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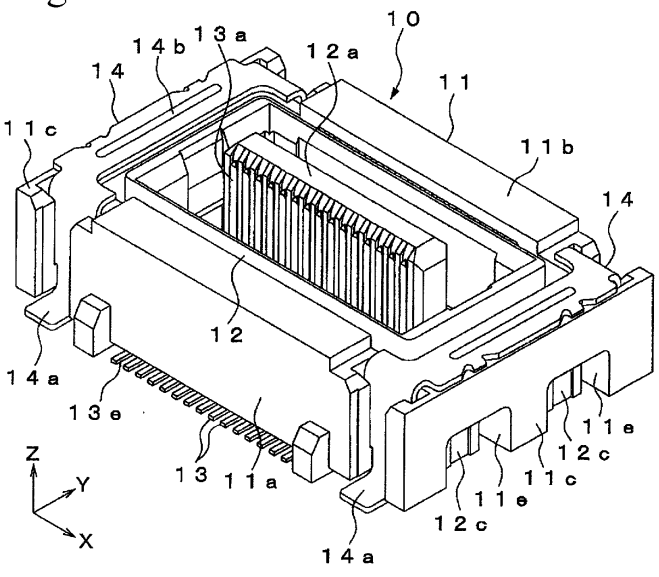
(54) Connector

(57) The movable portion of the first terminal of the first connector is formed to be larger in the width direction than in the thickness direction, so as to be elastically deformed in the front-back direction of the connector, and the movable portion of the second terminal of the second connector is formed to be larger in the thickness direction than in the width direction, so as to be elastically deformed in the width direction of the connector. Therefore, the movable portions can be formed with an increased cross-sectional area, thereby enabling the allowable current of the terminals to be increased, unlike a configuration in which the movable portion is elastically deformable to a sufficient extent both in the front-back direction and in the width direction of the connector.

Fig.1



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1. claims: 1-3

A connector assembly used for connecting two substrates, for which positional shift between substrates can be absorbed.

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2. claims: 4-7

A connector assembly used for connecting two substrates, for which electrical contact between each of the connectors of the connector assembly is improved.

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