

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An IC card substrate, comprising:
a main body with a rectangular plate shape;
5 a recessed portion which is provided on the main body, and in which an IC card having an IC chip and a contact pattern is to be fitted; and
a groove portion which is provided on the main body, and ranges from the recessed portion to a side of the main body-
- 10 ~~2. The IC card substrate according to Claim 1, wherein the groove portion is provided at an area corresponding to a track of a contact terminal of a card reader/writer that is supposed to come in contact with the contact terminal of the card reader/writer; when the IC card substrate is inserted into a slot of thea card reader/writer ~~having the contact terminal configured to come in contact with the contact pattern in the slot.~~~~
- 15 ~~23.~~ 23. The IC card substrate according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the groove portion is provided with the same depth as the recessed portion.
- 20 ~~34.~~ 34. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the IC card substrate has a plurality of groove portions as the groove portion.
- 25 ~~45.~~ 45. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the main body has a cutout portion provided at one rectangular corner thereof; and the groove portion ranges from a short side where the cutout portion is not provided to the recessed portion.
- ~~56.~~ 56. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the main body has a cutout portion provided at one rectangular corner thereof; and the

groove portion ranges from a short side where the cutout portion is provided to the recessed portion.

5 | 67. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the groove portions range from respective both rectangular short sides to the recessed portion.

10 | 78. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the main body has a cutout portion provided at one rectangular corner thereof; and the groove portion ranges from a long side where the cutout portion is not provided to the recessed portion.

15 | 89. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the main body has a cutout portion provided at one rectangular corner thereof; and the groove portion ranges from a long side where the cutout portion is provided to the recessed portion.

20 | 940. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the groove portions range from respective both rectangular long sides to the recessed portion.

25 | 1044. The IC card substrate according to ~~any one of Claims 1 or 2 to 3~~, wherein the groove portions includes groove portions ranging from respective both rectangular long sides to the recessed portion, and groove portions ranging from respective both rectangular short sides to the recessed portion.

30 | 1142. A fitted IC card, comprising:
a main body with a rectangular plate shape, the main body having a recessed portion which is provided on the main body and in which an IC card is to be fitted, and
a groove portion which is provided on the main body and ranges from the recessed

portion to a side of the main body, wherein the groove portion is provided at an area corresponding to a track of a contact terminal of a card reader/writer that is supposed to come in contact with the contact terminal of the card reader/writer when the main body is inserted into a slot of the card reader/writer; and

- 5 an IC card having an IC chip and a contact pattern which is fitted in the recessed portion.