

ABSTRACT

CARD CONNECTOR

A card connector 1 of the present invention has: a connector housing 2 constituted of electrical insulators and capable of housing cards inside a bottomed card holding cavity which is formed therein so as to be enclosed on three sides by an opposed pair of first and second frames and a third frame that links the end portions of the first and second frames, and so as to be open at the front and top; contact terminals 5 and 6 that are deposited inside the connector housing's card holding cavity; and an open-close cover 3 that covers the open portions of the connector housing's card holding cavity. The open-close cover has, at the front thereof where the card is installed, a sensing member that senses the installation status of the card. The rear of the open-close cover is rotatably pivoted on the first and second frames. After a card is installed inside the card holding cavity, the card's installation status is sensed by closing the open-close cover and positioning the sensing member of the open-close cover at the rear end portion of the card. Thanks to such structure, when installing a card it is possible to examine the part where the card is installed, so that a card connector is provided in which cards of differing size and thickness, etc., can be installed reliably and in a simple manner.

Selected Drawing: Fig. 11