CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

A balloon catheter comprising a balloon configured to be inflatable and deflatable and provided on a tip-end side, wherein:

the balloon is formed of a film with a predetermined thickness;

a linear part is formed in an outer surface of the balloon, extending linearly in an axial direction of the balloon;

a notch depressed in shape is formed in the linear part at an intermediate position in a length direction of the linear part, opening in a direction intersecting the length direction;

a protrusion is formed on the film of the balloon at a position corresponding to the notch, protruding to an inner circumferential side of the balloon; and

the film is increased in thickness by the protrusion at the position corresponding to the notch.

[Claim 2]

The balloon catheter according to claim 1, wherein the notch is formed in such a position as to divide a length of the linear part into substantially equal parts.

[Claim 3]

The balloon catheter according to any claim 1 or 2, wherein a width of the notch tapers down toward a bottom of the notch.