

Description

Technical field

The invention relates to an electric noise absorber according to the first part of claim 1 for absorbing electric noise which is generated within an electronic device or which enters from the outside into the device through a cord.

Background art

As a method for absorbing such noise, it is well-known that magnetic ferrite can be attached to a cord. Thereby two pieces of half ring-shaped ferrite are attached by adhesive tape around the cord or according to JP-A-6016404 by grooves and protrusions formed in the contact surfaces of the two pieces. However the pieces are apt to easily come off from the cord because the protrusion may slip out from the groove. Furthermore the conductive ferrite may make a short circuit or may generate a contact electricity in the electronic device.

EP-A-01 89 240 shows two case members of a splice case containing a gel for protecting a substrate from the environment effects such as moisture. Problems in connection with an electric noise absorber containing two members of magnetic substance cannot be solved by this splice case.

Disclosure of the invention

It is therefore an object of the invention to provide an electric noise absorber which can be fixed surely to a cord thereby preventing any short circuit or contact electricity with other conductive parts, whereby the members of magnetic substance can be easily and securely attached in the case and detached from it.

To solve these problems the electric noise absorber according to the invention includes two case members for covering the cord when interlocked, each case member containing said each member of magnetic substance, wherein said each case member has biasing means on a surface opposite to the open surface for biasing the member of magnetic substance to the cord when the case members are closed and/or wherein each said member of magnetic substance has notches and each said case member has flexible projections for securing the member of magnetic substance in the case member by engaging with the notches.

The members of magnetic substance have merely to be inserted in the case members and then the flexible projections automatically secure the respective member of magnetic substance by snapping in the notches. To detach the member of magnetic substance the projections merely have to be bent out-

wardly. Furthermore the biasing means are able for biasing the members of magnetic substance to the cord thereby holding the two members of magnetic substance closely together and securing the electric noise absorber to the cord. This noise absorber can be easily attached to and detached from the cord whenever required. Furthermore, the absorber can effectively absorb electric noise and prevent the generation and inflow of noise.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

This invention is illustrated diagrammatically in the following drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a holding case 1 of the first embodiment;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the holding case 1 shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a left side view of the holding case 1 shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a front view of the holding case 1 shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a bottom view of the holding case 1 shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a rear view of the holding case 1 shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 is a sectional view taken along line VII-VII of Fig. 2;

Fig. 8 is a sectional view taken along line VIII-VIII of Fig. 2;

Fig. 9 is a sectional view taken along line IX-IX of Fig. 2;

Fig. 10 is a sectional view taken along line X-X of Fig. 2;

Fig. 11 is a perspective view illustrating a ferrite member 5;

Fig. 12 is a perspective view when an electric noise absorber is attached to a cord 30;

Fig. 13 is a left side view illustrating the absorber attached to the cord 30; and

Fig. 14 is a perspective view illustrating a case member 22 of the second embodiment.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT OF THE INVENTION

The first embodiment of this invention will be described with reference to Figs. 1 through 13.

Fig. 1 shows a perspective view of a holding case 1 of an electric noise absorber. The holding case 1 is composed of two case members 2 and 3 connected by means of two hinges 4. The case members 2 and 3 are box-shaped with one open surface and formed so as to securely contain a ferrite member 5 shaped as shown in Fig. 11. Four biasing members 6 and 7 project resiliently inward from the bottom of the case members 2 and 3 for biasing the ferrite member 5. Wide fixing members 8 and 9 are provided at the cen-

ter of the front surface (the surface shown in Figs. 4 and 6) of the case members 2 and 3 for securing an upper side of the ferrite member 5. Two pairs of flexible supporting projections 10 and 11 are formed adjacent to the fixing members 8 and 9. Within the case member 2, a pair of supporting projections 15 projects inward from a surface opposite to the projections 10. Within the case member 3, a pair of supporting projections 16 projects inward from a surface opposite to the projections 11. The projections 10, 11, 15 and 16 project inward from the front surface so as to support side notches 5a of the ferrite member 5. Moreover, long engaging tabs 12 are provided adjacent to the projections 10 of the case member 2. Engaging projections 13 and protrusions 14 are provided adjacent to the projections 11 of the case member 3. The projections 13 are engaged with the tabs 12 when the holding case 1 is closed. Substantially semi-holes 17 having teeth 17a are formed on both side walls of the case member 2 for inserting a cord. Likewise, semi-holes 18 having teeth 18a are formed on both side walls of the case member 3.

As shown in Fig. 11, a hemi-cylindrical groove 5b is formed longitudinally along the upper part of the ferrite member 5 for receiving the cord. The notches 5a are formed on both sides of the ferrite member 5.

The holding case 1 is integrally formed of a synthetic resin, and each member, projection and tab have appropriate resilience.

Two ferrite members 5 are contained in the case members 2 and 3 of the holding case 1. In the case member 2, the upper side of the ferrite member 5 is secured by the fixing member 8. Two pairs of supporting projections 10 and 15 engage with the notches 5a, therefore the ferrite member 5 is securely held in the member 2. Likewise, in the case member 3, the upper side of the ferrite member 5 is secured by the fixing member 9, and two pairs of the projections 11 and 16 engage with the notches 5a. Thus the ferrite member 5 is securely held within the case member 3.

In the state that the ferrite members 5 are contained in the case members 2 and 3, a cord 30 is inserted between the case members 2 and 3, and the case member 3 covers the case member 2 so that the case 1 is attached to the cord 30 of an electronic device. The engaging projections 13 of the case member 3 are engaged with the engaging tabs 12 of the case member 2, therefore the case 1 is securely fastened. When the case 1 is closed, the biasing members 6 and 7 projecting from the bottom of the case members 2 and 3 support the ferrite members 5 so as to join them together, thereby, the ferrite members 5 are securely held. As shown in Fig. 13, the teeth 17a and 18a, around the semi-holes 17 and 18 formed on both side walls of the case members 2 and 3, are clamped against the cord 30.

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the cord 30, noise flowing in the cord 30 is absorbed by the magnetic ferrite and generation of noise is prevented. The noise absorbing efficiency of the case 1 is measured at various positions thereof along the cord by a noise measuring device, and the position for the case where noise is absorbed most efficiently is found. It is preferable that the most appropriate number of the cases to be used are experimentally determined by measuring the noise absorbing efficiency. The ferrite members 5 absorb noise that is generated outside or enters the electronic device through the cord.

To detach the case from the cord or to change its position thereon, the engaging tabs 12 of the case member 2 are pulled outwardly so that the tabs 12 detach easily from the engaging projections 13 and the case 1 can be opened. It is possible to secure the holding case 1 to a circuit board with a double-sided adhesive tape.

As shown by a double-dash interrupted line in Fig. 6, a mounting leg 31 having an engaging hook may be attached to the bottom of the case member 2 or 3 so as to secure the holding case to the circuit board.

Regarding the magnetic substance, either hard or soft ferrite can be used. Further, a plastic magnet or rubber magnet which is made by mixing magnetic powder of ferrite with plastic or rubber can also be used.

The second embodiment of this invention is shown in Fig. 14. In this embodiment, an engaging tab 112 and a projection 113 are formed on each of the sides of a single case member 22. Another projection 113 is also provided opposite to the engaging tab 112. In order to secure the cord 30, two same case members 22 are prepared, and one ferrite member 5 is contained in each case member. Then the cord 30 is held between a pair of case members 22 and the engaging tab 112 is engaged with the projection 113.

Obviously many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in the light of the above teachings. It is therefore to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims in the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.

Claims

1. An electric noise absorber for surrounding a cord (30) of an electronic device comprising two members of magnetic substance (5), being mutually opposed in register and in contact when the absorber is in use, each having a hemi-cylindrical groove for receiving the cord (30), characterized by two case members (2, 3; 22) for covering the cord (30) when interlocked, each case member (2, 3; 22) containing said each member of mag-



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- netic substance (5), wherein said each case member (2,3;22) has biasing means (6,7) on a surface opposite to the open surface for biasing the member of magnetic substance (5) to the cord (30) when the case members (2, 3; 22) are closed and/or wherein each said member of magnetic substance (5) has notches (5a) and each said case member (2, 3; 22) has flexible projections (10, 11, 15, 16) for securing the member of magnetic substance (5) in the case member (2, 3; 22) by engaging with the notches (5a).
2. The electric noise absorber according to claim 1, wherein one of the case members (3) has a hook (31) projecting outside of the case member (3) on the surface opposite to the open surface for securing the case to a circuit board.
 3. The electric noise absorber according to claim 1 or 2, wherein each case member (2, 3; 22) being box-shaped with one open surface, wherein a semi-hole (17,18) is formed on each of narrow edges of the open surface for passing the cord (30).
 4. The electric noise absorber according to claim 3, wherein teeth (17a, 18a) are formed on an edge of each of the semi-holes (17, 18) for securing the cord (30) when the case members (2, 3;22) are closed.
 5. The electric noise absorber according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the two case members (2, 3) form halves of one body and are connected by a hinge (4) and each said case member (2, 3) has means (12, 13) for engaging with the other such that the case members (2, 3) clamp around the cord (30).
 6. The electric noise absorber according to claim 5, wherein the hinge (4) is formed along a longitudinal edge of the open surface and the engaging means (12, 13) are formed on another longitudinal edge of the open surface.
 7. The electric noise absorber according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the two case members (22) are formed separately and same to each other and said each case member (22) has means (112, 113) for engaging with each other such that the case members (22) clamp around the cord (30).
 8. The electric noise absorber according to claim 7, wherein the engaging means (112, 113) are formed along a longitudinal edge of the open surface.
- Patentansprüche**
1. Elektrischer, um eine Leitung (30) eines elektrischen Geräts legbarer Rauschabsorber, der zwei Elemente (5) aus einer magnetischen Substanz enthält, die beim Gebrauch des Absorbers genau zusammenpassend einander gegenüberliegen und miteinander in Kontakt stehen, wobei jedes eine halbzyindrische Nut zur Aufnahme der Leitung (30) aufweist, gekennzeichnet durch zwei Gehäuseelemente (2,3; 22) zur Umhüllung der Leitung (30) im verriegelten Zustand, wobei jedes Gehäuseelement (2,3; 22) jeweils eines der Elemente (5) aus einer magnetischen Substanz enthält, wobei jedes Gehäuseelement (2,3; 22) Vorspannmittel (6,7) an einer der offenen Seite gegenüberliegenden Seite zum Vorspannen der Elemente (5) aus einer magnetischen Substanz an der Leitung (30) aufweist, wenn die Gehäuseelemente (2,3; 22) geschlossen sind, und/oder wobei jedes Element (5) aus einer magnetischen Substanz Ausnehmungen (5a) und jedes Gehäuseelement (2,3; 22) flexible Vorsprünge (10,11,15,16) zum Festhalten des Elements (5) aus einer magnetischen Substanz im Gehäuseelement (2,3; 22) durch Eingriff in die Ausnehmungen (5a) aufweist.
 2. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 1, bei dem eines der Gehäuseelemente (3) einen außerhalb des Gehäuseelements (3) an der der offenen Seite gegenüberliegenden Seite vorspringenden Haken (31) aufweist, um das Gehäuse an einer Leiterplatte zu fixieren.
 3. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, bei dem jedes Gehäuseelement (2,3; 22) kastenförmig mit einer offenen Seite ausgebildet ist, wobei ein Halbloch (17,18) an jeder der schmalen Kanten der offenen Seite zum Durchführen der Leitung (30) eingeformt ist.
 4. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 3, bei dem Zähne (17a,18a) an jeder Kante eines Halbloches (17,18) zum Festhalten der Leitung (30) bei geschlossenen Gehäuseelementen (2,3; 22) eingeformt sind.
 5. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 3 oder 4, bei dem die beiden Gehäuseelemente (2,3) Hälften eines Körpers bilden und über ein Gelenk (4) verbunden sind und bei dem jedes Gehäuseelement (2,3) Mittel (12,13) zum gegenseitigen Verriegeln aufweist, so daß die Gehäuseelemente (2,3) um die Leitung (30) herum festklemmen.
 6. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 5,



bei dem das Gelenk (4) entlang einer Längskante der offenen Seite angeformt ist und bei dem die Mittel zum Verriegeln (12,13) an einer anderen Längskante der offenen Seite angeformt sind.

7. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 3 oder 4, bei dem die beiden Gehäuseelemente (22) separat und identisch zueinander ausgebildet sind und bei dem jedes Gehäuseelement (22) Mittel (112,113) zum gegenseitigen Verriegeln aufweist, so daß die Gehäuseelemente (22) um die Leitung (30) herum festklemmen.
8. Elektrischer Rauschabsorber nach Anspruch 7, bei dem die Mittel zur Verriegelung (112,113) entlang einer Längskante der offenen Seite angeformt sind.

Revendications

1. Absorber de bruit électrique prévu pour entourer un cordon (30) d'un dispositif électronique, comprenant deux organes de substance magnétique (5), étant mutuellement opposés, contigus et en contact lorsque l'absorber fonctionne, présentant chacun une gorge hémicylindrique pour recevoir le cordon (30), caractérisé par deux organes formant boîtiers (2, 3; 22) prévus pour recouvrir le cordon (30) lorsqu'ils sont mutuellement verrouillés, chaque organe formant boîtier (2, 3; 22) contenant chaque dit organe de substance magnétique (5), selon lesquels chaque dit organe formant boîtier (2,3; 22) comporte des moyens de décalage (6, 7) sur une surface opposée à la surface ouverte pour décaler l'organe de substance magnétique (5) vers le cordon (30) lorsque les organes formant boîtiers (2, 3; 22) sont fermés et/ou selon lesquels chaque dit organe de substance magnétique (5) comporte des rainures (5a) et chaque dit organe formant boîtier (2, 3; 22) comporte des projections flexibles (10, 11, 15, 16) pour fixer l'organe de substance magnétique (5) dans l'organe formant boîtier (2, 3; 22) par mise en prise avec les encoches (5a).
2. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce qu'un des organes formant boîtiers (3) comporte un crochet (31) se projetant à l'extérieur de l'organe formant boîtier (3) sur la surface opposée à la surface ouverte pour fixer le boîtier à une plaquette de circuits imprimés.
3. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, caractérisé en ce que chaque organe formant boîtier (2, 3; 22) a la forme d'une boîte avec une surface ouverte, dans

laquelle un semi-orifice (17, 18) est formé sur chacun des bords étroits de la surface ouverte en vue du passage du cordon (30).

4. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 3, caractérisé en ce que les dents (17a, 18a) sont formées sur un bord de chacun des semi-orifices (17, 18) pour fixer le cordon (30) lorsque les organes formant boîtiers (2, 3; 22) sont fermés.
5. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 3 ou la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que les deux organes formant boîtiers (2, 3) constituent les moitiés d'un seul corps et sont reliés par une articulation à charnière (4) et en ce que chaque dit organe formant boîtier (2, 3) comporte des moyens (12, 13) pour se mettre en prise avec l'autre de telle sorte que les organes formant boîtiers (2, 3) se resserrent autour du cordon (30).
6. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 5, caractérisé en ce que l'articulation à charnière (4) est formée le long d'un bord longitudinal de la surface ouverte et les moyens de mise en prise (12, 13) sont formés sur un autre bord longitudinal de la surface ouverte.
7. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 3 ou la revendication 4, caractérisé en ce que les deux organes formant boîtiers (22) sont formés séparément et identiques, et en ce que chaque dit organe formant boîtier (22) comporte des moyens (112, 113) pour se mettre en prise avec l'autre de telle sorte que les organes formant boîtiers (22) se resserrent autour du cordon (30).
8. Absorber de bruit électrique selon la revendication 7, caractérisé en ce que les moyens de mise en prise (112, 113) sont formés le long d'un bord longitudinal de la surface ouverte.