

contain all the press plate 21, screw 22 and ring 23 inside the polygon mirror 15, thereby saving space.

[0029] FIGS. 7(a) and 7(b) are schematic diagrams showing an example of a side face of the polygon mirror 15 serving as a light scanning face, in which both ends of the upper portion and/or the lower portion of the side face are chamfered. Therefore, the working efficiency for a mirror finish of the polygon mirror 15 is improved. Moreover, since cutting of the air during rotation decreases, noise is reduced.

[0030] Furthermore, this polygon mirror 15 is made of nickel or stainless steel. Although a typical material for the polygon mirror 15 is aluminum, if nickel or stainless steel whose specific gravity is about three times greater than that of aluminum is used, the rotation of the motor 18 is stabilized.

[0031] In addition, an aluminum film and an SiO₂ film are layered in this order on a surface of the nickel or stainless steel. In an optical position detecting device such as an optical scanning-type touch panel, since the surface reflectance of the polygon mirror is reflected in the SiN ratio, the surface reflectance is an important element, and thus the aluminum film is provided on the surface to improve the surface reflectance. Besides, the SiO₂ film performs the function of preventing oxidation of the aluminum film. Furthermore, it is preferred to set the thickness of these aluminum film and SiO₂ film according to the wavelength of the laser light so that the reflected light from the surface of the SiO₂ film and the reflected light from the interface between the SiO₂ film and aluminum film interfere with each other for strengthening.

[0032] FIG. 8 is an illustration showing a state of mounting of the motor 18 on the optical unit main body 19. As shown in FIG. 8, a ring-shaped groove 18b is formed in a peripheral section of the motor shaft 18a. The width and depth of the groove 18b are not less than 0.5 mm and 0.2 mm, respectively. With the formation of such a groove 18b, it is possible to prevent the vicinity of the motor shaft 18a from having a convex shape. If the vicinity of the motor shaft 18a has a convex shape, the polygon mirror 15 tilts with respect to the motor 18, and therefore the light can not be scanned at a fixed position. Hence, with prior arts, a large number of adjustment steps are required to solve a tilt of the polygon mirror caused by the convex shape. Whereas in the present invention, since the groove 18b is provided to prevent the convex shape, such adjustment steps are not required, thereby significantly shortening the mounting time. Besides, by setting the size of the groove 18b at the above-mentioned values, such a groove 18b can be readily formed.

[0033] Collimation Lens

[0034] FIG. 9 is an illustration showing a fixed state of the collimation lens 12. The collimation lens 12 is fixed in a cylindrical lens holder 31 which is inserted into the hollow section of the optical unit main body 19. The peripheral surface of the lens holder 31 has a groove 31 running in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis, and this groove 31a is connected to a hole 19b of the optical unit main body 19. By inserting a later-described deflecting jig 32 into this hole 19b and groove 31a in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis and moving the deflecting jig 32, it is possible to move the lens holder 31 in an optical axis direction.

[0035] FIG. 10 is an illustration showing a state of implementing of the positional adjustment and fixing the collimation lens 12. In order to perform the positional adjustment of the collimation lens 12, a collimate adjustment is carried out by inserting the deflecting jig 32 into the hole 19b and groove 31a in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis and moving the lens holder 31 to make a fine adjustment to the distance between the light emitting element 11 and the collimation lens 12, and, after the adjustment, the lens holder 31 is pressed by a plate spring 33 from a direction perpendicular to the deflecting jig 32 and then the plate spring 33 is fixed using two detachable screws 34a and 34b. At this time, washers 35a and 35b with a diameter larger than the diameter of the respective screws 34a and 34b are interposed between the screws 34a, 35b and the plate spring 33, respectively.

[0036] FIG. 11 shows another example of fixing of the plate spring 33, in which, after performing the positional adjustment of the collimation lens 12 in the same manner as in the above-described example, the lens holder 31 is pressed by the plate spring 33 from a direction parallel to the deflecting jig 32, and then the plate spring 33 is fixed with the two detachable screws 34a and 34b.

[0037] According to the present invention, since the collimate adjustment is performed in the above-mentioned manner, it is possible to carry out the adjustment with high accuracy and significantly shorten the adjustment time. With prior arts, in general, the lens holder is fixed directly by a screw, and thus there is a high possibility that the lens holder is displaced when tightening the screw and the collimate state is impaired, while the present invention can apply a small pressure to the lens holder 31 during the adjustment because the lens holder 33 is fixed using a plane of the plate spring 33, thereby preventing a sudden big movement of the lens holder 31 and facilitating the collimate adjustment.

[0038] Since the washers 35a and 35b with a diameter larger than the diameter of the respective screws 34a and 34b are interposed between the screws 34a, 35b and the plate spring 33, it is possible to press the plate spring 33 with a washer surface, thereby achieving close contact between the lens holder 31 and plate spring 33. Besides, in the case where the lens holder 31 is fixed by the plate spring 33, if an end of the plate spring 33, which is distant from the lens holder 31, is fixed first with the screw 34b and then the other end close to the lens holder 31 is fixed with the screw 34a after the collimate adjustment, it is possible to further improve the close contact between the lens holder 31 and the plate spring 33. Additionally, by arranging the ratio (P:Q in FIG. 10) of the distances from the lens holder 31 to the two fix positions of the plate spring 33 not to be larger than 1:3, it is possible to facilitate the application of a small pressure to the lens holder 31 during the adjustment.

[0039] FIGS. 12 through FIG. 14 are illustrations showing the shape of the plate spring 33. In the example shown in FIG. 12, a section which comes into contact with the lens holder 31 is made wider in a concave shape. In the example shown in FIG. 13, the width of the plate spring 33 is larger than the width of the lens holder 31. In the example shown in FIG. 14, a section which comes into contact with the lens holder 31 has a cross shape, and an end portion of the cross-shaped section has a curved surface. By designing the plate spring 33 in a shape as described above, it is possible