TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT

Method of manufacturing sliders and slider manufacturing aid

An object of the invention is to manufacture sliders having excellent properties with accuracy and to improve the production efficiency and facilitate handling of intermediate products during slider manufacturing steps.

In a method of the invention to manufacture a bar in which a row of slider sections are aligned, a wafer block (21) is made from a wafer in which rows of slider sections are aligned. The wafer block is bonded to a dummy block (23) on a support plate (22). Next, a processing step and a cutting step are repeated. The processing step is to perform specific processing on the medium facing surfaces of a row of slider sections in the medium facing surface of the wafer block bonded to the support plate. The cutting step is to cut the wafer block together with the support plate such that the row of slider sections whose medium facing surfaces have received the specific processing are separated from the wafer block to be the bar.

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