CLAIMS

[Claim 1]

Packing material comprising:

a plate-shaped element formed of corrugated cardboard and including a first area and a second area where respective grips are allowed to be freely formed, the second area being different from the first area,

wherein the plate-shaped element includes a first cut portion, a second cut portion and a third cut portion, the first cut portion linearly extending from a beginning point to a first end point, the second cut portion linearly extending from the beginning point to a second end point, the third cut portion linearly extending from the beginning point to a third end point,

wherein the first cut portion and the second cut portion are formed in a peripheral area of the first area,

wherein the first cut portion and the third cut portion are formed in a peripheral area of the second area, and

wherein the plate-shaped element is provided with a fourth bending portion located in a straight line connecting the beginning point of the first cut portion and the first end point of the first cut portion.

[Claim 2]

The packing material of claim 1, wherein

the first cut portion and the third cut portion are perpendicular to each other at the beginning point, and

the second cut portion and the third cut portion are perpendicular to each other at the beginning point.

[Claim 3]

The packing material of claim 1 or 2, wherein the plate-shaped element is provided with a first bending portion located in a straight line connecting the first end point of the first cut portion and the second end point of the second cut portion, and a second bending portion located in a straight line connecting the third end point of the third cut portion and part of the first cut portion that is located between the beginning

point and the first end point.

[Claim 4]

The packing material of claim 3, further comprising a cushioning material provided on the plate-shaped element,

wherein the cushioning material includes a first grasp surface formed along the first bending portion, and a second grasp surface formed along the second bending portion.

[Claim 5]

The packing material of claim 3 or 4, wherein

the plate-shaped element further includes a third area where a grip is allowed to be freely formed, the third area being different from the first area and the second area,

the third area includes, in a peripheral area of the third area, a fourth cut portion that linearly extends and has end points, and a third bending portion that is located in a straight line connecting the end points of the fourth cut portion,

the third bending portion is located in parallel to the first bending portion,

the plate-shaped element is formed in a shape of a quadrate including a first edge portion and a second edge portion parallel to the first edge portion, and

where an imaginary line that divides an area of the plate-shaped element into two equal areas and that is parallel to the first edge portion and the second edge portion is an area division line, and of the areas into which the area of the plate-shaped element is divided by the area division line, an area where the first edge portion is located is a first divided area, and an area where the second edge portion is located is a second divided area, the first divided area includes the first area, the second area, and the third area, and the distance between the third area and the first edge portion is greater than that between the first area and the first edge portion.

[Claim 6]

The packing material of any one of claims 3 to 5, wherein the plate-shaped element includes a fifth cut portion that linearly extends from the beginning point of the first cut portion to the first bending portion.