formed into an L-shaped cross section so as to cover the side surface of a machine compartment 6 and a part of the back surface of the machine compartment 6. The outdoor-unit side plate 2 is formed with an opening 2a for electrical wiring. A protective cover 4 is disposed on the outdoor-unit side plate 2 so as to cover this opening 2a. The interior of the outdoor unit 100 is divided into an air blower compartment 5 and the machine compartment 6. Specifically, a partition plate 7 is provided to stand vertically on the upper surface of a bottom plate 9 having leg portions 8. The interior of the outdoor unit 100 is divided by the partition plate 7 serving as the border into the air blower compartment 5 on one side of the partition plate 7 and the machine compartment 6 on the other side of the partition plate 7. Each of the parts within the outdoor unit 100 is held on the upper surface of the bottom plate 9.

[0013] In the machine compartment 6, a compressor unit 14, the part fixing member 18, the board fixing member 21, the auxiliary board 20, a refrigerant pipe 15, and the compressor unit 14 are installed. In the air blower compartment 5, a heat exchanger 10, a motor mounting table 13, which holds a motor 12, and a propeller fan 11, which is fixed to the rotary shaft of the motor 12, are installed.

[0014] As illustrated in FIGS. 4 to 6, the electrical-part storage 16 is configured from a board attachment portion 16b, a bottom plate 16c, a frame body 16d, and a fixing-member installation portion 16a, for example. The board attachment portion 16b is formed into a frame shape. For example, the board attachment portion 16b is disposed such that it extends in the horizontal direction of the casing of the outdoor unit 100 so as to extend across the machine compartment and the air blower compartment at the

sliding manner from above the part fixing member 18 in such a manner that the guide pieces 21a of the board fixing member 21 come into contact with the guide surfaces 18e of the part fixing member 18. Upon insertion of the catches 21b of the board fixing member 21 into the openings 18a of the part fixing member 18, the board fixing member 21 is temporarily fixed to the part fixing member 18. This brings the board fixing member 21 to a state where it is not removed from the part fixing member 18 even when the board fixing member 21 is released from worker's hands. Therefore, fixing of the board fixing member 21 to the part fixing member 18 with the screw 23 can be performed more efficiently.

[0029] After the board fixing member 21 is fixed in the manner as described above, the electrical-part storage 16 that has been inverted to direct the end portion 16a1 of the fixing-member installation portion 16a downward as illustrated in FIGS. 13 and 14 is disposed in the main body of the outdoor unit, for example, at the top end of the partition plate 7 in FIG. 4. Thereafter, the lead connector 22 is fixed in such a manner as to be engaged with the catches 21f of the connector fixing portion 21g. This can simplify wiring of the leads connected to the lead connector 22, and also can prevent degradation in the wiring workability as well as faulty wiring. Further, even when a load is applied to the leads in the direction of their own weight, that is, in the X-direction in FIG. 14, the lead connector 22 is still caught by the stoppers 21e disposed below the connector fixing portion 21g. This can prevent the lead connector 22 from coming away from the connector fixing portion 21g.

[0030] Further, the terminal block 19 is installed on the outdoor-unit side plate 2 side of the part-installation

formed into an L-shaped cross section so as to cover the side surface of a machine compartment 6 and a part of the back surface of the machine compartment 6. The outdoor-unit side plate 2 is formed with an opening 2a for electrical wiring. A protective cover 4 is disposed on the outdoor-unit side plate 2 so as to cover this opening 2a. The interior of the outdoor unit 100 is divided into an air blower compartment 5 and the machine compartment 6. Specifically, a partition plate 7 is provided to stand vertically on the upper surface of a bottom plate 9 having leg portions 8. The interior of the outdoor unit 100 is divided by the partition plate 7 serving as the border into the air blower compartment 5 on one side of the partition plate 7 and the machine compartment 6 on the other side of the partition plate 7. Each of the parts within the outdoor unit 100 is held on the upper surface of the bottom plate 9.

[0013] In the machine compartment 6, a compressor unit 14, the part fixing member 18, the board fixing member 21, the auxiliary board 20, a refrigerant pipe 15, and the electrical-part storage 16 are installed. In the air blower compartment 5, a heat exchanger 10, a motor mounting table 13, which holds a motor 12, and a propeller fan 11, which is fixed to the rotary shaft of the motor 12, are installed.

[0014] As illustrated in FIGS. 4 to 6, the electrical-part storage 16 is configured from a board attachment portion 16b, a bottom plate 16c, a frame body 16d, and a fixing-member installation portion 16a, for example. The board attachment portion 16b is formed into a frame shape. For example, the board attachment portion 16b is disposed such that it extends in the horizontal direction of the casing of the outdoor unit 100 so as to extend across the machine compartment and the air blower compartment at the

sliding manner from above the part fixing member 18 in such a manner that the guide pieces 21a of the board fixing member 21 come into contact with the guide surfaces 18e of the part fixing member 18. Upon insertion of the catches 21b of the board fixing member 21 into the openings 18a of the part fixing member 18, the board fixing member 21 is temporarily fixed to the part fixing member 18. This brings the board fixing member 21 to a state where it is not removed from the part fixing member 18 even when the board fixing member 21 is released from worker's hands. Therefore, fixing of the board fixing member 21 to the part fixing member 18 with the screw 23 can be performed more efficiently.

[0029] After the board fixing member 21 is fixed in the manner as described above, the electrical-part storage 16 that has been inverted to direct the end portion 16a1 of the fixing-member installation portion 16a downward as illustrated in FIGS. 13 and 14 is disposed in the main body of the outdoor unit, for example, at the top end of the partition plate 7 in FIG. 4. Thereafter, the lead connector 22 is fixed in such a manner as to be engaged with the catches 21d of the connector fixing portion 21g. This can simplify wiring of the leads connected to the lead connector 22, and also can prevent degradation in the wiring workability as well as faulty wiring. Further, even when a load is applied to the leads in the direction of their own weight, that is, in the X-direction in FIG. 14, the lead connector 22 is still caught by the stoppers 21e disposed below the connector fixing portion 21g. This can prevent the lead connector 22 from coming away from the connector fixing portion 21g.

[0030] Further, the terminal block 19 is installed on the outdoor-unit side plate 2 side of the part-installation