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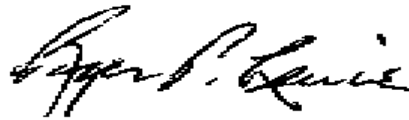
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1. A semiconductor device, comprising:
 - a semiconductor substrate,
 - an element formation region placed in a portion of the substrate,
 - groove-type element isolation that surrounds the element formation region, and that comprises a height difference part, which becomes higher in a step manner than the semiconductor substrate of the element formation region, with the element formation region, and that is made from an insulating material, and
 - height difference-part sidewalls formed on side surfaces of the height difference part between the element formation region and the groove-type element isolation.
2. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein
 - the height difference-part sidewalls are formed with an insulating material.
3. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein
 - a MISFET, comprising: a gate electrode and electrode-part sidewalls on both side surfaces of the gate electrode is formed in the element formation region, and
 - the height difference-part sidewalls are formed at the same time as the electrode-part sidewalls.
4. The substrate device according to claim 3,
 - the electrode-part sidewalls are formed with an L-shaped silicon nitride film with substantially constant thickness that is formed via a protective oxide film throughout the side surfaces of the gate electrode onto the semiconductor substrate; and
 - the height difference-part sidewalls are formed with an L-shaped silicon nitride film with substantially constant thickness that are formed via a protective oxide film throughout side surfaces between the element formation region and the groove-type element isolation onto the semiconductor substrate.

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