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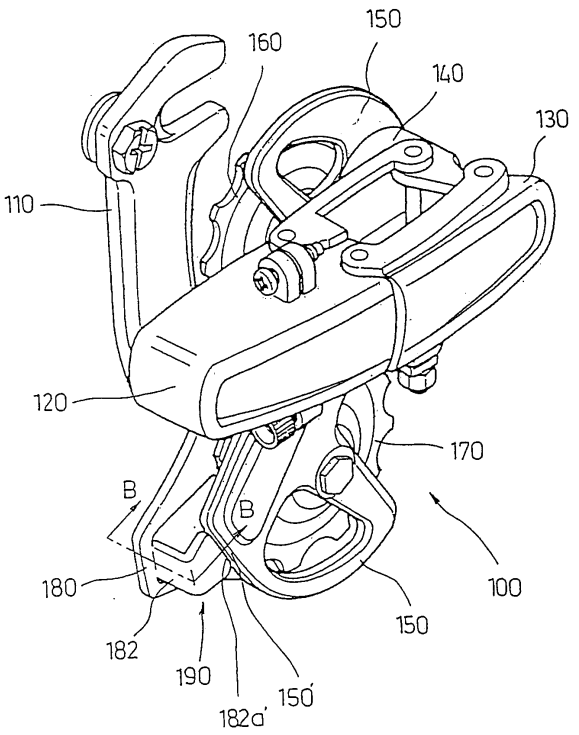
(54) Bicycle rear derailleur

(57) An object of the invention is to provide a rear derailleur 100 for a bicycle, in which main components thereof, such as inner and outer plate members, are made from lightweight metal or steel plates having smaller areas to thereby decrease the amount of material used and hence achieve significant cost reduction while performance and functions thereof are kept the same as those of a conventional bicycle rear derailleur of the same type.

According to the invention, a rear derailleur 100 for a bicycle for shifting a chain engaging one of a plurality of sprockets for driving a rear wheel of the bicycle comprises a bracket 110 fixed to a frame of the bicycle, a base member 120 supported by the bracket 110, a link mechanism 130 coupled at one end thereof to the base member 120, a movable member 140 coupled to the other end of the link mechanism 130, an outer plate member movably supported to the movable member 140 and an inner plate member 180 located inwardly of the outer plate member 150 for, together with the outer plate member 150, freely rotatably supporting a guide pulley 160 and a tension pulley 170 between the outer plate member 150 and the inner plate member 180, characterized in that at least one of the inner and outer plate members includes a bent portion 182 formed by bending a plate member portion at an inner periphery of the at least one of the inner and outer plate members 180, 150 in a direction towards the other of the inner and outer plate members 180, 150, and a disengagement prevention portion 190 for preventing the chain from disengaging from the tension pulley 170 and/or the guide pulley 160 is defined by the bent portion 182 and the other of the inner and outer plate members 180, 150 facing the bent portion.



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