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(54) **Electroplating method and electroplating apparatus**

(57) The present invention provides a plating method and a plating apparatus capable of plating small parts effectively without any deformation. A object product to be plated is put in each accommodating concave portion in a carrier tape including a number of the accommodat-

ing concave portions spaced at a specific interval and this carrier tape is passed through a plating apparatus so as to form metallic plating layer on the surface of the object product to be plated.

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