For example, the third lens assembly may perform a function of a focator by which light forms an image at a specific position, and the first lens assembly may perform a function of a variator for re-forming an image formed by the third lens assembly, which is the focator, at another position. Meanwhile, the first lens assembly may be in a state in which a magnification change is large because a distance to a subject or an image distance is greatly changed, and the first lens assembly, which is the variator, may play an important role in a focal length or magnification change of the optical system. Meanwhile, imaging points of an image formed by the first lens assembly, which is the variator, may be slightly different depending on a position. Therefore, the second lens assembly may perform a position compensation function for the image formed by the variator. For example, the second lens assembly may perform a function of a compensator for accurately forming an image at an actual position of the image sensor using the imaging points of the image formed by the second lens assembly **1222b** which is the variator. However, the configuration of the embodiment will be described with reference to the following drawings.

The image sensor may be positioned inside or outside the second camera actuator. In an embodiment, as shown, the image sensor may be positioned outside the second camera actuator. For example, the image sensor may be positioned on a circuit board. The image sensor may receive light and

convert the received light into an electrical signal. In addition, the image sensor may have a plurality of pixels in an array form. In addition, the image sensor may be positioned on the optical axis.

The second board unit **1270** may be in contact with the second housing side portion. For example, the second board unit **1270** may be positioned on the second housing, in particular, the outer side surface (first side surface) of the first side portion of the 2-2 housing and the outer side surface (second side surface) of the second side portion of the 2-2 housing and may be in contact with the first side surface and the second side surface.

The bonding member **1280** may be disposed between the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b**. In an embodiment, the bonding member **1280** may be disposed in contact with at least one of the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b** between the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b**. For example, the bonding member **1280** may be formed as at least one of a first bonding member **1280a** in contact with the first lens assembly **1222a** and a second bonding member **1280b** in contact with the second lens assembly **1222b**. In the embodiment, the following description will be given on the basis of the bonding member **1280** composed of the first bonding member **1280a** and the second bonding member **1280b**. In addition, in another embodiment or still another embodiment below, a case in which the bonding member **1280** is any one of the first bonding member **1280a** and the second bonding member **1280b** will be described.

The bonding member **1280** may be made of a material having a bonding function. For example, the bonding member **1280** may be made of an epoxy or silicone material. In addition, the bonding member **1280** may lose the bonding function at a predetermined temperature after cured. Therefore, the bonding member before separation may lose a bonding force at the predetermined temperature after the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b** are coupled and lens adjustment or alignment is performed and thus may be separated into the first lens assembly **1222a** or the second lens assembly **1222b**. In other words, when the predetermined temperature is provided before separation, the bonding member may be separated into any one of the first bonding member **1280a** and the second bonding member **1280b**. A detailed description thereof will be given below.

Referring to FIGS. **11** and **12**, in the camera device according to the embodiment, by generating an electromagnetic force DEM1 between the fourth magnet **1252a** and the fourth coil **1251a**, the first lens assembly **1222a** may move along a rail positioned on the inner side surface of the housing through the first ball B1 in a direction parallel to the optical axis, that is, in the third direction (Z-axis direction) or the direction opposite to the third direction.

Specifically, in the camera device according to the embodiment, the fourth magnet **1252a** may be provided in the first lens assembly **1222a**, for example, by a vertical unipolar magnetization method. For example, in the embodiment, both of the N pole and the S pole of the fourth magnet **1252a** may be positioned to face the fourth coil **1251a**. Therefore, each of the N pole and the S pole of the fourth magnet **1252a** may be disposed to correspond to a region in which a current flows from the fourth coil **1251a** in the X-axis direction or a direction opposite to the X-axis direction.

In an embodiment, when a magnetic force is applied from the N pole of the fourth magnet **1252a** in a direction opposite

to the second direction (Y-axis direction) and a current DE1 flows at the fourth coil **1251a** corresponding to the N pole in a direction opposite to the first direction (X-axis direction), an electromagnetic force DEM1 may act in the third direction (Z-axis direction) according to the interaction of the electromagnetic force (e.g., Fleming's left hand rule).

In addition, in the embodiment, when a magnetic force is applied from the S pole of the fourth magnet **1252a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and the current DE1 flows at the fourth coil **1251a** corresponding to the S pole in the first direction (X-axis direction), the electromagnetic force DEM1 may act in the Z-axis direction according to the interaction of the electromagnetic force.

At this time, since the fourth coil **1251a** is in a state of being fixed to the housing side portion, the first lens assembly **1222a** on which the fourth magnet **1252a** is disposed may move in the direction opposite to the Z-axis direction by the electromagnetic force DEM1 according to the current direction. In addition, the direction of the electromagnetic force may be changed depending on the current of the coil and the magnetic force of the magnet. Therefore, the first lens assembly **1222a** may move along the rail positioned on the inner side surface of the housing through the first ball B1 in the third direction or the direction (both directions) parallel to the optical axis direction. At this time, the electromagnetic force DEM1 may be controlled in proportion to the current DE1 applied to the fourth coil **1251a**.

In the camera device according to the embodiment, the fifth magnet **1252b** may be provided in the second lens assembly **1222b**, for example, by a vertical unipolar magnetization method. For example, in the embodiment, both of the N pole and the S pole of the fifth magnet **1252b** may be positioned to face the fifth coil **1251b**. Therefore, each of the N pole and the S pole of the fifth magnet **1252b** may be disposed to correspond to a region in which a current flows from the fifth coil **1251b** in the X-axis direction or a direction opposite to the X-axis direction.

In the embodiment, when a magnetic force DM2 is applied from the N pole of the fifth magnet **1252b** in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and the current DE2 flows at the fifth coil **1251b** corresponding the N pole in the first direction (X-axis direction), an electromagnetic force DEM2 may act in the third direction (Z-axis direction) according to the interaction of the electromagnetic force (e.g., Fleming's left hand rule).

In addition, in the embodiment, when a magnetic force is applied from the S pole of the fifth magnet **1252b** in the direction opposite to the second direction (Y-axis direction) and the current DE2 flows at the fifth coil **1251b** corresponding the S pole in the direction opposite to the first direction (X-axis direction), the electromagnetic force DEM2 may act in the Z-axis direction according to the interaction of the electromagnetic force.

At this time, since the fifth coil **1251b** is a state of being fixed to the housing side portion, the second lens assembly **1222b** on which the fifth magnet **1252b** is disposed may move in the direction opposite to the Z-axis direction by the electromagnetic force DEM2 according to the current direction. For example, as described above, the direction of the electromagnetic force may be changed depending on the current of the coil and the magnetic force of the magnet. Therefore, the second lens assembly **1222b** may move along the rail positioned on the inner side surface of the second housing through the second ball B2 in the direction parallel to the third direction (Z-axis direction). At this time, the electromagnetic force DEM2 may be controlled in proportion to the current DE2 applied to the fifth coil **1251b**.

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Referring to FIG. 13, in the camera device according to the embodiment, the second driving unit may provide driving forces F3A, F3B, F4A, and F4B for moving the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b of the lens unit 1220 in the third direction (Z-axis direction). As described above, the second driving unit may include the second driving coil 1251 and the second driving magnet 1252. In addition, the lens unit 1220 may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction) by the electromagnetic force formed between the second driving coil 1251 and the second driving magnet 1252.

At this time, the fourth coil 1251a and the fifth coil 1251b may be disposed in the holes formed in the side portions (e.g., the first side portion and the second side portion) of the second housing 1230. In addition, the fifth coil 1251b may be electrically connected to the first board 1271. The fourth coil 1251a may be electrically connected to the second board 1272. Therefore, the fourth coil 1251a and the fifth coil 1251b may receive a driving signal (e.g., a current) from a driving driver on the circuit board of the circuit board 1300 through the second board unit 1270.

At this time, the first lens assembly 1222a on which the fourth magnet 1252a is seated may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction) by the electromagnetic forces F3A and F3B between the fourth coil 1251a and the fourth magnet 1252a. In addition, the second lens group 1221b seated on the first lens assembly 1222a may also move in the third direction.

In addition, the second lens assembly 1222b on which the fifth magnet 1252b is seated may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction) by the electromagnetic forces F4A and F4B between the fifth coil 1251b and the fifth magnet 1252b. In addition, the third lens group 1221c seated on the second lens assembly 1222b may also move in the third direction.

Therefore, as described above, the focal length or magnification of the optical system may be changed by moving the second lens group 1221b and the third lens group 1221c. In an embodiment, the magnification may be changed by moving the second lens group 1221b. In other words, zooming may be performed. In addition, the focus may be adjusted by moving the third lens group 1221c. In other words, an AF function may be performed. With this configuration, the second camera actuator may be a fixed zoom actuator or a continuous zoom actuator.

FIG. 14 is a schematic diagram showing a circuit board according to an embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 14, as described above, the circuit board 1300 according to the embodiment may include a first circuit board unit 1310 and a second circuit board unit 1320. The first circuit board unit 1310 may be positioned under and coupled to the base. In addition, the image sensor IS may be disposed on the first circuit board unit 1310. In addition, the first circuit board unit 1310 and the image sensor IS may be electrically connected.

In addition, the second circuit board unit 1320 may be positioned on a side portion of the base. In particular, the second circuit board unit 1320 may be positioned on a first sidewall of the base. Therefore, the second circuit board unit 1320 may be positioned adjacent to the fourth coil positioned adjacent to the first sidewall so that electrical connection may be easily made.

Furthermore, the circuit board 1300 may further include a fixed board (not shown) positioned on a side surface thereof. Therefore, even when the circuit board 1300 is made of a flexible material, the circuit board 1300 may be coupled to the base while maintaining stiffness by the fixed board.

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The second circuit board unit 1320 of the circuit board 1300 may be positioned on a side portion of the second driving unit 1250. The circuit board 1300 may be electrically connected to the first driving unit and the second driving unit. For example, the electrical connection may be made by the SMT. However, the present invention is not limited to this method.

The circuit board 1300 may include a circuit board having line patterns that may be electrically connected, such as an RPCB, an FPCB, and an RFPCB. However, the present invention is not limited to these types.

In addition, the circuit board 1300 may be electrically connected to another camera module in the terminal or a processor of the terminal. Therefore, the camera actuator and the camera device including the camera actuator described above may transmit and receive various signals within the terminal.

FIG. 15 is a perspective view of a first lens assembly, a first bonding member, a second bonding member, and a second lens assembly according to an embodiment, FIG. 16 is a view showing the alignment performed by coupling the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly by the bonding member before separation, and FIG. 17 is a perspective view of the first lens assembly, the first bonding member, the second bonding member, and the second lens assembly according to the embodiment after the bonding member in FIG. 16 is separated.

Referring to FIG. 16, the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). In addition, the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b may move in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) by the second driving unit. For example, an auto focus or zooming function may be performed by moving the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b.

In addition, the first lens assembly 1222a may include a first lens holder LAH1 for holding and coupling the first guide unit G1 and the second lens group 1221b. The first lens holder LAH1 may be coupled to the first guide unit G1. In addition, the first lens holder LAH1 may include a first lens hole LH1 for accommodating the second lens group 1221b. In other words, at least one lens may be disposed in the first lens hole LH1. The first guide unit G1 may be disposed on one side of the first lens holder LAH1. For example, the first guide unit G1 and the first lens holder LAH1 may be sequentially disposed in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In addition, the second lens assembly 1222b may include a second lens holder LAH2 for holding and coupling the second guide unit G2 and the third lens group 1221c. The second lens holder LAH2 may be coupled to the second guide unit G2. In addition, the second lens holder LAH2 may include a second lens hole LH2 for accommodating the third lens group 1221c. In other words, at least one lens may be disposed in the second lens hole LH2.

The second guide unit G2 may be disposed on the other side of the second lens holder LAH2. The second guide unit G2 may be disposed opposite to the first guide unit G1. In an embodiment, the first guide unit G1 and the second guide unit G2 may at least partially overlap each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction). With this configuration, it is possible to improve the space efficiency of the second driving unit for moving the first and second lens assemblies in the second camera actuator, thereby easily miniaturizing the second camera actuator.

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In addition, the second guide unit G2 and the second lens holder LAH2 may be sequentially disposed in a direction opposite to the second direction (Y-axis direction).

The first ball, the fourth magnet, and the like may be disposed in the first guide unit G1 as described above, and the second ball, the fifth magnet, and the like may be disposed in the second guide unit G2 as described above.

The above-described separated bonding member, that is, the first bonding member 1280a and the second bonding member 1280b may be disposed between the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b. The first bonding member 1280a may be in contact with the first lens assembly 1222a, and the second bonding member 1280b may be in contact with the second lens assembly 1222b.

In an embodiment, the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b may include outer side surfaces adjacent to each other. The first lens assembly 1222a may include a first outer side surface M1, and the second lens assembly 1222b may include a second outer side surface M2. The first outer side surface M1 may be a lower surface of the first lens holder LAH1 with respect to the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). In addition, a third outer side surface M3 to be described below may be an upper surface of the first lens holder LAH1. In addition, the second outer side surface M2 may be an upper surface of the second lens holder LAH2, and a fourth outer side surface M4 may be a lower surface of the second lens holder LAH2.

The second outer side surface M2 and the third outer side surface M3 may be disposed to face each other. Even when the first bonding member 1280a or the second bonding member 1280b is disposed between the second outer side surface M2 and the third outer side surface M3, the second outer side surface M2 and the third outer side surface M3 may be disposed to at least partially face each other. Alternatively, the second outer side surface M2 and the third outer side surface M3 may be adjacent outer side surfaces between the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b. Alternatively, the second outer side surface M2 and the third outer side surface M3 may be adjacent outer side surfaces between the first lens holder LAH1 and the second lens holder LAH2.

In addition, the first outer side surface M1 and the second outer side surface M2 may at least partially overlap each other in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). In an embodiment, the first outer side surface M1 to the fourth outer side surface M4 may at least partially overlap each other in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction).

The bonding member 1280 may be in contact with at least one of the first outer side surface M1 and the second outer side surface M2. The first bonding member 1280a may be in contact with the first outer side surface M1. In an embodiment, the first bonding member 1280a may overlap the first outer side surface M1 in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). In addition, the second bonding member 1280b may be in contact with the second outer side surface M2. In an embodiment, the second bonding member 1280b may overlap the second outer side surface M2 in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction).

In addition, in an embodiment, the first bonding member 1280a and the second bonding member 1280b may not overlap at least partially in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). For example, the outer side surface of the first bonding member 1280a on the first outer side surface M1 and the outer side surface of the second bonding member 1280b on the second outer side surface M2 may correspond to each other. With this configuration, even when the first

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lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b come into contact with each other while moving in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction), an impact can be reduced by the first bonding member 1280a and the second bonding member 1280b. Furthermore, the shapes of the first bonding member 1280a and the second bonding member 1280b correspond to each other, and thus the impact may spread uniformly to the first bonding member 1280a and the second bonding member 1280b without being concentrated on a partial region. Therefore, it is possible to improve the reliability of the second camera actuator.

In addition, the first bonding member 1280a and the second bonding member 1280b may partially overlap each other in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). In this case, a length of the bonding member before separation in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) may be the sum of lengths of the separated first bonding member 1280a and second bonding member 1280b in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction).

In an embodiment, the first bonding member 1280a may be disposed in a partial region on the first outer side surface M1, and the second bonding member 1280b may be disposed in a partial region on the second outer side surface M2. An area (XY plane) of the first bonding member 1280a may be smaller than an area (XY plane) of the first outer side surface M1. In addition, an area (XY plane) of the second bonding member 1280b may be smaller than an area (XY plane) of the second outer side surface M2.

Referring to FIGS. 16 and 17, a bonding member 1280' before separation may be disposed between the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b so that the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b may be coupled. In other words, the bonding member 1280' before separation can improve a coupling force between the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b. Therefore, it is possible to minimize an optical or mechanical alignment error between the second lens group 1221b in the first lens assembly 1222a and the third lens group 1221c in the second lens assembly 1222b. For example, upon inspecting the optical alignment of the second lens group 1221b and the third lens group 1221c, the second lens group 1221b and the third lens group 1221c, which are coupled between a master first lens group (for inspection) corresponding to the first lens group and a master image sensor (for inspection) corresponding to the image sensor, are disposed so that the optical inspection may be easily performed. Therefore, the optical inspection may not be performed on each of the second lens group 1221b and the third lens group 1221c. In other words, it is possible to facilitate an inspection process. Furthermore, according to an embodiment, it is possible to minimize an error occurring upon assembling between the second lens group 1221b and the third lens group 1221c and suppress the degradation of optical performance that occurs according to the driving (moving in the Z-axis direction) of the separated second lens group 1221b and third lens group 1221c.

In an embodiment, the bonding member 1280' may be made of a material having a bonding function as described above. In addition, the bonding member 1280 may lose the bonding function at a predetermined temperature after cured (the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly are coupled). Therefore, the bonding member 1280' before separation may lose a bonding force at the predetermined temperature after the first lens assembly 1222a and the second lens assembly 1222b are coupled and lens adjust-

ment or alignment is performed and may be separated into the first lens assembly **1222a** or the second lens assembly **1222b**.

The first bonding member **1280a** and the second bonding member **1280b** separated at the predetermined temperature may be respectively present on the first outer side surface and the second outer side surface to perform an operation of absorbing an impact caused by the movement of the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b**.

In an embodiment, the first lens assembly **1222a** may move within a first moving distance in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction), and the second lens assembly **1222b** may move within a second moving distance in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). At this time, the first moving distance and the second moving distance may be different. For example, the first lens assembly performs the zooming function, the second lens assembly performs the AF function, and the first moving distance may be smaller than the second moving distance.

In addition, a first length **L1** of the first bonding member **1280a** in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) may be smaller than a second length **L2** of the second bonding member **1280b** in the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction). With this configuration, the impact on the second lens assembly having a large moving distance can be easily reduced by the second bonding member **1280b**. Therefore, it is possible to improve the reliability of the second camera actuator.

FIG. **18** is a view showing a first outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to the embodiment, and FIG. **19** is a view showing a second outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to the embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. **18** and **19**, the first lens assembly **1222a** according to the embodiment may include the first lens holder **LAH1** and the first guide unit **G1**.

In addition, the first outer side surface **M1**, which is the lower surface of the first lens holder **LAH1**, may include a 1-1 outer region **M1a** symmetrical in the first direction (X-axis direction) and having a curved outer edge **CE1** and a 1-2 outer region **M1b** symmetrical in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and having a flat outer edge **PE1**. For example, a plurality of (e.g., two) 1-1 outer regions **M1a** may be provided, spaced apart from each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and positioned adjacent to the first guide unit **G1** and the second guide unit **G2**.

In addition, a plurality of (e.g., two) 1-2 outer regions **M1b** may be provided in contact with the 1-1 outer region **M1a** and disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction).

The outer edge **CE1** of the 1-1 outer region **M1a** may have a greater curvature than the outer edge **PE1** of the 1-2 outer region **M1b**. For example, the outer edge **PE1** of the 1-2 outer region **M1b** may be parallel to the second direction (Y-axis direction). In addition, as described above, the first direction may correspond to the X-axis direction and may be a direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction (Z-axis direction) in the drawings, and the second direction may correspond to the Y-axis direction, may be perpendicular to the first direction and the optical axis direction, and may be the same as a direction from the first guide unit toward the second guide unit in the drawings.

In addition, in an embodiment, a first minimum thickness **D1** of the 1-1 outer region **M1a** may be greater than a second minimum thickness **D2** of the 1-2 outer region **M1b**. Therefore, it is possible to minimize the length of the second camera actuator or the camera module (or the device) including the second camera actuator in the first direction

(X-axis direction). Therefore, it is possible to reduce the thickness of the camera actuator or the module and also reduce the thickness of the mobile terminal. In other words, it is possible to easily achieve the slimness of the mobile terminal.

In addition, a center of the first lens hole **LH1** of the first lens holder **LAH1** may overlap an optical axis **OX**. Likewise, a center of the second lens hole **LH2** of the second lens holder **LAH2** to be described below may also overlap the optical axis **OX**.

In an embodiment, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed in the 1-1 outer region **M1a** and the 1-2 outer region **M1b**. As a modified embodiment, when the second minimum thickness **D2** of the 1-2 outer region **M1b** is smaller than a predetermined length, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed only in the 1-1 outer region **M1a**. Therefore, it is possible to prevent the first bonding member **1280a** from overflowing into the second lens group. Therefore, it is possible to block the degradation of the optical performance.

Corresponding to the first minimum thickness **D1** and the second minimum thickness **D2**, a thickness **D1'** of the first bonding member **1280a** in the 1-1 outer region **M1a** may be greater than a thickness **D2'** of the first bonding member **1280a** in the 1-2 outer region **M1b**. With this configuration, it is possible to prevent the bonding member from moving to the second lens group while improving the bonding force by the bonding member.

For example, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed to be spaced a predetermined distance from the outer edge **CE1** or an inner edge of the 1-1 outer region **M1a**. In addition, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed to be spaced a predetermined distance from the outer edge **PE1** or an inner edge on the 1-2 outer region **M1b**.

In addition, the second outer side surface **M2**, which is the upper surface of the second lens holder **LAH2**, may include a 2-1 outer region **M2a** symmetrical in the first direction (X-axis direction) and having a curved outer edge **CE2** and a 2-2 outer region **M2b** symmetrical in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and having a flat outer edge **PE2**. For example, a plurality of (e.g., two) 2-1 outer regions **M2a** may be present, spaced apart from each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and positioned adjacent to the first guide unit **G1** and the second guide unit **G2**.

In addition, a plurality of (e.g., two) 2-2 outer regions **M2b** may be present, may be in contact with the 2-1 outer region **M2a**, and may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction).

The outer edge **CE2** of the 2-1 outer region **M2a** may have a greater curvature than the outer edge **PE2** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. For example, the outer edge **PE2** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b** may be parallel to the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In addition, in an embodiment, a third minimum thickness **D3** of the 2-1 outer region **M2a** may be greater than a fourth minimum thickness **D4** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. Therefore, it is possible to minimize the length of the second camera actuator or the camera module (or the device) including the second camera actuator in the first direction (X-axis direction). Therefore, it is possible to reduce the thickness of the camera actuator or the module and also reduce the thickness of the mobile terminal. In other words, it is possible to easily achieve the slimness of the mobile terminal.

In addition, in an embodiment, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed on the 2-1 outer region **M2a** and the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. As a modified embodiment, when

the fourth minimum thickness **D4** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b** is smaller than a predetermined length, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed only in the 2-1 outer region **M2a**. Therefore, it is possible to prevent the second bonding member **1280b** from overflowing into the third lens group. Therefore, it is possible to block the degradation of the optical performance.

Corresponding to the third minimum thickness **D3** and the fourth minimum thickness **D4**, a thickness **D3'** of the second bonding member **1280b** in the 2-1 outer region **M2a** may be greater than a thickness **D4'** of the second bonding member **1280b** in the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. With this configuration, it is possible to prevent the bonding member from moving to the third lens group while improving the bonding force by the bonding member.

For example, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed to be spaced a predetermined distance from the outer edge **CE2** or an inner edge on the 2-1 outer region **M2a**. In addition, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed to be spaced a predetermined distance from the outer edge **PE2** or an inner edge on the 2-2 outer region **M2b**.

In addition, the second minimum thickness **D2** may be smaller than the fourth minimum thickness **D4**. Therefore, it is possible to easily improve the reliability of the second lens assembly having a large moving distance.

FIG. 20 is a view showing a third outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to the embodiment, and FIG. 21 is a view showing a fourth outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to the embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 20 and 21, the first lens assembly **1222a** may further include the third outer side surface **M3** that is the upper surface of the first lens holder **LAH1**.

In addition, the third outer side surface **M3** may include a 3-1 outer region **M3a** and a 3-2 outer region **M3b**, which are symmetrical in the first direction and have curved outer corners. For example, a plurality of (e.g., two) 3-1 outer regions **M3a** may be present, spaced apart from each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and positioned adjacent to the first guide unit **G1** and the second guide unit **G2**. In addition, a plurality of (e.g., two) 3-2 outer regions **M3b** may be present, may be in contact with the 3-1 outer region **M3a**, and may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction).

An outer edge of the 3-1 outer region **M3a** may have a greater curvature than an outer edge of the 3-2 outer region **M3b**. For example, the outer edge of the 3-2 outer region **M3b** may be parallel to the second direction (Y-axis direction).

A fifth minimum thickness **D5** of the 3-1 outer region **M3a** may be greater than a minimum thickness of the 3-2 outer region **M3b**. In addition, the fifth minimum thickness **D5** may be smaller than the above-described first minimum thickness.

In addition, the second lens assembly **1222b** may further include the fourth outer side surface **M4** that is the lower surface of the second lens holder **LAH2**.

In addition, the fourth outer side surface **M4** may include a 4-1 outer region **M4a** and a 4-2 outer region **M4b** that are symmetrical in the first direction and have curved outer corners. For example, a plurality of (e.g., two) 4-1 outer regions **M4a** may be present, spaced apart from each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and positioned adjacent to the first guide unit **G1** and the second guide unit **G2**. In addition, a plurality of (e.g., two) 4-2 outer regions **M4b** may be present, may be in contact with the 4-1 outer

region **M4a**, and may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction).

An outer edge of the 4-1 outer region **M4a** may have a greater curvature than an outer edge of the 4-2 outer region **M4b**. For example, the outer edge of the 4-2 outer region **M4b** may be parallel to the second direction (Y-axis direction).

A sixth minimum thickness **D6** of the 4-1 outer region **M4a** may be greater than a minimum thickness of the 4-2 outer region **M4b**. In addition, the sixth minimum thickness **D6** may be smaller than the above-described third minimum thickness.

With this configuration, it is possible to easily secure a space in which the bonding member is disposed on the facing first and second outer side surfaces between the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly.

In addition, an area (e.g., a diameter) of the first lens hole in the first lens assembly **1222a** may increase in the third direction (Z-axis direction). For example, the area of the first lens hole of the first outer side surface of the first lens assembly **1222a** may be smaller than an area of the first lens hole of the third outer side surface. Therefore, it is possible to easily insert lenses (e.g., two lenses) of the second lens group in the third direction (Z-axis direction).

Furthermore, the area (e.g., the diameter) of the second lens hole in the second lens assembly **1222b** may increase in a direction opposite to the third direction (Z-axis direction). For example, an area of the second lens hole of the second outer side surface of the second lens assembly **1222b** may be smaller than an area of the second lens hole of the fourth outer side surface. Therefore, it is possible to easily insert lenses (e.g., two lenses) of the third lens group in the direction opposite to the third direction (Z-axis direction).

In addition, since the areas of the lens holes of the first lens assembly **1222a** and the second lens assembly **1222b** increase in opposite directions, the lenses may also be inserted in opposite directions. For example, the second lens group may be easily inserted into and accommodated in the first lens hole of the first lens holder **LAH1** in the optical axis direction. In addition, the third lens group may be easily inserted into and accommodated in the second lens hole of the second lens holder **LAH2** in the opposite direction to the optical axis direction. In other words, the second lens group and the third lens group are inserted in opposite directions, the assembly of the first and second lens assemblies and the second and third lens groups can be easily performed after the first and second lens assemblies are coupled.

FIG. 22 is a perspective view of a first lens assembly, a first bonding member, and a second lens assembly according to another embodiment, FIG. 23 is a view showing a first outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to another embodiment, and FIG. 24 is a view showing a second outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to another embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 22 to 24, in a second camera actuator according to another embodiment, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed in the first lens assembly **1222a**. The bonding member may not be disposed in the second lens assembly **1222b**. Except for the following description, the above description may be applied to the description of the components of the second camera actuator, such as the first lens assembly, the second lens assembly, and the bonding member, in the same manner.

The first outer side surface **M1** of the first lens assembly **1222a** according to another embodiment may include the 1-1 outer region **M1a** symmetrical in the first direction (X-axis direction) and having the curved outer edge **CE1** and

the 1-2 outer region **M1b** symmetrical in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and having the flat outer edge **PE1**.

In addition, the second outer side surface **M2**, which is the upper surface of the second lens holder **LAH2**, may include a 2-1 outer region **M2a** symmetrical in the first direction (X-axis direction) and having a curved outer edge **CE2** and a 2-2 outer region **M2b** symmetrical in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and having a flat outer edge **PE2**. For example, a plurality of (e.g., two) 2-1 outer regions **M2a** may be present, spaced apart from each other in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and positioned adjacent to the first guide unit **G1** and the second guide unit **G2**.

In addition, a plurality of (e.g., two) 2-2 outer regions **M2b** may be present, may be in contact with the 2-1 outer region **M2a**, and may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction).

The outer edge **CE2** of the 2-1 outer region **M2a** may have a greater curvature than the outer edge **PE2** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. For example, the outer edge **PE2** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b** may be parallel to the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In an embodiment, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed in the 1-1 outer region **M1a** and the 1-2 outer region **M1b**. In addition, the first bonding member **1280a** may be disposed only in the 1-1 outer region **M1a**. In addition, the above-described second bonding member may not be positioned in the 1-2 outer region.

In addition, in the embodiment, the bonding member may be in contact with only the first outer side surface **M1**. Therefore, the bonding member is separated in contact with only the first outer side surface **M1** by heating and a portion of the bonding member is separated not in contact with the second outer side surface **M2**, and thus the impact may fully spread only to the whole bonding member. As described above, it is possible to improve the impact reliability of the second camera actuator by the bonding member.

FIG. 25 is a perspective view of a first lens assembly, a second bonding member, and a second lens assembly according to still another embodiment, FIG. 26 is a view showing a first outer side surface of the first lens assembly according to still another embodiment, and FIG. 27 is a view showing a second outer side surface of the second lens assembly according to still another embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 25 to 27, in a second camera actuator according to still another embodiment, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed in the second lens assembly **1222b**. The bonding member may not be disposed in the first lens assembly **1222a**. Except for the following description, the above description may be applied to the description of the components of the second camera actuator, such as the first lens assembly, the second lens assembly, and the bonding member, in the same manner.

The first outer side surface **M1** of the first lens holder **LAH1** according to still another embodiment may include a 1-1 outer region **M1a** symmetrical in the first direction (X-axis direction) and having the curved outer edge **CE1** and the 1-2 outer region **M1b** symmetrical in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and having the flat outer edge **PE1**.

In addition, the second outer side surface **M2**, which is the upper surface of the second lens holder **LAH2**, may include a 2-1 outer region **M2a** symmetrical in the first direction (X-axis direction) and having a curved outer edge **CE2** and a 2-2 outer region **M2b** symmetrical in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and having a flat outer edge **PE2**. For example, a plurality of (e.g., two) 2-1 outer regions **M2a** may be present, spaced apart from each other in the second

direction (Y-axis direction), and positioned adjacent to the first guide unit **G1** and the second guide unit **G2**.

In addition, a plurality of (e.g., two) 2-2 outer regions **M2b** may be present, may be in contact with the 2-1 outer region **M2a**, and may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other in the first direction (X-axis direction).

The outer edge **CE2** of the 2-1 outer region **M2a** may have a greater curvature than the outer edge **PE2** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. For example, the outer edge **PE2** of the 2-2 outer region **M2b** may be parallel to the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In an embodiment, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed in the 2-1 outer region **M2a** and the 2-2 outer region **M2b**. In addition, the second bonding member **1280b** may be disposed only in the 2-1 outer region **M2a**. In addition, the above-described second bonding member may not be positioned in the 1-2 outer region.

In addition, in the embodiment, the bonding member may be in contact with only the second outer side surface **M2**. Therefore, the bonding member is separated in contact with only the second outer side surface **M2** by heating, and a portion of the bonding member is separated not in contact with the first outer side surface **M1**, and thus the impact may fully spread only to the whole bonding member. Furthermore, it is possible to easily absorb the impact on the second lens assembly coupled to the third lens group having a greater moving distance. As described above, it is possible to improve the impact reliability of the second camera actuator by the bonding member.

FIG. 28 is a perspective view of a first side board, a fourth coil, a fourth magnet, a first sensor, a first lens assembly, and a third lens group in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, FIG. 29 is a top view of the first side board, the fourth coil, the fourth magnet, the first sensor, the first lens assembly, and the third lens group in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, and FIG. 30 is a side view of the fourth magnet, the fourth coil, and the first sensor in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 28 to 30, in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, the first side board **1271** may be positioned at an outer side. In addition, the following description will be given on the basis of the fact that the sensor unit of the second camera actuator is the first sensor, the driving magnet is the fourth magnet (or the first magnet or the first magnet of the second camera actuator), the driving coil is the fourth coil (or the first coil or the first coil of the second camera actuator), the second board unit is the first side board, and the lens assembly is the first lens assembly.

In an embodiment, the sensor unit may be disposed on the outer side surface of the first side board **1271** or the outer side surface of the second side board, and the driving coil may be disposed on the inner side surface of the first side board **1271** or the inner side surface of the second side board.

Specifically, the driving magnet, the driving coil, and the sensor unit are disposed in a direction away from the optical axis and may not overlap one another in the optical axis direction or the third direction. The first sensor **1253a** may be positioned on the outer side surface of the first side board **1271**. In addition, a fourth coil **1252a** may be positioned on the inner side surface of the first side board **1271**. In other words, the first side board **1271** may be positioned between the first sensor **1253a** and the fourth coil **1252a**. With this configuration, the sensor unit may easily maintain the sensitivity of the magnetic force received from the driving

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magnet and the driving coil and accurately detect the linearity of the output through the sensor unit. In addition, when the sensor unit is adjacent to the driving magnet, it is possible to prevent the degradation of the linearity caused by a large change according to the movement (or the stroke) of the sensor unit.

In addition, the fourth magnet **1251a** may be positioned to face the fourth coil **1252a**. For example, at least a portion of the fourth magnet **1251a** may be positioned to overlap the fourth coil **1252a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In addition, the fourth magnet **1251a** may be seated on the side surface of the first lens assembly **1222a** as described above. In addition, the third lens group **1221c** may be coupled to the first lens assembly **1222a** to move in the third direction (Z-axis direction).

In an embodiment, the fourth coil **1252a** may be positioned between the fourth magnet **1251a** and the first sensor **1253a**. In other words, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned outside the fourth coil **1252a** and the fourth magnet **1251a**.

In addition, the fourth coil **1252a** may have a first separation distance **W3** from the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction). A ratio of the first separation distance **W3** to a width **W1** of the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction) may be 1:0.3 to 1:0.45. When the ratio is smaller than 1:0.3, the size of the second camera actuator increases, making it difficult to miniaturize, and when the ratio is greater than 1:0.45, there is a problem of being out of a range of a magnetic force that may be detected by the first sensor.

In addition, a width **W2** of the fourth coil **1252a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction) may be greater than the width **W1** of the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In addition, in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, the first lens assembly **1222a**, the third lens group **1221c**, and the fourth magnet **1251a** may move integrally in the third direction (Z-axis direction).

First, the fourth magnet **1251a** may include a first polarity portion **1251aa**, a second polarity portion **1251ab** having a different polarity from the first polarity portion **1251aa**, and an air gap **1251ac** positioned between the first polarity portion **1251aa** and the second polarity portion **1251ab**.

For example, the first polarity portion **1251aa**, the air gap **1251ac**, and the second polarity portion **1251ab** may be sequentially disposed in the third direction (Z-axis direction).

In addition, the first polarity portion **1251aa** may be any one of an N pole and an S pole, and the second polarity portion **1251ab** may be the other of the N pole and the S pole.

In addition, in an embodiment, since the fourth magnet **1251a** has the air gap **1251ac**, an output from the first sensor **1253a** according to the movement of the fourth magnet **1251a** may be linearly output. In other words, a change in magnetic force may occur linearly according to the positional relationship between the sensor unit (e.g., the first sensor) and the driving magnet (e.g., the first magnet) by the air gap **1251ac**. For example, the first sensor **1253a** may output an output of the magnetic force from the fourth magnet **1251a** as a voltage, and this will be described.

In addition, at least a portion of the fourth coil **1252a** of the second camera actuator **1200** may overlap the fourth magnet **1251a** of the second camera actuator **1200** in the second direction (Y-axis direction). For example, with respect to a center position (zero stroke), the fourth coil **1252a** may include a first region **SS1a** and **SS1b** overlapping

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the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction) and a second region **SS2a** and **SS2b** not overlapping the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction). In other words, the second region **SS2a** and **SS2b** may be regions other than the first region **SS1a** and **SS1b**. In addition, in the specification, the center position (zero stroke) means a bisecting point of a movable distance of the fourth magnet **1251a**. In the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, the lens assembly may move from a rear end to a front end of the second camera actuator or move from the front end to the rear end thereof. Therefore, it should be understood that the zero stroke does not mean only a start position of the movement of the lens assembly.

In addition, the first region **SS1a** and **SS1b** may be a region in which the driving coil and the driving magnet overlap each other in a direction from the driving magnet to the driving coil or in an opposite direction. The second region **SS2a** and **SS2b** may be a region of the driving coil disposed above or under the driving magnet.

The first region **SS1a** and **SS1b** may include the 1-1 region **SS1a** and the 1-2 region **SS1b**. The 1-1 region **SS1a** may be a region of the first region positioned above a first virtual line **Va**, and the 1-2 region **SS1b** may be a region of the first region position under the first virtual line **Va**. The first virtual line **Va** may be a bisector of the fourth magnet **1251a** in the first direction (X-axis direction). In addition, a second virtual line **Vb** to be described below may be a bisector of the fourth magnet **1251a** in the third direction (Z-axis direction). Alternatively, the first virtual line **Va** may be the bisector of a short side **La** of the fourth magnet **1251a**, and the second virtual line **Vb** may be the bisector of a long side **Wa** of the fourth magnet **1251a**. In addition, the first virtual line **Va** may be a bisector of the fourth magnet **1251a** of the driving magnet in the optical axis direction or in the third direction.

In addition, the second regions **SS2a** and **SS2b** may include the 2-1 region **SS2a** and the 2-2 region **SS2b**. The 2-1 region **SS2a** is positioned under the 1-1 region **SS1a** and may not overlap the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction). In addition, the 2-2 region **SS2b** is positioned above the 1-2 region **SS1b** and may not overlap the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction).

In an embodiment, only the first region of the fourth coil **1252a**, which overlaps the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction), may be changed.

In addition, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned in the air gap **1251ac** or under/above the air gap **1251ac** at the center position (zero stroke). In other words, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned in a region between the first polarity portion **1251aa** and the second polarity portion **1251ab**. Alternatively, the first sensor **1253a** may be disposed to be spaced apart from the first virtual line **Va**. Alternatively, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned in the 1-1 region **SS1a** or the 1-2 region **SS1b**. With this configuration, the first sensor **1253a** may minimally receive a magnetic force at the center position. Therefore, the first sensor **1253a** may have high linearity performance with a different polarity, that is, the same height with respect to the center position with respect to the entire movement or the entire stroke of the fourth magnet **1251a**.

In other words, the first sensor **1253a** according to the embodiment may be positioned above/under the first virtual line **Va** or above/under the center of the fourth magnet **1251a**. In other words, the sensor unit may not overlap the driving magnet in the second direction. With this configuration, it is possible to solve a problem of exceeding the

sensing sensitivity of the first sensor **1253a** with a strong magnetic force. In addition, it is possible to solve a problem that it is difficult to detect the change in the magnetic force generated from the fourth magnet **1251a** due to a small amount of change.

Furthermore, a separation distance **dd1** of the first sensor **1253a** according to the embodiment from the first virtual line **Va** may be changed. In addition, the first sensor **1253a** according to the embodiment may be positioned to overlap any one of the 2-1 region **SS2a** and the 2-2 region **SS2b** in the second direction (Y-axis direction). With this configuration, it is possible to minimize a magnetic force generated from the first region **SS1a** and **SS1b** in preparation for a case in which the first sensor **1253a** is disposed in the first region **SS1a** and **SS1b**. Therefore, it is possible to improve the performance of the first sensor.

According to an embodiment, a ratio of the separation distance **dd1** to the length **Lb** of the first coil in the first direction (X-axis direction) may be 1:2.04 to 1:3.7. When the ratio is smaller than 1:2.04, the accuracy of the first sensor may be reduced by the influence of the magnetic force generated from the first coil and the influence by the magnetic force of the first magnet. In addition, when the ratio is greater than 1:3.7, there is a problem that the influence of the magnetic force from the first coil and the first magnet is insignificant and miniaturization is difficult.

Furthermore, the above description of the first side board **1271**, the fourth coil **1252a**, the fourth magnet **1251a**, the first sensor **1253a**, the first lens assembly **1222a**, and the third lens group **1221c** may be applied to a second side board, a fifth coil (or a second coil of the second camera actuator or a second coil), a fifth magnet (or a second magnet of the second camera actuator or a second magnet), a second sensor, a second lens assembly, and a second lens group in the same manner.

FIG. 31 is a view for describing the positional relationship between the fourth magnet, the fourth coil, and the first sensor according to driving in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, FIG. 32 is a view showing the driving of the first sensor overlapping a second region in a second direction in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment, and FIG. 33 is a view showing the driving of the first sensor overlapping a first region in the second direction in the second camera actuator according to the embodiment.

As described above, the fourth magnet **1251a** may move in the third direction (Z-axis direction) together with the first lens assembly **1222a** and the third lens group **1221c**. For example, FIG. 31A shows a wide state, FIG. 31C shows a telephoto state, and FIG. 31B shows a center position state.

In addition, the first region of the fourth coil **1252a** may overlap the fourth magnet **1251a** in the second direction (Y-axis direction), and as the fourth magnet **1251a** moves in the third direction (Z-axis direction), the magnetic force received from the fourth magnet **1251a** may be different.

For example, in the wide state, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned adjacent to the first polarity portion **1251aa**. For example, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned under the first polarity portion **1251aa**.

In addition, in the telephoto state, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned adjacent to the second polarity portion **1251ab**. For example, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned under the second polarity portion **1251ab**.

In addition, in the center position state, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned adjacent to the air gap **1251ac**. For example, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned under the air gap **1251ac**.

Furthermore, the first sensor **1253a** may be positioned in the second region of the fourth coil **1252a**. When the first sensor **1253a** is positioned in the first region, the first sensor **1253a** may receive the magnetic force generated in the first region of the fourth coil **1252a**. Unlike this, when the first sensor **1253b** is positioned in the second region, the first sensor **1253a** can minimize the effect of the magnetic force generated in the first region of the fourth coil **1252a**. Therefore, it is possible to more accurately detect the magnetic force through the first sensor **1253a**.

In addition, the first sensor **1253a** may be disposed in the second region, thereby minimizing the influence of the magnetic force generated in the 2-1 region and the magnetic force generated in the 2-2 region. Therefore, the first sensor **1253a** may linearly detect the magnetic force according to the position of the fourth magnet **1251a** (see FIGS. 32 and 33).

The position of the first sensor **1253a** may also be applied to the second camera actuator having the above-described first and second lens assemblies according to the embodiment, another embodiment, and still another embodiment in the same manner. Therefore, it is possible to not only implement the long stroke, thereby improving the reliability between the first and second lens assemblies but also improve accuracy in implementing the long stroke, thereby further preventing damage due to a collision.

FIG. 34 is a perspective view of a mobile terminal to which the camera device according to the embodiment is applied.

Referring to FIG. 34, a mobile terminal **1500** according to the embodiment may include a camera device **1000**, a flash module **1530**, and an AF device **1510**, which are provided on a rear surface thereof.

The camera device **1000** may include an image capturing function and an AF function. For example, the camera device **1000** may include the AF function using an image.

The camera device **1000** processes an image frame of a still image or a moving image obtained by an image sensor in a capturing mode or a video call mode.

The processed image frame may be displayed on a predetermined display and stored in a memory. A camera (not shown) may also be disposed on a front surface of a body of the mobile terminal.

For example, the camera device **1000** may include a first camera device **1000A** and a second camera device **1000B**, and the first camera device **1000A** may implement an OIS function together with an AF or zooming function. In addition, the AF, zooming, and OIS functions may be performed by the second camera device **1000B**. In this case, since the first camera device **1000A** includes both of the first camera actuator and the second camera actuator, the camera device can be easily miniaturized by changing an optical path.

The flash module **1530** may include a light emitting device for emitting light therein. The flash module **1530** may be operated by a camera operation of the mobile terminal or the user's control.

The AF device **1510** may include one of a package of a surface light emitting laser device as a light emitting unit.

The AF device **1510** may include the AF function using a laser. The AF device **1510** may be mainly used in a condition that the AF function using the image of the camera device **1000** is degraded, for example, a proximity of 10 m or less or dark environment.

The AF device **1510** may include a light emitting unit including a vertical cavity surface emitting laser (VCSEL)

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semiconductor device and a light receiving unit for converting light energy into electrical energy, such as a photodiode.

FIG. 35 is a perspective view of a vehicle to which the camera module according to the embodiment is applied.

For example, FIG. 35 is an external view of the vehicle including a vehicle driver assistance device to which the camera device 1000 according to the embodiment is applied.

Referring to FIG. 35, a vehicle 700 in the embodiment may include wheels 13FL and 13FR rotated by a power source and a predetermined sensor. The sensor may be a camera sensor 2000, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

The camera sensor 2000 may be a camera sensor to which the camera device 1000 according to the embodiment is applied. The vehicle 700 in the embodiment may acquire image information through the camera sensor 2000 for capturing a front image or a surrounding image, determine a situation in which a lane line is not identified using the image information, and generate a virtual lane line when the lane line is not identified.

For example, the camera sensor 2000 may acquire a front image by capturing a view in front of the vehicle 700, and a processor (not shown) may acquire image information by analyzing an object included in the front image.

For example, when objects, such as a median, a curb, or a street tree corresponding to a lane line, an adjacent vehicle, a traveling obstacle, and an indirect road mark, are captured in the image captured by the camera sensor 2000, the processor may detect the object and include the detected object in the image information. At this time, the processor may further supplement the image information by acquiring distance information to the object detected through the camera sensor 2000.

The image information may be information on the object captured in the image. The camera sensor 2000 may include an image sensor and an image processing module.

The camera sensor 2000 may process still images or moving images obtained by the image sensor (e.g., a complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) or a charge-coupled device (CCD)).

The image processing module may process the still images or moving images acquired through the image sensor to extract necessary information, and transmit the extracted information to the processor.

At this time, the camera sensor 2000 may include a stereo camera for improving the measurement accuracy of the object and further securing information such as a distance between the vehicle 700 and the object, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

Although embodiments have been mainly described above, these are only illustrative and do not limit the present invention, and those skilled in the art to which the present invention pertains will understand that various modifications and applications not exemplified above are possible without departing from the essential characteristics of the embodiments. For example, each component specifically shown in the embodiments may be implemented by modification. In addition, differences related to these modifications and applications should be construed as being included in the scope of the present invention defined in the appended claims.

The invention claimed is:

1. A camera actuator comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a first lens assembly and a second lens assembly moving in an optical axis direction in the housing; and

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a driving unit configured to move the first lens assembly and the second lens assembly,

wherein the first lens assembly includes a first outer side surface,

wherein the second lens assembly includes a second outer side surface facing the first outer side surface and at least partially overlapping the first outer side surface in the optical axis direction, and

comprising a bonding member in contact with at least one of the first outer side surface and the second outer side surface.

2. The camera actuator of claim 1, wherein the bonding member includes:

- a first bonding member in contact with the first outer side surface; and

- a second bonding member in contact with the second outer side surface.

3. The camera actuator of claim 2, wherein the first bonding member and the second bonding member do not overlap at least partially in the optical axis direction.

4. The camera actuator of claim 2, wherein a first length of the first bonding member in the optical axis direction is smaller than a second length of the second bonding member in the optical axis direction.

5. The camera actuator of claim 2,

wherein the first bonding member overlaps with the first outer side surface in the optical axis direction.

6. The camera actuator of claim 2,

wherein the second bonding member overlaps with the second outer side surface in the optical axis direction.

7. The camera actuator of claim 2,

wherein the outer side surface of the first bonding member and the outer side surface of the second bonding member may correspond to each other.

8. The camera actuator of claim 1, wherein the first lens assembly includes a first lens hole,

the second lens assembly includes a second lens hole, and the camera actuator further includes at least one lens disposed in each of the first lens hole and the second lens hole.

9. The camera actuator of claim 1, wherein the first outer side surface includes:

- a 1-1 outer region symmetrical in a first direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge; and

- a 1-2 outer region symmetrical in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat outer edge.

10. The camera actuator of claim 9, wherein a first minimum thickness of the 1-1 outer region is greater than a second minimum thickness of the 1-2 outer region.

11. The camera actuator of claim 9, wherein the bonding member is disposed in the 1-1 outer region.

12. The camera actuator of claim 9, wherein the first lens assembly includes a third outer side surface opposite to the first outer side surface, and

the third outer side surface includes a 3-1 outer region symmetrical in the first direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge and a 3-2 outer region symmetrical in the second direction perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat outer edge.

13. The camera actuator of claim 12, wherein a first minimum thickness of the 1-1 outer region is greater than a minimum thickness of the 3-1 outer region.

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14. The camera actuator of claim **12**,
 wherein the second lens assembly includes a fourth outer
 side surface opposite to the second outer side surface,
 wherein the first outer side surface to the fourth outer side
 surface at least partially overlap each other in the
 optical axis direction.

15. The camera actuator of claim **1**, wherein the second
 outer side surface includes:

a 2-1 outer region symmetrical in a first direction perpen-
 dicular to the optical axis direction and having a curved
 outer edge; and

a 2-2 outer region symmetrical in a second direction
 perpendicular to the first direction and having a flat
 outer edge.

16. The camera actuator of claim **15**, wherein a third
 minimum thickness of the 2-1 outer region is greater than a
 fourth minimum thickness of the 2-2 outer region.

17. The camera actuator of claim **15**, wherein the bonding
 member is in contact with the 2-1 outer region.

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18. The camera actuator of claim **15**, wherein the second
 lens assembly includes a fourth outer side surface opposite
 to the second outer side surface,

the fourth outer side surface includes a 4-1 outer region
 symmetrical in the first direction perpendicular to the
 optical axis direction and having a curved outer edge
 and a 4-2 outer region symmetrical in the second
 direction perpendicular to the first direction and having
 a flat outer edge.

19. The camera actuator of claim **18**,
 wherein a third minimum thickness of the 2-1 outer region
 is greater than a minimum thickness of the 4-1 outer
 region.

20. The camera actuator of claim **1**, wherein the first lens
 assembly moves within a first moving distance in the optical
 axis direction,

the second lens assembly moves within a second moving
 distance in the optical axis direction, and
 the first moving distance is smaller than the second
 moving distance.

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