(Comparative Example 2)

A cleaned nugget of a polycrystalline silicon rod S in accordance with Comparative Example 2 was prepared as in Example 2, except that the polycrystalline silicon rod was cut without delivery of the liquid L2 through the second nozzle 15.

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(Reference Example)

A cleaned nugget was prepared as a Reference Example, by: (i) immersing a nugget obtained by crushing a polycrystalline silicon rod S which had not been cut, as in Example 1, in a bath of fluonitric acid so that a surface of the nugget was removed by several micrometers by dissolution; and then (ii) washing with water and drying the nugget..

[0082]

[Surface heavy metal concentration]

The cleaned nuggets prepared in Examples 1 and 2 and Comparative Examples 1 and 2 were measured for respective surface heavy metal concentrations, by the method as follows.

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First, each of the cleaned nuggets was immersed in a bath of fluonitric acid at room temperature, and a surface of the nugget was dissolved by a depth of approximately 20 micrometers, so that a resultant solution was obtained. Next,

Claims

Claim 1

A method for cutting a polycrystalline silicon rod comprising the step of cutting the polycrystalline silicon rod by using a cutting tool,

the step of cutting including:

delivering a liquid to a cutting position of the polycrystalline silicon rod through a first nozzle; and

delivering a liquid, through a second nozzle, to a region where the liquid delivered through the first nozzle does not flow but scattered substances having been scattered due to the cutting adhere, the region being on a surface of the polycrystalline silicon rod and being at least on one end side of an extending direction of the polycrystalline silicon rod.

Claim 2

The method according to claim 1, wherein the region where the liquid delivered through the first nozzle does not flow but scattered substances having been scattered due to the cutting adhere, the region being on a surface of the polycrystalline silicon rod and being at least on one end side of an extending direction of the polycrystalline silicon rod, is within a region extending from a position which is a width substantially the same as a diameter of the polycrystalline silicon rod away from the cutting position to a

position which is five times the diameter of the polycrystalline silicon rod away from the cutting position.

Claim 3

The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the liquid is delivered through the second nozzle from above the polycrystalline silicon rod so that the liquid delivered through the second nozzle moves on the surface of the polycrystalline silicon rod and then flows downward so as to fall off the polycrystalline silicon rod.

Claim 4

The method according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the step of cutting further includes sucking and removing an air including a scattered substance having been scattered due to the cutting.

Claim 5

The method according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein:

the cutting tool is an outer diameter blade in which diamond abrasive particles are firmly fixed; and

the step of cutting further includes rotating the polycrystalline silicon rod in a direction opposite to a rotation direction of the outer diameter blade.

Claim 6

A method for manufacturing a cut rod of a polycrystalline silicon rod comprising the step of cutting the polycrystalline silicon rod by using a cutting tool, the step of cutting including:

delivering a liquid to a cutting position of the polycrystalline silicon rod through a first nozzle; and

delivering a liquid, through a second nozzle, to a region where the liquid delivered through the first nozzle does not flow but scattered substances having been scattered due to the cutting adhere, the region being on a surface of the polycrystalline silicon rod and being at least on one end side of an extending direction of the polycrystalline silicon rod.

Claim 7

A method for manufacturing a nugget of a polycrystalline silicon rod comprising the step of cutting the polycrystalline silicon rod by using a cutting tool, the step of cutting including:

delivering a liquid to a cutting position of the polycrystalline silicon rod through a first nozzle; and

delivering a liquid, through a second nozzle, to a region where the liquid delivered through the first nozzle does not flow but scattered substances having been scattered due to the cutting

adhere, the region being on a surface of the polycrystalline silicon rod and being at least on one end side of an extending direction of the polycrystalline silicon rod.

Claim 8

A polycrystalline silicon rod cutting device comprising:

a cutting tool for cutting a polycrystalline silicon rod;

a first nozzle for delivering a liquid to a cutting position of the polycrystalline silicon rod; and

a second nozzle for delivering a liquid to a region where the liquid delivered through the first nozzle does not flow but scattered substances having been scattered due to the cutting adhere, the region being on a surface of the polycrystalline silicon rod and being at least on one end side of an extending direction of the polycrystalline silicon rod.