

ABSTRACT

(FIG. 5)

CARRIER TAPE FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

The present invention provides a carrier tape for electronic components comprising a flexible tape material having embossed portions for storing electronic components at regular intervals in the lengthwise direction of the tape, characterized in that each of the opposing first and third side walls of the embossed portion which are positioned at both sides of the lengthwise direction of the tape, has a pair of first protrusions A for preventing the electronic component from transverse shaking which protrude inwardly in the embossed portion, and optionally further has, between the protrusions A, a plurality of second protrusions B for preventing the electronic component from longitudinal shaking which differ in shape from the protrusions A. According to one preferred embodiment of the present invention, the carrier tape for electronic components has, at the bottom surface of the embossed portion, two or more central protuberances in the direction perpendicular to the lengthwise direction of the carrier tape. The carrier tape of the present invention prevents rupture of the electronic components caused by vibrations or trembles of the electronic components during transportation and, furthermore, improves inspection ability at optical inspection at the time of insertion of the electronic components and thus further improves productivity.