ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

TITLE OF INVENTION: LEADFRAME

In a leadframe (301a), L-shaped support tapes (71, 72) are applied to inner leads (5) and suspension leads (6a to 6d). End portions of the support tapes (71, 72) are overlapped with each other at the suspension leads (6b, 6d) and their vicinities to form together a rectangular ring-shape. Since the support tapes (71, 72) are of L-shape, when the center portions thereof are positioned at the suspension leads (6a, 6c) and their vicinities, there are only two overlapped portions of the support tapes (71, 72) at the suspension leads (6b, 6d). Thus, the number of overlapped portions requiring accurate alignment is reduced. Moreover, the L-shaped support tape can be taken out of the material for support tape with higher efficiency.