

Title

TUBULAR MEMBER FOR SUPPORT FRAME OF INFANT CARRIER,
FOLDABLE SUPPORT FRAME AND INFANT CARRIER THEREOF

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a tubular member for a support frame of an infant carrier, a foldable support frame, and an infant carrier thereof according to the pre-characterizing clause of claims 1, 12, and 14.

Background of the Invention

Recently, various kinds of infant carriers have been developed and are widely used. Connection between a support frame and a carrier body directly relates to safety in use of the infant carrier. Since an infant may often jump up and down in the infant carrier, the infant carrier receives a larger impact in a vertical direction due to jumping of the infant, thereby bending or even breaking tubular members of the support frame, so as to cause an accident. That is, because the support frame cannot bear the larger impact, the tubular members of the support frame may bend to deform or be broken, so as to make the infant carrier unable to provide a steady support. As such, the infant may fall down or be not in control to collide with rigid structural components of the infant carrier, so as to be injured easily. In the prior art, the diameter or the tube-wall thickness of the tubular member is increased to enhance rigidity and a moment of inertia of the tubular member. However, this design may cause increases of the weight and the manufacturing cost of the tubular member. Furthermore, the tubular member with a modified size cannot be replaced conveniently since it cannot be matched with a standard joint.

Thus, it is necessary to design a tubular member for a support frame of an infant carrier, which can be matched with a standard joint and can have preferable bending resistance and impact resistance without increasing its weight.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention aims at providing a tubular member for a support frame of an infant carrier, which can be matched with a standard joint and can have preferable bending resistance and impact resistance without increasing its weight.

The present invention further aims at a foldable support frame having a tubular

