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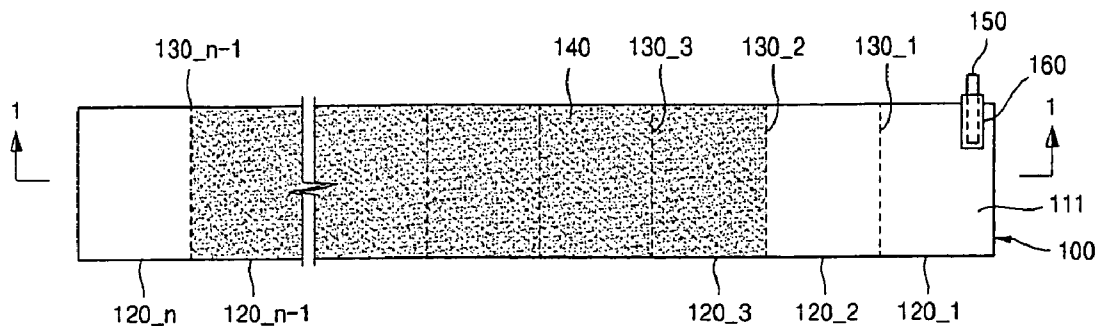
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An electrode assembly and a lithium ion secondary battery using the electrode assembly having reduced winding thickness. Active materials are coated on a first region of a negative electrode collector to which a negative electrode conductive tab is welded, and on an adjacent region overlapping the first region. Active materials are also coated on a first region of a positive electrode collector, to which a positive electrode conductive tab is welded, and an adjacent region overlapping the first region. Parts of the electrode assembly corresponding to the conductive tabs do not protrude from the electrode assembly, allowing for easy insertion of the electrode assembly into a can or pouch.



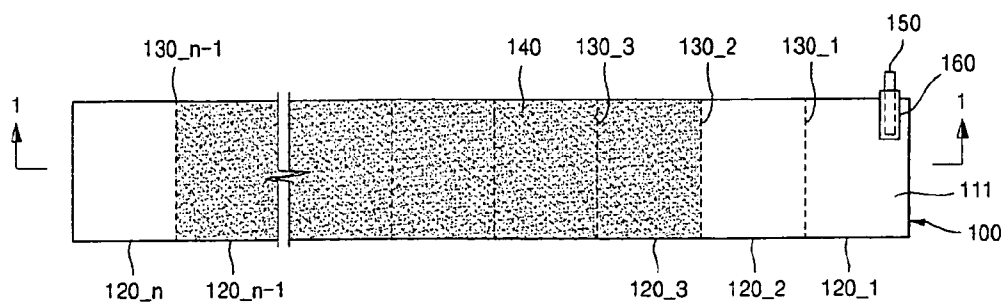


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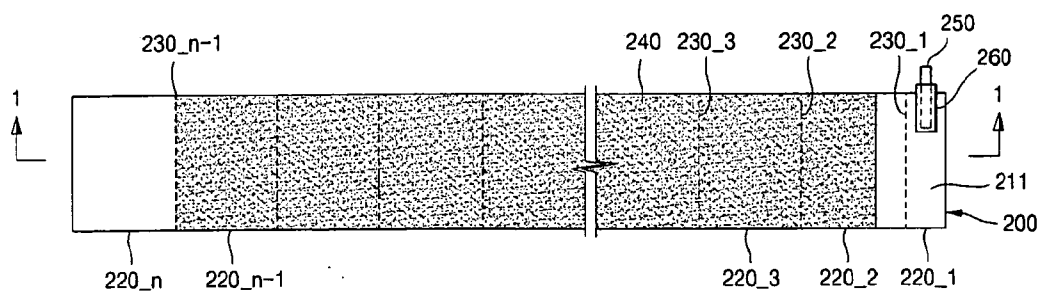


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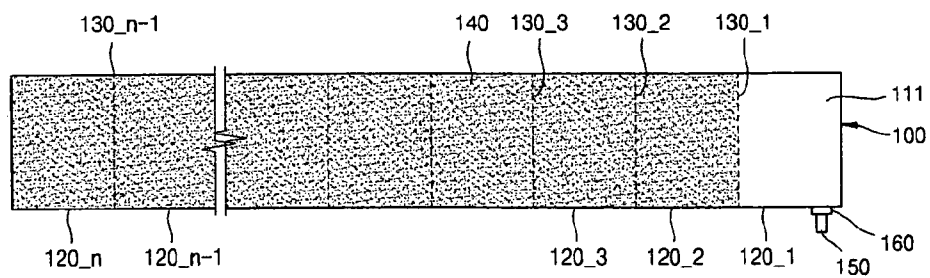


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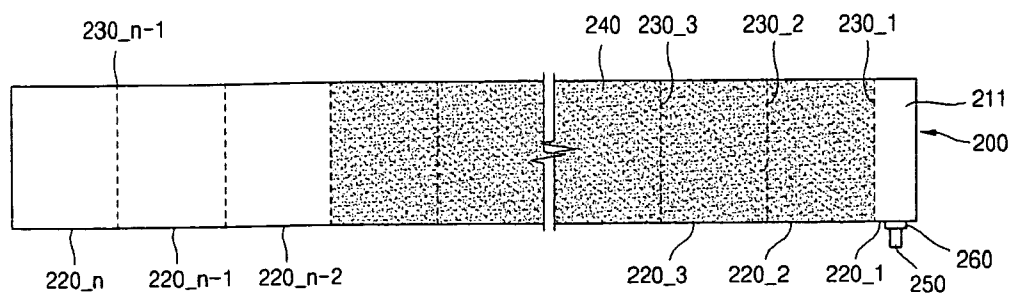


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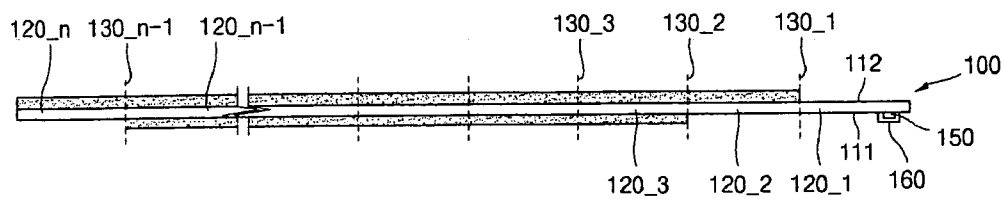


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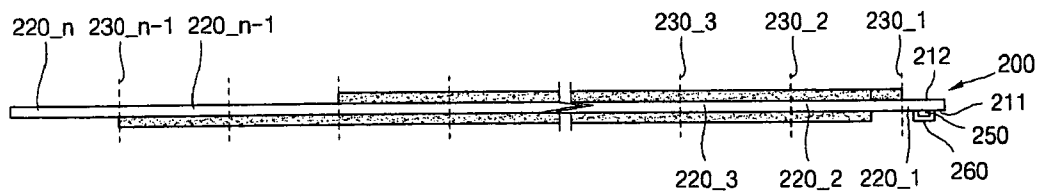


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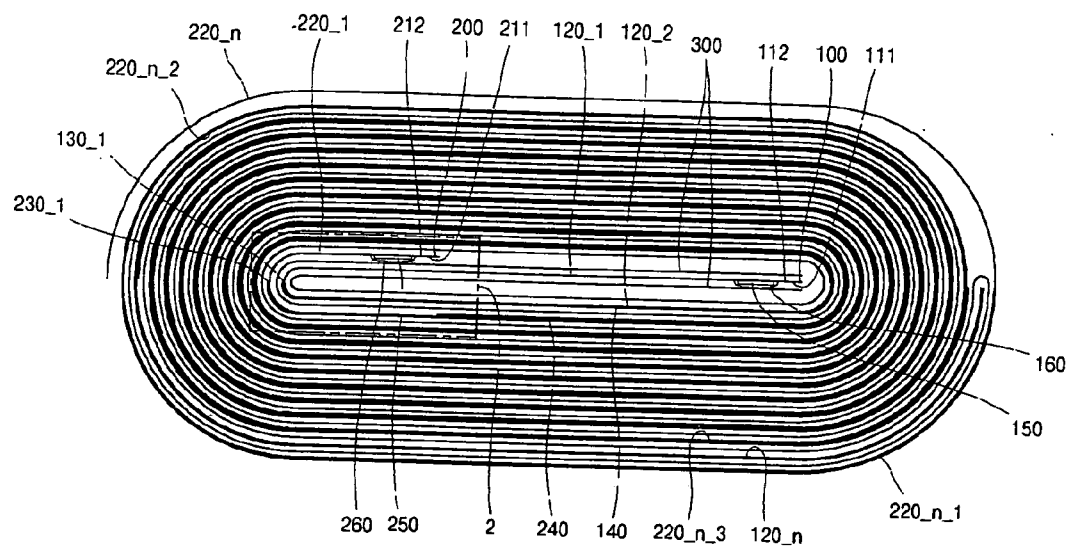


FIG. 2A

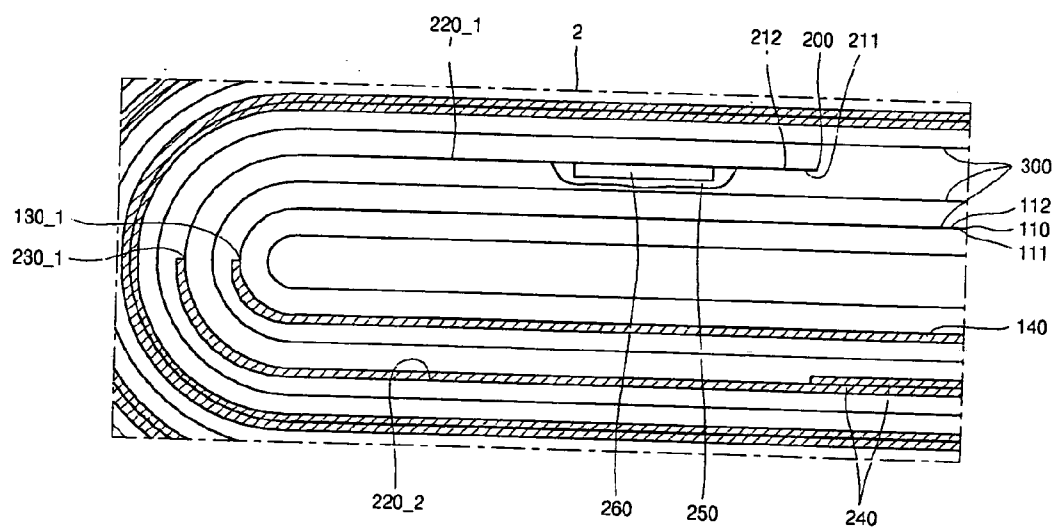


FIG. 2B

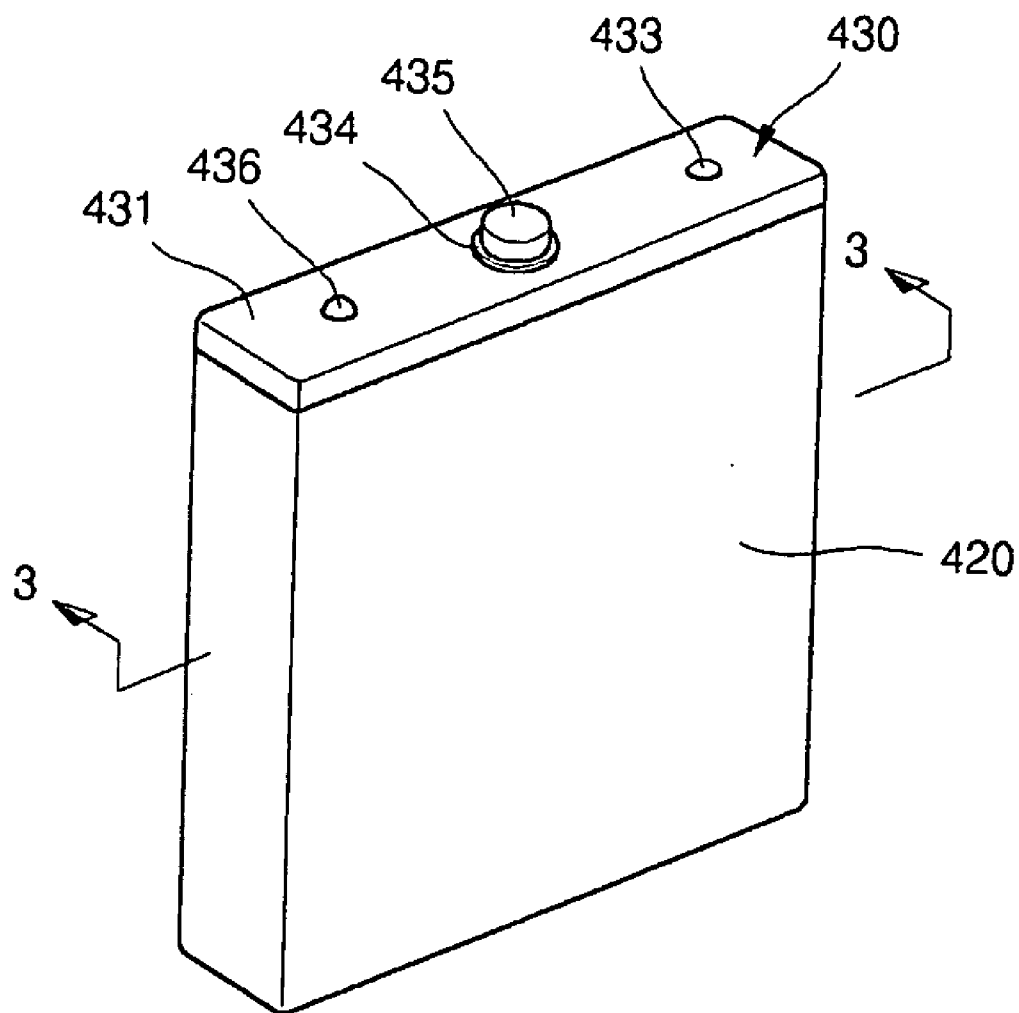


FIG.3A

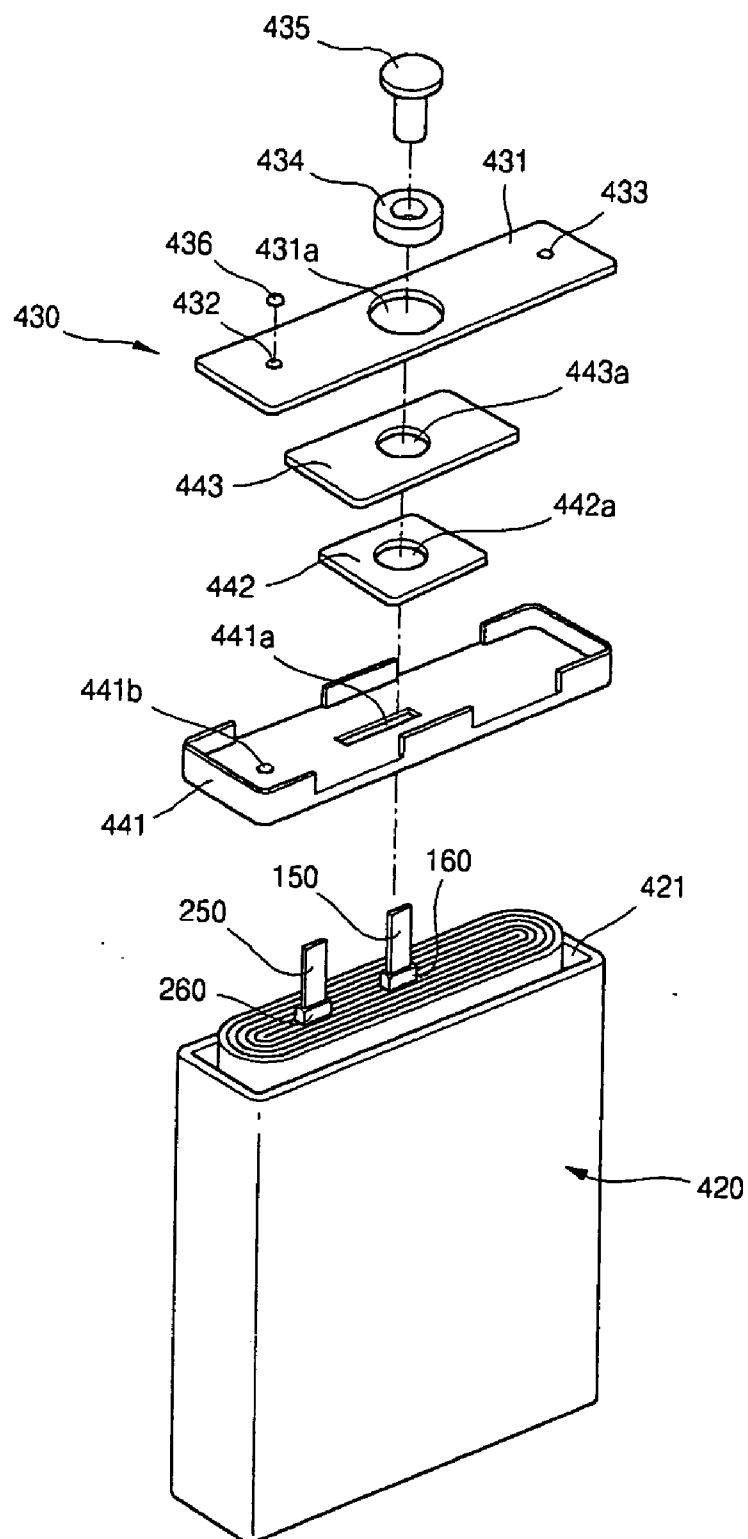


FIG.3B

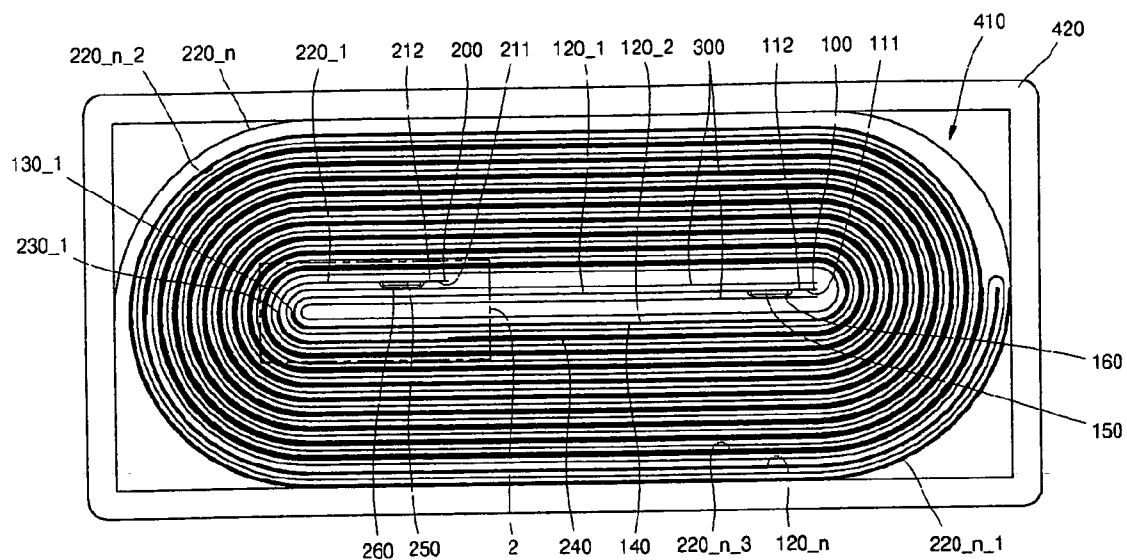


FIG. 3C

ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY USING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 2004-0046669 filed on Jun. 22, 2004 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to a lithium ion secondary battery, and more particularly to an electrode assembly therefor.

[0004] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0005] As is generally known in the art, a lithium ion secondary battery includes an electrode assembly which has positive and negative electrode collectors coated with active materials of a predetermined thickness and a separator interposed between the collectors and which is wound a number of times into a jelly roll configuration. After being wound a number of times into a jelly roll configuration, the electrode assembly is contained in a cylindrical or square-type can or a pouch and is sealed.

[0006] The collectors have conductive tabs welded thereto which extend a predetermined distance to the exterior so that charging electrical power can be applied from the exterior of the battery or discharging electrical power can be applied to the exterior of the battery. Particularly, positive and negative electrode conductive tabs are welded to the positive and negative electrode collectors, respectively. The positive and negative electrode conductive tabs have insulation tape attached to the surface thereof with a predetermined thickness to prevent the separator from being damaged and to avoid a direct short circuit.

[0007] The thickness of the collectors is about 10 μm , of the active materials, about 120 μm , of the conductive tabs, about 100 μm , and of the insulation tape, about 40 μm . The total thickness of the conductive tabs and the insulation tape is substantially larger than that of the active materials.

[0008] When the electrode assembly configured as above is wound into a jelly roll configuration, the wound regions corresponding to the conductive tabs and the insulation tape are substantially thicker than the remaining wound regions. Particularly, the wound regions corresponding to the conductive tabs and the insulation tape protrude further to the exterior than the remaining regions. When the electrode assembly is inserted into a can or pouch, therefore, such irregular thickness makes the insertion of the electrode assembly difficult, sometimes causing the protruding portions to deform. Such deformation may decrease the battery capacity.

[0009] Since the electrode assembly is not easily insertable into a can, it may be pressed or squeezed to achieve the desired result. As a result, the active materials corresponding to the lower conductive tab and the insulation tape are then compressed by a strong force and may have degraded usefulness in those parts. In other words, the active materials may have little use but still increase the thickness of the electrode assembly.

[0010] Accordingly, there is a need for an electrode assembly having a reduced overall winding thickness and a lithium ion secondary battery using the same.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0011] In accordance with the present invention, an electrode assembly is provided having active materials formed on an outer surface of a region to which a conductive tab is welded, as well as the active materials being coated on an adjacent region overlapping the conductive tab, for reduced overall winding thickness.

[0012] An electrode assembly is provided including a negative electrode collector having a negative electrode conductive tab welded near an end thereof and negative electrode active materials coated on the outer peripheral edge thereof with a predetermined spacing from the negative electrode conductive tab. Additionally, the electrode assembly includes a positive electrode collector having a positive electrode conductive tab welded near an end thereof and positive electrode active materials coated on the outer peripheral edge thereof with a predetermined spacing from the positive electrode conductive tab, the positive electrode collector being wound a number of times together with the negative electrode collector.

[0013] In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention, a lithium ion secondary battery is provided including an electrode assembly including a negative electrode collector having a negative electrode conductive tab welded to a surface thereof while extending to the exterior and negative electrode active materials coated on both surfaces thereof. The electrode assembly may also include a positive electrode collector having a positive electrode conductive tab welded to a surface thereof while protruding to the exterior and positive electrode active materials coated on the outer peripheral edge of both surfaces thereof, except for a region corresponding to the positive electrode conductive tab during winding. The electrode assembly may be wound with a separator being interposed between both surfaces of the negative electrode collector. The battery may also include a can having first surface, a second surface connected to the first surface, a third surface connected to both the first and second surfaces, and an opening formed on the top thereof facing the third surface so that the electrode assembly may be coupled thereto; a cap assembly welded to the top of the can to prevent the electrode assembly from escaping to the exterior; and an electrolyte injectable into the can.

[0014] The electrode assembly and the lithium ion secondary battery using the same do not have active materials formed in the regions of the negative and positive electrode collectors constituting the electrode assembly, which overlap the conductive tabs. This minimizes the winding thickness of the electrode assembly. Particularly, the winding regions corresponding to the conductive tabs and the insulation tape do not protrude further to the exterior than the remaining regions. Such an electrode assembly is easily insertable into a can or pouch. This improves workability, suppresses deformation, and avoids degradation of battery capacity.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] FIG. 1A.1 is a top view showing an unfolded negative electrode collector of an electrode assembly according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[0016] FIG. 1A.2 is a top view showing an unfolded positive electrode collector of an electrode assembly according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[0017] FIG. 1B.1 is a bottom view of the electrode assembly shown in FIG. 1A.1.

[0018] FIG. 1B.2 is a bottom view of the electrode assembly shown in FIG. 1A.2.

[0019] FIG. 1C.1 is a sectional view taken along line 1-1 of FIG. 1A.1.

[0020] FIG. 1C.2 is a sectional view taken along line 1-1 of FIG. 1A.2.

[0021] FIG. 2A is an overall sectional view showing an electrode assembly which is wound with a separator interposed.

[0022] FIG. 2B is a magnified view of region 2 of FIG. 2A.

[0023] FIG. 3A is a perspective view showing a lithium ion secondary battery according to an embodiment of the present invention.

[0024] FIG. 3B is an exploded perspective view of the lithium ion secondary battery shown in FIG. 3A.

[0025] FIG. 3C is a sectional view taken along line 3-3 of FIG. 3A.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0026] Referring to FIGS. 1A.1, 1B.1 and 1C.1, the electrode assembly according to an embodiment of the present invention includes an approximately plate-shaped negative electrode collector 100, negative electrode active materials 140 coated on predetermined regions of both surfaces of the negative electrode collector 100 and a negative electrode conductive tab 150 welded to a predetermined region of the negative electrode collector 100. Referring to FIGS. 1A.2, 1B.2 and 1C.2, the electrode assembly may also include a positive electrode collector 200, positive electrode active materials 240 formed by coating in predetermined regions of both surfaces of the positive electrode collector 200, and a positive electrode conductive tab 250 welded to a predetermined region of the positive electrode collector 200.

[0027] The negative electrode collector 100 has a substantially planar first surface 111 and substantially second surface 112 opposing the first surface 111. The negative electrode collector 100 has substantially square or rectangular 1st, 2nd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions 120_1, 120_2 . . . 120_n-1, and 120_n formed on the first and second surfaces 111, 112 and 1st, 2nd . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th folding lines 130_1, 130_2 . . . 130_n-2, and 130_n-1 formed between the respective regions. The negative electrode collector 100 is wound a number of times by folding it about the respective folding lines 130_1, 130_2 . . . 130_n-2, and 130_n-1. The negative electrode collector 100 may be made up of, for example, copper foil or an equivalent thereof, but is not limited to that material.

[0028] The negative electrode active materials 140 are formed by coating the 3rd, 4th . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th regions 120_3, 120_4 . . . 120_n-2, and 120_n-1 of the first surface

111 of the negative electrode collector 100. The negative electrode active materials are also coated on the 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-1), and nth regions 120_2, 120_3 . . . 120_n-1, and 120_n of the second surface 112 of the negative electrode collector 100 to a predetermined thickness. The negative electrode active materials 140 may be made up of, for example, graphite or an equivalent thereof, but are not limited to that material.

[0029] The negative electrode conductive tab 150 is welded to the first region 120_1 of the first surface 111 of the negative electrode collector 100 and protrudes a predetermined distance to the exterior. The surface of the negative electrode conductive tab 150 is enclosed by insulation tape 160 to prevent the separator (described in more detail below) from being damaged and avoid a direct short circuit to the positive electrode collector 200. The negative electrode collector 150 may be made from, for example, nickel or an equivalent thereof, but is not limited to that material.

[0030] The positive electrode collector 200 has a substantially planar first surface 211 and a substantially planar second surface 212 opposing the first surface 211. The positive electrode collector 200 has substantially square or rectangular 1st, 2nd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions 220_1, 220_2 . . . 220_n-1, and 220_n formed on the first and second surfaces 211 and 212 and 1st, 2nd . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th folding lines 230_1, 230_2 . . . 230_n-2, and 230_n-1 formed between the respective regions.

[0031] The first region 220_1 of the positive electrode collector 200 may have a width smaller than that of the remaining 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions 220_2, 220_3 . . . 220_n-1, and 220_n. More specifically, the first region 220_1 of the positive electrode collector 200 may have a width, length, or area ratio corresponding to 20-80% of that of the remaining regions. The positive electrode collector 200 is wound a number of times by folding it about the respective folding lines 230_1, 230_2 . . . 230_n-2, and 230_n-1. The positive electrode collector 200 may be made from, for example, aluminum foil, aluminum mesh, or an equivalent thereof, but is not limited to that material.

[0032] The positive electrode active materials 240 are coated on the 3rd, 4th . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th regions 220_3, 220_4 . . . 220_n-2, and 220_n-1 of the first surface 211 of the positive electrode collector 200. The positive electrode active materials 240 are also coated on the 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-4)th, and (n-3)th regions 220_2, 220_3 . . . 220_n-4, and 220_n-3 of the second surface 212 of the positive electrode collector 200 with a predetermined thickness. Additionally, the positive electrode active materials 240 may also be coated on a predetermined region of the second region 220_2 of the first surface 211 of the positive electrode collector 200. More specifically, the positive electrode active materials 240 may be coated on the outer peripheral edge of the second region 220_2 of the first surface 211, except for a part thereof which contacts the positive electrode conductive tab 250 (described in more detail below) as the positive electrode collector 200 is folded. This minimizes the winding thickness because the positive electrode active materials 240 are not coated on a region which directly contacts the positive electrode conductive tab 250 as the positive electrode collector 200 is wound. As a result, the total thickness does not increase from the combined thickness of the positive electrode conductive tab 250 and the insulation tape

260, since the positive electrode active materials **240** are not coated on a region contacting them. Such thickness control minimizes the amount of protrusion of the electrode assembly after it is wound. The positive electrode active materials **240** may be made up of lithium cobalt oxide or an equivalent thereof, but are not limited to that material.

[0033] The positive electrode conductive tab **250** is welded to the first region **220_1** of the first surface **211** of the positive electrode collector **200** and extends a predetermined distance to the exterior. The surface of the positive electrode conductive tab **250** is enclosed by the insulation tape **260** to prevent the separator (not shown) from being damaged by the positive electrode conductive tab **250** and to avoid a direct short circuit of the negative electrode collector **100**. The positive electrode collector **250** may be made up of aluminum or an equivalent thereof, but is not limited to that material.

[0034] FIG. 2A shows a sectional view of an electrode assembly which is wound with a separator interposed and FIG. 2B shows a magnified view of region 2 of FIG. 2A. In the drawings, the negative electrode collector **100**, the separator **300**, and the positive electrode collector **200** are shown to be positioned with some spacing among them for ease of understanding. It is to be noted, however, that they are wound with respect to one another with little spacing in the actual electrode assembly.

[0035] As shown, the negative electrode collector **100** coated with the negative electrode active materials **140** is wound in the counterclockwise direction about the negative electrode conductive tab **150**. Specifically, the negative electrode collector **100** is wound beginning with the first and second regions **120_1** and **120_2** of the first surface **111** facing each other. The negative electrode conductive tab **150** is welded to the first region **120_1** of the first surface **111** of the negative electrode collector **100** and is enclosed by insulation tape **160**. The first and second surfaces **111** and **112** of the negative electrode collector **100** are enclosed by the separator **300** to prevent the negative electrode collector **100** from directly short-circuiting the positive electrode collector **200**. The separator **300** is also interposed between the first and second regions **120_1** and **120_2** of the first surface **111** of the negative electrode collector **100** to prevent the first and second regions **120_1** and **120_2** from directly contacting each other.

[0036] The negative electrode active materials **140** coating the negative electrode collector **100** are coated starting from the third region **120_3** of the first surface **111** and from the second region **120_2** of the second surface **112**. The negative electrode active materials **140** are coated up to the (n-1)th region **120_n-1** of the first surface **111** of the negative electrode collector **100** and up to the nth region **120_n** of the second region **112** thereof.

[0037] The first region **220_1** of the first surface **211** of the positive electrode collector **200** is fastened to the first region **120_1** of the second surface **112** of the negative electrode collector **100** with the separator **300** interposed between them. The first region **220_1** of the positive electrode collector **200** has a width or length smaller than the remaining regions. The positive electrode conductive tab **250** is welded to the first region **220_1** of the first surface **211** and is enclosed by insulation tape **260**. The positive electrode active materials **240** coating the first surface **211** of the

positive electrode collector **200** are coated on a predetermined part of the second region **220_2**. More specifically, the positive electrode active materials **240** are coated on the outer peripheral edge of the second region **220_2** overlapping the positive electrode conductive tab **250** and minimizing the increase in thickness due to the positive electrode conductive tab **250** and insulation tape **260**. In practice, such a coating structure of the positive electrode active materials **240** results in thickness reduction of about 100 μm in the electrode assembly.

[0038] The positive electrode active materials **240** coating the second surface **212** of the positive electrode collector **200** are coated starting from the second region **220_2**. The first surface **220_1** of the positive electrode collector **200** is wound together when the negative electrode collector **100** is folded for the second time and, at the end of winding, the positive electrode collector **200** encloses the negative electrode collector **100**. In the case of a square-type can, the can itself acts as the positive electrode and short circuiting between the negative electrode collector **100** and the can may be effectively avoided. The positive electrode active materials **240** are coated up to the (n-1)th region **220_n-1** of the first surface **211** of the positive electrode collector **200** and up to the (n-3)th region **220_n-3** of the second region **212** thereof. Thus, the positive electrode collector **200** is directly exposed to the surface of the electrode assembly without the positive electrode active materials **240** being interposed.

[0039] FIG. 3A shows a perspective view of a lithium ion secondary battery according to an embodiment of the present invention. Additionally, FIG. 3B shows an exploded perspective view of the lithium ion secondary battery shown in FIG. 3A and FIG. 3C shows a sectional view taken along line 3-3 of FIG. 3A.

[0040] As shown, the lithium ion secondary battery according to an embodiment of the present invention includes an electrode assembly **410** (**100** and **200** are combined into **410**) (FIG. 3C), a can **420** for containing the electrode assembly **410**, an electrolyte (not shown) injectable into the can **420** to enable lithium ions to move, and a cap assembly **430** for covering the can **420** and preventing the electrode assembly **410** and the electrolyte from escaping to the exterior. Although a square-type battery is given as an example herein, the present invention may also be applied to other batteries, for example, cylindrical and pouch-type batteries.

[0041] The electrode assembly **410** includes a negative electrode collector **100** having negative electrode active materials **140** (for example, graphite) attached thereto, a positive electrode collector **200** having positive electrode active materials **240** (for example, lithium cobalt oxide) attached thereto, and a separator **300** enclosing the negative and positive electrode collectors **100** and **200** to avoid a short circuit and to enable only lithium ions to move. The negative and positive electrode collectors **100** and **200** and the separator **300** are wound a number of times into a jelly roll configuration and are contained in the can **420**. The negative electrode collector **100** is provided with insulation tape **160** after a negative electrode conductive tab **150** is welded thereto and the positive electrode collector **200** is provided with insulation tape **260** after a positive electrode conductive tab **250** is welded thereto.

[0042] The coating configuration of the negative and positive electrode active materials **140**, **240** include all features

described with reference to FIGS. 1a.1, 1a.2, 1b.1, 1b.2, 1c.1, 1c.2, 2a and 2b. Specifically, the negative electrode active materials 140 are coated on the 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th regions 120_2, 120_3 . . . 120_n-2, and 120_n-1 of the first surface 111 of the negative electrode collector 100 and on the 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions 120_2, 120_3 . . . 120_n-1, and 120_n of the second surface 112 thereof. The positive electrode active materials 240 are coated from a predetermined region of the second region 220_2 of the first surface 211 of the positive electrode collector 200, which is the outer peripheral edge of a region thereof overlapping the positive electrode conductive tab 250 and the insulation tape 260, to the (n-1)th region. The positive electrode active materials 240 are also coated on the 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-4)th, and (n-3)th regions 220_2, 220_3 . . . 220_n-4, and 220_n-3 of the second surface 212.

[0043] Such a structure of the electrode assembly 410 minimizes the increase in thickness caused by the negative or positive electrode conductive tab 150, 250 and allows easy insert of the electrode assembly 410 into the can 420.

[0044] The can 420 has a substantially hexahedron shape with a top opening 421. The can 420 may be made up of aluminum (Al), iron (Fe), an alloy, or an equivalent thereof, but is not limited to those materials.

[0045] The electrolyte (not shown) is injected into the can 420 and is positioned between the negative and positive electrode collectors 100, 200 of the electrode assembly 410. The electrolyte acts as a medium for movement of lithium ions created by the electrochemical reaction between the negative and positive electrode collectors 100, 200 inside the battery during charging/discharging and may be a non-aqueous organic electrolyte, which is a mixture of lithium salt and a high-purity organic solution. The electrolyte may also be made up of a polymer using a high molecular electrolyte.

[0046] An insulation case 441, a terminal plate 442, and an insulation plate 443 may be additionally coupled to the opening 421 of the can 420 on top of the electrode assembly 410, but these components are not always necessary. The insulation case 441, the terminal plate 442, and the insulation plate 443 have through holes 441a, 442a, 443a formed therein, respectively, so that the negative and positive electrode conductive tabs 150 and 250 may protrude through in the upward direction. The insulation plate 442 has an electrolyte through-hole 441b formed therein so that, when an electrolyte is injected through the cap plate 431 (described later), it can easily flow toward the electrolyte assembly 410.

[0047] The cap assembly 430 is welded to the opening 421 of the can 420 by laser welding and includes a substantially rectangular plate-shaped cap plate 431. The cap plate 431 has a through-hole 431a formed at the center thereof with a predetermined size, an electrolyte injection hole 432 formed on a side thereof for electrolyte injection, and a safety vent 433 formed on the other side thereof with a comparatively small thickness. An insulation gasket 434 is coupled to the through-hole 431a of the cap plate 431 and a negative electrode terminal 435 is coupled to the insulation gasket 434. The electrode terminal 435 is welded to the negative electrode conductive tab 150 to act as a negative electrode during charging or discharging of the battery. The positive electrode conductive tab 250 is welded between the elec-

trode injection hole 432 of the cap plate 431 and the electrode terminal 435, so that the cap plate 431 and the can 420 as a whole act as a positive electrode. The electrolyte injection hole 432 of the cap plate 431 has a plug 436 coupled and welded thereto so that after electrolyte is injected, the electrolyte is prevented from leaking out.

[0048] As mentioned above, the electrode assembly and the lithium ion secondary battery using the electrode assembly do not have active materials formed in the regions of the negative and positive electrode collectors constituting the electrode assembly, which overlap the conductive tabs. This minimizes the winding thickness of the electrode assembly. Specifically, the winding regions corresponding to the conductive tabs and the insulation tape do not protrude further to the exterior than the remaining regions. Such an electrode assembly can be easily inserted into a can or pouch. This improves workability, suppresses deformation, and avoids degradation of battery capacity.

[0049] Although exemplary embodiments of the present invention have been described for illustrative purposes, those skilled in the art will appreciate that various modifications, additions and substitutions are possible, without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention as disclosed in the accompanying claims.

1. An electrode assembly comprising:

- a negative electrode collector having a negative electrode conductive tab welded adjacent to a negative electrode collector end and negative electrode active materials coated on an outer surface of the negative electrode collector at a predetermined spacing from the negative electrode conductive tab; and
- a positive electrode collector having a positive electrode conductive tab welded adjacent to a positive electrode collector end and positive electrode active materials coated on an outer surface of the positive electrode collector at a predetermined spacing from the positive electrode conductive tab,

wherein the positive electrode collector is wound a number of times together with the negative electrode collector.

2. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the negative electrode collector has a substantially planar first surface and a substantially planar second surface opposing the first surface, and wherein the substantially planar first surface and the substantially planar second surface each have 1st, 2nd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions and each have 1st, 2nd . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th folding lines formed and wound between the respective regions.

3. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the negative electrode active materials are coated on 3rd, 4th . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th regions of the substantially planar first surface of the negative electrode collector and coated on 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions of the substantially planar second surface of the negative electrode collector with a predetermined thickness.

4. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the negative electrode conductive tab is welded to a 1st region of the substantially planar first surface of the negative electrode collector and wherein the negative electrode conductive tab protrudes a predetermined distance to the exterior with the surface enclosed by insulation tape.

5. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the negative electrode collector is wound about a 1st folding line with the substantially planar first surface of a 1st region and the substantially planar first surface of a 2nd region being fastened to each other.

6. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein a separator is positioned on the first surface and the second surface of the negative electrode collector.

7. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the positive electrode collector has a substantially planar first surface and a substantially planar second surface opposing the first surface, and the substantially planar first surface and the substantially planar second surface each have 1st, 2nd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions, respectively, and each have 1st, 2nd . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th folding lines formed between the respective regions when the positive electrode collector is fastened to the negative electrode collector.

8. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the positive electrode active materials are coated on 3rd, 4th . . . (n-2)th, and (n-1)th regions of the substantially planar first surface of the positive electrode collector and are coated on 2nd, 3rd . . . (n-4)th, and (n-3)th regions of the substantially planar second surface thereof with a predetermined thickness.

9. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the positive electrode conductive tab is welded to a 1st region of the substantially planar first surface of the positive electrode collector and wherein the positive electrode conductive tab protrudes a predetermined distance to the exterior and is enclosed by insulation tape.

10. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the positive electrode active materials are created on a predetermined region of a 2nd region of the substantially planar first surface of the positive electrode collector with a predetermined thickness.

11. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the positive electrode active materials are coated on an outer peripheral edge of a region of a 2nd region of the substantially planar first surface of the positive electrode collector which overlaps the positive electrode conductive tab with a predetermined thickness after the positive electrode collector is wound about a 1st folding line.

12. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein a 1st region of the positive electrode collector has a width smaller than that of the remaining regions.

13. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the negative electrode collector has a substantially planar first surface and a substantially planar second surface opposing the first surface; wherein the first substantially planar surface and the second substantially planar surface of the negative electrode collector each have 1st, 2nd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions wherein the positive electrode collector has a substantially planar first surface and a substantially planar second surface opposing the first surface; wherein the first surface and the second surface of the positive electrode collector each have 1st, 2nd . . . (n-1)th, and nth regions; and

wherein the substantially planar second surface of a 1st region of the negative electrode collector is fastened to and wound together with the substantially planar first surface of a 1st region of the positive electrode collector.

14. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the negative electrode collector is made from copper foil.

15. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the negative electrode active materials are graphite.

16. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the negative electrode conductive tab is a nickel tab.

17. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the positive electrode collector is made from any one chosen from a group comprising aluminum foil and aluminum mesh.

18. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the positive electrode active materials are lithium cobalt oxide.

19. The electrode assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the positive electrode tab is an aluminum tab.

20. A lithium ion secondary battery comprising:

an electrode assembly including:

a negative electrode collector having a negative electrode conductive tab welded to a first surface of the negative electrode collector while extending to the exterior, and negative electrode active materials formed by coating the first surface and a second surface of the negative electrode collector and

a positive electrode collector having a positive electrode conductive tab welded to a first surface of the positive electrode collector while protruding to the exterior, and positive electrode active materials coated on the first surface and a second surface of the positive electrode collector, other than a region corresponding to the positive electrode conductive tab during winding,

wherein the negative electrode collector and the positive electrode collector are wound with a separator being interposed between both surfaces of the negative electrode collector;

a can having a first surface, a second surface connected to the first surface, a third surface connected to both the first surface and the second surface, and an opening formed on the top thereof facing the third surface so that the electrode assembly can be coupled thereto;

a cap assembly welded to the top of the can to prevent the electrode assembly from escaping to the exterior; and

an electrolyte injectable into the can.

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