WIRELESS POWER RECEIVER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 15/430,173, filed February 10, 2017; which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 15/360,425, filed November 23, 2016; which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 13/663,012, filed October 29, 2012, now U.S. Patent No. 9,806,565, issued October 31, 2017; which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C §119 of Korean Patent Application Nos. 10-2012-0029987, filed March 23, 2012, and 10-2012-0079004, filed July 19, 2012; which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

BACKGROUND

The embodiment relates to a wireless power receiver and a method of manufacturing the same. In more particular, the embodiment relates to a wireless power receiver used for wireless power transmission or an antenna to reduce a thickness of the wireless power receiver and to simplify the manufacturing process thereof and a method of manufacturing the same.

A wireless power transmission or a wireless energy transfer refers to a technology of wirelessly transferring electric energy to desired devices. In the 1800's, an electric motor or a transformer employing the principle of electromagnetic induction has been extensively used and then a method of transmitting electrical energy by irradiating electromagnetic waves, such as radio waves or lasers, has been suggested. Actually, electrical toothbrushes or electrical razors, which are frequently used in daily life, are charged based on the principle of electromagnetic induction. The electromagnetic induction refers to the generation of an electric current through induction of a voltage when a magnetic field is changed around a conductor. The electromagnetic induction scheme has been successfully commercialized for electronic appliances having small sizes, but represents a problem in that the transmission distance of power is too short.

Besides the electromagnetic induction scheme, the long-distance transmission using the resonance and the short-wavelength radio frequency has been suggested as the wireless energy transfer scheme.

However, in general, a wireless power receiver disposed in a terminal has a thick thickness and the manufacturing process thereof is complicated.

BRIEF SUMMARY

An embodiment provides a method capable of remarkably reducing a thickness of a wireless power receiver by directly disposing a coil unit on a top surface of a magnetic substrate.

An embodiment provides a method capable of ensuring high power transmission efficiency and enabling communication with external devices by directly disposing a coil unit and a near field communication antenna on a top surface of a magnetic substrate.

An embodiment provides a method capable of simplifying the manufacturing process for a wireless power receiver by directly disposing a coil unit on a magnetic substrate.

An embodiment provides a method capable of remarkably reducing a thickness of a wireless power receiver by disposing a coil unit inside a magnetic substrate.

An embodiment provides a method capable of ensuring high power transmission efficiency and enabling communication with external devices by disposing a coil unit inside a magnetic substrate and a near field communication antenna on a magnetic substrate.

An embodiment provides a method capable of simplifying the manufacturing process for a wireless power receiver by disposing a coil unit inside a magnetic substrate.

A wireless power receiver according to one embodiment includes a magnetic substrate and a coil configured to wirelessly receive power, wherein the coil is formed as a conductive layer on the magnetic substrate.

A wireless power receiver according to one embodiment includes a magnetic substrate and a coil a coil configured to wirelessly receive power, wherein the coil is formed as a conductive layer at the magnetic substrate, wherein a part of the coil is disposed inside the magnetic substrate.

A method of manufacturing a wireless power receiver for wirelessly receiving power according to one embodiment includes forming a conductor on a protective film, forming a conductive pattern by etching the conductor, connecting a connecting unit to be connected to an external circuit to a connection terminal of the conductive pattern, obtaining a magnetic substrate having a receiving space of a predetermined shape corresponding to the connecting unit and

disposing the magnetic substrate on the conductive pattern while positioning the connecting unit in the receiving space.

According to one embodiment, the thickness of the wireless power receiver can be remarkably reduced by directly disposing the coil unit on a top surface of the magnetic substrate.

According to one embodiment, the high power transmission efficiency can be ensured and communication with external devices can be enabled by directly disposing the coil unit and the near field communication antenna on the top surface of the magnetic substrate.

According to one embodiment, the manufacturing process for the wireless power receiver can be simplified by directly disposing the coil unit on the magnetic substrate only through laminating and etching processes.

According to one embodiment, the thickness of the wireless power receiver can be remarkably reduced by forming the conductive pattern inside the magnetic substrate.

According to one embodiment, the high power transmission efficiency can be ensured by forming the conductive pattern inside the magnetic substrate and the communication with external devices can be enabled by using the near field communication antenna.

According to one embodiment, the connecting unit is disposed in the receiving space of the magnetic substrate so that the thickness of the wireless power receiver can be remarkably reduced as much as the thickness of the connecting unit.

According to one embodiment, a tape substrate is used as the connecting unit so that the overall size of the wireless power receiver can be reduced.

According to one embodiment, a lead frame is used as the connecting unit, so the wiring layer included in the connecting unit can be protected from the heat, external moisture or impact and the mass production can be realized.

According to one embodiment, the magnetic field directed to the outside can be changed into the coil unit due to the conductive pattern formed in the magnetic substrate, so the power transmission efficiency can be improved, at the same time, the amount of the magnetic field leaked to the outside can be reduced so that the bad influence of the magnetic field exerted to the human body can be diminished.

According to one embodiment, the wireless power receiver can be manufactured only through the processes of forming the pattern groove and inserting the coil unit, so that the manufacturing process can be simplified.

Other various effects of the embodiments will be disclosed directly or indirectly in the detailed description of the embodiments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 2 is a plan view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken along line A-A' of a connecting unit **300** of a wireless power receiver **1000** shown in FIG. 2;

FIGS. 4 to 8 are views for explaining a method of manufacturing a wireless power receiver **1000** according to one embodiment;

FIG. 9 is a sectional view taken along line A-A' of a connecting unit **300** of a wireless power receiver **1000** shown in FIG. 2 according to the second embodiment;

FIG. 10 is a plan view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the third embodiment;

FIG. 11 is a perspective view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the fourth embodiment;

FIG. 12 is a plan view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the fourth embodiment;

FIG. 13 is a sectional view taken along line B-B' of a connecting unit **300** of a wireless power receiver **1000** shown in FIG. 12 according to the fourth embodiment;

FIG. 14 is a perspective view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the fifth embodiment;

FIG. 15 is a plan view illustrating a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the fifth embodiment;

FIG. 16 is a sectional view taken along line C-C' of a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the fifth embodiment;

FIGS. 17 to 21 are views for explaining a method of manufacturing a wireless power receiver **1000** according to the fifth embodiment;

FIG. 22 is a view for explaining variation of inductance, resistance and **Q** values of a coil unit **200** as a function of a usable frequency when the coil unit **200** is disposed on a top surface of a magnetic substrate according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 23 is a view for explaining variation of inductance, resistance and **Q** values of a coil unit **200** as a function of a usable frequency when the coil unit **200** is disposed in a pattern groove formed in a magnetic substrate according to the fifth embodiment;

FIG. 24 is an H-field for illustrating a radiation pattern of a magnetic field when a coil unit is disposed on a top surface of a magnetic substrate according to the first embodiment;

FIG. 25 is an H-field for illustrating a radiation pattern of a magnetic field when a coil unit is disposed in a pattern groove formed in a magnetic substrate according to the fifth embodiment;

FIG. 26 is an exploded perspective view of a wireless power receiver **1000** according to still another embodiment;

FIG. 27 is a perspective view of a wireless power receiver **1000** according to still another embodiment;

FIG. 28 is a sectional view of a wireless power receiver **1000** according to still another embodiment; and

FIGS. 29 to 37 are views for explaining a method of manufacturing a wireless power receiver according to still another embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Hereinafter, exemplary embodiments will be described in detail with reference to accompanying drawings so that those skilled in the art can easily work with the embodiments.

Hereinafter, "conductive pattern" refers to the shape of a conductive layer and may be used to refer to a structure formed by a patterning process. "conductive layer" may be used

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