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BATTERY MODULE WITH REINFORCED SAFETY

Abstract

A battery module includes a plurality of battery cells stacked in at least one direction; a module case configured to accommodate the plurality of battery cells in an inner space; and a heat dissipation member interposed between at least some of the plurality of battery cells and configured to at least partially contact the module case and transfer heat generated from the plurality of battery cells to the module case.

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Background/Summary

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present application claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2022-0045095 filed on Apr. 12, 2022 in the Republic of Korea, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a battery, and more particularly, to a battery module with reinforced safety, and a battery pack and a vehicle including the battery same.

BACKGROUND ART

[0003] As the demand for portable electronic products such as smart phones, tablet PCs and smart watches is rapidly increasing and electric vehicles are broadly propagated, batteries loaded thereon, particularly secondary batteries capable of repeated charging and discharging, are being actively researched.

[0004] Currently commercialized secondary batteries include nickel cadmium battery, nickel hydrogen battery, nickel zinc battery, lithium secondary battery, and so on. Among these, the lithium secondary battery has almost no memory effect to ensure free charge and discharge, compared to the nickel-based secondary battery, and the lithium secondary battery is spotlighted due to a very low discharge rate and a high energy density.

[0005] The lithium secondary battery mainly uses a lithium-based oxides and a carbon material as a positive electrode active material and a negative electrode active material, respectively. The lithium secondary battery includes an electrode assembly in which a positive electrode plate and a negative electrode plate respectively coated with the positive electrode active material and the negative electrode active material are disposed with a separator being interposed therebetween, and an exterior, or a battery case, for hermetically accommodating the electrode assembly together with an electrolyte.

[0006] Generally, the lithium secondary batteries may be classified into a can-type secondary battery having an electrode assembly included in a metal can and a pouch-type secondary battery having an electrode assembly included in a pouch of an aluminum laminate sheet, depending on the shape of the exterior.

[0007] Recently, secondary batteries are widely used for driving or energy storage not only in small devices such as portable electronic devices but also in medium and large devices such as electric vehicles and energy storage systems (ESS). These secondary batteries may constitute one battery module in such a form that a plurality of secondary batteries are electrically connected and are stored together in a module case. In addition, a plurality of battery modules may be connected to form one battery pack.

[0008] However, when a plurality of secondary batteries (battery cells) or a plurality of battery modules are concentrated in a narrow space, they may be vulnerable to thermal events. In particular, when an event such as thermal runaway occurs in one battery cell, a problem in which the thermal event is propagated to other battery cells may occur. When such a thermal propagation phenomenon occurs, serious problems such as fire or explosion may occur in the battery module. In addition, when a plurality of battery modules are included in a high-rank device such as one battery pack, battery rack, or energy storage system, problems such as fire or explosion may spread to other battery modules included in the high-rank device.

[0009] Moreover, in the case of a medium- or large-sized battery module or battery pack such as an electric vehicle, a large number of battery cells are included to increase output and/or capacity, and thus the risk of thermal chain reaction may increase. In addition, in the case of a battery pack

mounted in an electric vehicle or the like, a user such as a driver may exist nearby. Therefore, when a thermal event generated in a specific battery module is not properly controlled and a chain reaction occurs, not only great property damage but also human life damage may be caused.

DISCLOSURE

Technical Problem

[0010] The present disclosure is designed to solve the problems of the related art, and therefore the present disclosure is directed to providing a battery module capable of suppressing thermal events that may occur inside the battery module and enhancing safety, and a battery pack and vehicle including the same.

[0011] However, the technical problem to be solved by the present disclosure is not limited to the above, and other problems not mentioned herein will be clearly understood by those skilled in the art from the following disclosure.

Technical Solution

[0012] In one aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a battery module, comprising: a plurality of battery cells stacked in at least one direction: a module case configured to accommodate the plurality of battery cells in an inner space; and at least one heat dissipation member interposed between at least two of the plurality of battery cells and configured to at least partially contact the module case and transfer heat generated from the plurality of battery cells to the module case.

[0013] Here, the at least one heat dissipation member may be configured so that at least one end is inserted into the module case.

[0014] In addition, the at least one heat dissipation member may be configured so that both ends located at opposite sides of the at least one heat dissipation member are inserted into the module case.

[0015] In addition, the at least one heat dissipation member may include a body portion configured in a plate shape, and at least one extension portion provided on at least one end of the body portion and configured to be wider than the body portion.

[0016] In addition, the at least one extension portion may be configured so that the battery cell is seated thereon.

[0017] In addition, at least a part of the at least one extension portion may be inserted into the module case.

[0018] In addition, the at least one extension portion may be formed so that at least a part thereof becomes wider toward an end thereof.

[0019] In addition, the at least one extension portion may be two extension portions formed at different ends of the body portion, and the two extension portions may be made of different materials.

[0020] In addition, the at least one extension portion may be configured to be detachable from the body portion.

[0021] In addition, the battery module according to the present disclosure may further comprise a cooling member located outside the module case and configured to absorb heat transferred to the module case and dissipate the heat to the outside, and the at least one extension portion may be at an end of the at least one heat dissipation member where the cooling member is located.

[0022] In addition, the at least one extension portion may have an uneven surface in contact with the module case.

[0023] The at least one heat dissipation member may be a plurality of heat dissipation members along a stacking direction of the plurality of battery cells, and at least two of the plurality of heat dissipation members may be configured in different shapes.

[0024] In another aspect of the present disclosure, there is also provided a battery pack, comprising the battery module according to the present disclosure.

[0025] In still another aspect of the present disclosure, there is also provided a vehicle, comprising

the battery module according to the present disclosure.

Advantageous Effects

[0026] According to the present disclosure, it is possible to effectively control thermal events occurring inside the battery module.

[0027] In particular, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, when a thermal event occurs in a specific battery cell, propagation of the thermal event to other battery cells may be effectively prevented.

[0028] Also, according to one embodiment of the present disclosure, a movement direction of heat may be controlled inside the battery module.

[0029] In addition, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, heat generated from battery cells may be more smoothly cooled.

[0030] The present disclosure may have various other effects in addition to the above, and such effects will be described in each embodiment, or any effect that can be easily inferred by those skilled in the art will not be described in detail.

Description

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0031] The accompanying drawings illustrate a preferred embodiment of the present disclosure and together with the foregoing disclosure, serve to provide further understanding of the technical features of the present disclosure, and thus, the present disclosure is not construed as being limited to the drawing.

[0032] FIG. 1 is a perspective view schematically showing a battery module according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0033] FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view showing the battery module of FIG. 1.

[0034] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view, taken along the line A1-A1' in FIG. 1.

[0035] FIG. 4 is a partially enlarged cross-sectional view schematically showing some components of a battery module according to another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0036] FIG. 5 is a partially enlarged cross-sectional view schematically showing some other components of the battery module according to another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0037] FIG. 6 is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0038] FIG. 7 is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module to which the heat dissipation member of FIG. 6 is applied.

[0039] FIG. 8 is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0040] FIG. 9 is a partially enlarged view showing that the heat dissipation member of FIG. 8 is interposed between battery cells.

[0041] FIG. 10 is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0042] FIG. 11 is a diagram schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0043] FIG. 12 is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0044] FIG. 13 is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0045] FIG. 14 is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module to which the heat dissipation member of FIG. 13 is applied.

[0046] FIG. 15 is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation

member according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0047] FIG. **16** is a cross-sectional view schematically showing some components of a battery module according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

BEST MODE

[0048] Hereinafter, preferred embodiments of the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. Prior to the description, it should be understood that the terms used in the specification and the appended claims should not be construed as limited to general and dictionary meanings, but interpreted based on the meanings and concepts corresponding to technical aspects of the present disclosure on the basis of the principle that the inventor is allowed to define terms appropriately for the best explanation.

[0049] Therefore, the description proposed herein is just a preferable example for the purpose of illustrations only, not intended to limit the scope of the disclosure, so it should be understood that other equivalents and modifications could be made thereto without departing from the scope of the disclosure.

[0050] FIG. **1** is a perspective view schematically showing a battery module according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, and FIG. **2** is an exploded perspective view showing the battery module of FIG. **1**. Also, FIG. **3** is a cross-sectional view, taken along the line A1-A1' in FIG. **1**.

[0051] Referring to FIGS. **1** to **3**, the battery module according to the present disclosure includes a battery cell **100**, a module case **200**, and a heat dissipation member **300**.

[0052] The battery cell **100** may be included in plurality in the battery module. Also, each battery cell **100** may mean a secondary battery. The secondary battery may include an electrode assembly (including a positive electrode plate, a negative electrode plate, and a separator), an electrolyte, and a battery case. The plurality of battery cells **100** may be electrically connected to each other. For example, the plurality of battery cells **100** may be electrically connected to each other in series and/or parallel through a bus bar or the like.

[0053] The plurality of battery cells **100** may be included in the battery module in a stacked form. That is, it may be regarded that the battery module according to the present disclosure includes a cell stack (cell assembly) in which the battery cells **100** are stacked in at least one direction. For example, as shown in FIG. **2**, the plurality of battery cells **100** may be arranged side by side in the left and right direction (Y-axis direction).

[0054] The module case **200** may have an empty space formed therein, and may be configured to accommodate the plurality of battery cells **100** in the inner space. For example, the module case **200** may include a body frame **210** and an end frame **220**. Here, the body frame **210** may include an upper plate, a lower plate, a left plate, and a right plate to form an accommodation space, and the stack of battery cells **100** may be accommodated in the accommodation space. The end frame **220** may be coupled with the body frame **210** to cover an open portion of the body frame **210**. More specifically, the body frame **210** may be configured to have front and rear openings, and the end frame **220** may be configured to be coupled to the front and rear openings of the body frame **210**.

[0055] The heat dissipation member **300** may be interposed between at least some battery cells **100** among the plurality of battery cells **100**. That is, the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to be interposed in the cell stack accommodated in the module case **200**, particularly between two adjacent battery cells **100**. Moreover, as shown in FIGS. **2** and **3**, the heat dissipation member **300** may be included in plurality in one battery module. In this case, the plurality of heat dissipation members **300** may be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance in the stacking direction of the battery cells **100** (Y-axis direction in the drawing). In addition, one or more battery cells **100** may be interposed between two adjacent heat dissipation members **300**.

[0056] The heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to at least partially contact the module case **200**. In particular, at least one end of the heat dissipation member **300** may contact the module

case **200**. For example, the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured such that its lower end contacts the module case **200**, as indicated by B1 in FIG. 3. Alternatively, the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured such that its upper side end contacts the module case **200**, as indicated by B2 in FIG. 3.

[0057] The heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to transfer heat generated from the plurality of battery cells **100** to the module case **200**. That is, when heat is generated from any battery cell **100** among the plurality of battery cells **100**, the heat dissipation member **300** may absorb the generated heat. Also, the heat dissipation member **300** may transfer the absorbed heat to the module case **200**. In particular, the heat dissipation member **300** may transfer heat to the module case **200** through a portion in contact with the module case **200**. Also, the heat transferred to the module case **200** in this way may be discharged to the outside of the module case **200**.

[0058] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, when a thermal event such as thermal runaway occurs from a specific battery cell **100** in the battery module including a plurality of battery cells **100** therein, propagation of the thermal event to other battery cells **100** inside the battery module may be prevented or reduced. Moreover, according to this embodiment, a thermal runaway propagation phenomenon or the like inside the battery module may be prevented. Also, according to this embodiment, the heat generated from the battery cell **100** may be smoothly and quickly discharged to the outside via the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200**. Thus, it is possible to provide a battery module with excellent cooling performance.

[0059] Also, the heat dissipation member **300** may be provided at the outer side of the cell stack as shown in FIGS. 2 and 3. That is, the heat dissipation member **300** may be interposed between the outermost battery cell **100** of the cell stack and the module case **200**. More specifically, referring to FIG. 2, the heat dissipation members **300** may be provided on the left and right sides of the cell stack in which a plurality of battery cells **100** are stacked in the left and right direction (Y-axis direction).

[0060] According to this embodiment, it is possible to further improve the cooling performance of the battery module and also possible to suppress propagation of heat or flame to other components outside the battery module, such as other battery modules or control units such as BMS (Battery Management System).

[0061] The module case **200** and/or the heat dissipation member **300** may include a material having high thermal conductivity to absorb and transfer heat generated from the battery cell **100**. In particular, the module case **200** and/or the heat dissipation member **300** may be made of a material that does not soften or melt even at a high temperature, for example 1000° C. or higher, or may include such a material. Representatively, the module case **200** and/or the heat dissipation member **300** may include a metal material. As a more specific example, the module case **200** and/or the heat dissipation member **300** may be made of SUS (stainless steel) or a composite material including the same. The SUS material has low possibility of softening or melting due to high temperature, compared to metals such as aluminum. Therefore, in a situation such as thermal runaway, the problem of deteriorating safety due to collapse of the structure of the module case **200** or the heat dissipation member **300** may be more effectively prevented. In addition, the module case **200** and/or the heat dissipation member **300** may be made of or include other metal materials that have high thermal conductivity and do not soften or melt at high temperatures.

[0062] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, high-temperature durability of the module case **200** and the heat dissipation member **300** may be secured. Therefore, even when a high temperature situation occurs inside the battery module due to thermal runaway, softening or melting of the heat dissipation member **300** or the module case **200** may be prevented. Therefore, the safety of the battery module may be further improved by preventing structural collapse of the heat dissipation member **300** or the module case **200**.

[0063] The heat dissipation member **300** may be configured such that at least one end is inserted into the module case **200**. This will be described in more detail with reference to FIG. 4 and the

like.

[0064] FIG. 4 is a partially enlarged cross-sectional view schematically showing some components of a battery module according to another embodiment of the present disclosure. For example, FIG. 4 may be regarded as a modified example of the portion B1 of FIG. 3. Meanwhile, various embodiments are described in this specification, including this embodiment, and features of the corresponding embodiment to which features of other embodiments can be applied identically or similarly will not be described in detail, and different features of each embodiment will be described in detail.

[0065] Referring to FIG. 4, the lower end of the heat dissipation member 300 may be inserted into the module case 200. To this end, a lower insert groove may be formed on a lower inner surface of the module case 200, as indicated by G1 in FIG. 4. Also, the lower end of the heat dissipation member 300 may be inserted into the lower insert groove G1 of the module case 200.

[0066] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, inside the battery module, the fixing force of the heat dissipation member 300 may be improved. Therefore, even in a situation where vibration or shock is applied to the battery module, the position of the heat dissipation member 300 may be stably maintained due to the insertion and coupling configuration between the heat dissipation member 300 and the module case 200. Therefore, the movement of the battery cells 100 inside the battery module may be prevented, and the stacking state of the cell stack may be stably maintained. In addition, when a situation such as thermal runaway occurs, gas or the like may be generated from a specific battery cell 100, and even if the pressure of the generated gas is applied to the heat dissipation member 300, the heat dissipation member 300 may be prevented from moving.

[0067] Moreover, according to this embodiment, due to the insertion configuration between the heat dissipation member 300 and the module case 200, it is possible to more effectively prevent flame, gas, or the like from being transferred between spaces divided by the heat dissipation member 300. Also, according to this embodiment, since a contact area between the heat dissipation member 300 and the module case 200 increases, heat transfer performance from the heat dissipation member 300 to the module case 200 may be increased.

[0068] In addition, the heat dissipation member 300 may be configured so that both ends positioned at opposite sides are inserted into the module case 200. This will be described in more detail with reference to FIG. 5 along with FIG. 4.

[0069] FIG. 5 is a partially enlarged cross-sectional view schematically showing some other components of the battery module according to another embodiment of the present disclosure. For example, FIG. 5 may be regarded as a modified example of the portion B2 of FIG. 3.

[0070] Referring to FIG. 5, the upper end of the heat dissipation member 300 may be inserted into the module case 200. In particular, an upper insert groove may exist on an upper inner surface of the module case 200, as indicated by G2. Also, the upper end of the heat dissipation member 300 may be inserted into the upper insert groove G2 of the module case 200.

[0071] In particular, the configuration shown in FIG. 5 and the configuration shown in FIG. 4 may be included for one battery module. That is, the heat dissipation member 300 may be configured such that both ends, namely a lower end and an upper end, located at opposite sides are inserted into the module case 200.

[0072] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the fixing force of the heat dissipation member 300 is further improved, so that the position of the heat dissipation member 300 may be stably maintained even in the event of external shock or vibration, internal fire or gas, or the like. In addition, due to this, the cell stack having a plurality of battery cells 100 may stably maintain its position or interval constantly. In addition, according to this embodiment, by preventing gas, flame, or the like from leaking through the gap between the heat dissipation member 300 and the inner surface of the module case 200, propagation of gas, flame, or the like between the battery cells 100 may be prevented more reliably. Also, in this embodiment, heat

transfer performance may be further improved by increasing the contact area between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200**.

[0073] At least a part of the module case **200** may be configured in the form of a mono frame. In particular, the module case **200** may include a body frame **210** and an end frame **220**, and the body frame **210** may be configured as a mono frame. In this case, the body frame **210** includes an upper plate, a lower plate, a left plate, and a right plate, where the upper plate, the lower plate, the left plate, and the right plate may be manufactured in an integrated form. That is, the body frame **210** may be formed in the form of a rectangular tube having a hollow inside. Also, the front and rear of the body frame **210** may be configured in an open form.

[0074] In particular, in an embodiment in which the lower end and the upper end of the heat dissipation member **300** are inserted into the module case **200** as in the embodiments of FIGS. 3 to 5, the module case **200** may include a mono frame. In addition, a lower insert groove G1 and an upper insert groove G2 are formed on the upper surface of the lower plate and the lower surface of the upper plate of the mono frame, respectively, so that the lower end and the upper end of the heat dissipation member **300** may be inserted therein. In this case, the heat dissipation member **300** may be inserted into the mono frame in a sliding manner through the front or rear open portion of the mono frame in a state of being fitted into the lower insert groove G1 and the upper insert groove G2. According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the assembly process of inserting the heat dissipation member **300** into the module case **200** and further inserting the heat dissipation member **300** into the insert groove of the module case **200** may be performed more smoothly. Also, according to this embodiment, since the distance between the upper and lower plates of the module case **200** is kept constant, the position of the heat dissipation member **300** may be maintained more stably.

[0075] FIG. 6 is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member **300** according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure, and FIG. 7 is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module to which the heat dissipation member **300** of FIG. 6 is applied. In FIG. 7, for convenience of description, two battery cells **100** and one heat dissipation member **300** interposed therebetween are shown.

[0076] Referring to FIGS. 6 and 7, the heat dissipation member **300** may include a body portion **310** and an extension portion **320**. Here, the body portion **310** may be configured in a plate form. For example, the body portion **310** may be configured in the form of a plate erected in a vertical direction and interposed between two battery cells **100** arranged in a horizontal direction. In addition, the extension portion **320** may be provided on at least one end of the body portion **310** and configured to be thicker than the body portion **310**. For example, the extension portion **320** may be provided at the upper and lower ends of the body portion **310** and may be configured to extend in a horizontal direction, such as a left and right direction (Y-axis direction in the drawing) more than the body portion **310**. That is, the extension portion **320** may be configured to be thicker than the body portion **310** in the left and right direction.

[0077] In particular, in the heat dissipation member **300**, the plate-shaped body portion **310** may be interposed between the battery cells **100**, and the extension portion **320** may be located at a portion outside the space between the battery cells **100**. Moreover, the plurality of battery cells **100** may be pouch-type batteries. In the case of such a pouch-type battery, an electrode assembly and an electrolyte may be accommodated in the central portion to form an accommodation portion C1, and a pouch exterior material may be sealed at an edge of the accommodation portion C1 to form a sealing portion C2. At this time, the body portion **310** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be interposed between the accommodation portions C1 of the pouch-type batteries, and the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be located in a portion other than the accommodation portions C1 of the pouch-type batteries, particularly between the sealing portions C2 of the pouch-type batteries. Since the space between the sealing portions C2 of the adjacent pouch-type batteries is wider than the space between the accommodation portions C1, the extension

portion **320** with a great thickness may be positioned.

[0078] Also, the extension portion **320** may be formed at a portion of the heat dissipation member **300** that contacts the module case **200**. For example, as shown in FIG. 7, the top end and the bottom end of the heat dissipation member **300** may contact the module case **200**, and the extension portion **320** may be positioned at the top end and the bottom end of the heat dissipation member **300**. In this case, it may be regarded that the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** is in contact with the module case **200**.

[0079] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, heat dissipation performance through the heat dissipation member **300** may be improved without widening the space between the cell stacks. In particular, in this embodiment, the contact area between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be increased through the extension portion **320**. Accordingly, heat transfer performance from the heat dissipation member **300** to the module case **200** may be improved. Also, according to this embodiment, due to the increase in the contact area between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200**, the shape or position of the heat dissipation member **300**, particularly the standing state of the heat dissipation member **300**, may be maintained more stably inside the module case **200**.

[0080] In addition, according to this embodiment, heat or flame transfer suppression performance between cells may be further improved. For example, when pouch-type batteries form a stack and are included in the battery module, high-temperature gas, flame, or the like discharged from the battery cell **100** may be located in the space between the sealing portions C2, which is a relatively wide space inside the module case **200**. At this time, since the extension portion **320** formed there is located in the space between the sealing portions C2, the space between the sealing portions C2 of cells may be more reliably distinguished. Accordingly, it is possible to more effectively prevent gas, flame, or the like from being transferred between cells through the space where the sealing portion C2 is formed.

[0081] The extension portion **320** may be configured such that the battery cell **100** may be seated thereon. For example, referring to FIGS. 6 and 7, the heat dissipation member **300** may have a seating part formed in the lower extension portion **320** so that the battery cell **100** may be seated thereon, as shown by M1. Moreover, since the battery cell **100** may be located at the left and right sides of the heat dissipation member **300**, respectively, separate seating parts M1 may be formed at the left and right sides of the lower extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**, respectively. In addition, the left battery cell **100** and the right battery cell **100** may be seated on the seating parts M1, respectively.

[0082] In particular, as shown in FIG. 7, when the battery cell **100** is a pouch-type battery, the accommodation portion C1 of the pouch-type battery may be seated on the seating part M1 formed in the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**. That is, in the configuration of FIG. 7, the accommodation portion C1 of the left battery cell **100**, particularly a lower right portion of the accommodation portion C1, may be seated on the left seating part M1 of the heat dissipation member **300**. In addition, in the configuration of FIG. 7, the accommodation portion C1 of the right battery cell **100**, particularly a lower left portion of the accommodation portion C1, may be seated on the right seating part M1 of the heat dissipation member **300**.

[0083] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the stacking state of the battery cells **100** may be stably maintained through the seating part M1 included in the heat dissipation member **300**. In particular, in the case of a pouch-type battery, it may be difficult to stably maintain a structure in which a plurality of pouch-type batteries are stacked in the left and right direction in a state of being erected in the upper and lower direction due to their shape characteristics. However, according to this embodiment, since each pouch-type cell is stably seated on the seating part M1 of the heat dissipation member **300** in a state of being erected, the horizontal stacking state of the pouch-type cells may be stably maintained.

[0084] Also, according to this embodiment, the contact area between the battery cell **100** and the

heat dissipation member **300** may be increased. That is, in this embodiment, the battery cell **100** and the body portion **310** of the heat dissipation member **300** may contact each other, and also the battery cell **100** and the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may contact each other. For example, when the battery cell **100** is a pouch-type battery, the lower end of the accommodation portion **C1** of the pouch-type battery and the seating part **M1** of the heat dissipation member **300** may come into contact with each other. Therefore, in this case, heat transfer performance between the battery cell **100** and the heat dissipation member **300** is improved, so that the cooling performance and thermal runaway prevention performance of the battery module may be further improved.

[0085] The battery module according to the present disclosure may further include a thermal resin. The thermal resin is a material for increasing heat transfer efficiency between different members, and various heat transfer materials known at the time of filing of this application may be included as the thermal resin of the present disclosure. For example, in the embodiment of FIG. 7, the thermal resin may be filled in the space between the battery cell **100** and the module case **200**, which is a portion indicated by **B3** and **B4**. In one embodiment of the present disclosure, the heat transfer performance of the thermal resin may be further improved, which will be described in more detail with reference to FIGS. 8 and 9.

[0086] FIG. 8 is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member **300** according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure, and FIG. 9 is a partially enlarged view showing that the heat dissipation member **300** of FIG. 8 is interposed between battery cells **100**. For example, FIG. 9 may be regarded as showing a partial cross-sectional view along the line **A2-A2'** in a state where the battery cell **100** is located on the left and right sides of the heat dissipation member **300** of FIG. 8, respectively.

[0087] Referring to FIGS. 8 and 9, an inflow groove may be formed in the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**, as indicated by **D**. The inflow groove **D** may be formed to be dug from the side surface of the extension portion **320** to a portion where the seating part **M1** is formed. For example, the inflow groove **D** may be formed in the lower extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** and may have a shape that is concavely dug downward from an upper surface of the lower extension portion **320**. In addition, the inflow groove **D** may be formed to be dug to extend from the upper surface of the lower extension portion **320** to the side surface. Also, although not shown in the drawings, the inflow groove **D** may also be formed in the upper extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**.

[0088] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the heat transfer performance of the thermal resin may be further improved. For example, in this embodiment, the thermal resin filled between the battery cell **100** and the module case **200** may flow into the space between the battery cell **100** and the heat dissipation member **300** through the inflow groove **D**, as indicated by a dotted arrow in FIG. 9. Accordingly, heat transfer performance between the battery cell **100** and the heat dissipation member **300** may be further increased. In particular, in the process of manufacturing or assembling the battery module, the thermal resin may be filled in the space between the battery cell **100** and the module case **200** in a fluid state, like gel or sol. At this time, the thermal resin having fluidity may easily penetrate into the space between the battery cell **100** and the heat dissipation member **300** through the inflow groove **D**.

[0089] FIG. 10 is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure. For example, FIG. 10 may be regarded as a modified example of FIG. 7.

[0090] Referring to FIG. 10, the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be inserted into the module case **200**. To this end, an insert groove may be formed on the inner surface of the module case **200** in a shape corresponding to the shape of the extension portion **320**. For example, as indicated by **G3** on the upper surface of the lower plate of the module case **200** in FIG. 10, an insert groove concave downward may be formed. Also, the lower extension portion **320** of

the heat dissipation member **300** may be inserted into the insert groove **G3**. In addition, as indicated by **G4** on the lower surface of the upper plate of the module case **200** in FIG. **10**, an insert groove concave upward may be formed. In addition, the upper extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be inserted into the insert groove **G4**.

[0091] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the coupling force between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be improved due to fitting between the extension portion **320** and the insert grooves **G3**, **G4**. Therefore, even in a situation such as external shock or internal gas generation, components inside the battery module may be stably maintained without leaving their positions or collapsing. Also, according to this embodiment, the contact area between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may increase. Accordingly, heat transfer efficiency from the heat dissipation member **300** to the module case **200** may be increased. Therefore, according to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the cooling performance and heat propagation prevention performance of the battery module may be further improved.

[0092] In addition, the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to become thicker toward the end.

[0093] For example, referring to FIG. **10**, the lower extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to have a portion whose thickness increases in the lower direction. In addition, the upper extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to have a portion whose thickness increases in the upper direction. Moreover, the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may have a trapezoidal cross section.

[0094] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the contact area between the lower surface of the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** is increased, so that the heat transfer performance and coupling force between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be improved. Moreover, when the cross section is formed in a trapezoidal shape as in this embodiment, a space in which the battery cell **100** may be stably seated is provided, and sufficient contact with the module case **200** may be provided.

[0095] Moreover, as shown in FIG. **10**, in the embodiment in which the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** is inserted into the module case **200**, when the extension portion **320** is formed to become gradually thicker toward the end, the coupling force between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be further improved. For example, in the configuration shown in FIG. **10**, the lower extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may not be easily separated from the lower plate of the module case **200** in the upper direction. Also, in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, the upper extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may not be easily separated from the upper plate of the module case **200** in the downward direction. Also, in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, movement of the heat dissipation member **300** in the left and right direction (Y-axis direction) may be suppressed.

[0096] As described in the former embodiment, two or more extension portions **320** may be formed at different ends of the body portion **310**. In this case, the two or more extension portions **320** may be made of different materials.

[0097] For example, as shown in FIG. **10**, the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured such that the extension portion **320** is provided at both upper and lower sides of the body portion **310**. In this case, the upper extension portion **320** and the lower extension portion **320** may be made of different materials.

[0098] In particular, two extension portions **320** may be made of materials having different thermal conductivity. For example, in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured such that the upper extension portion **320** and the lower extension portion **320** have different thermal conductivities. As a more specific example, in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, the lower extension portion **320** may be made of a material having higher thermal conductivity than the upper extension portion **320**.

[0099] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to derive a path

through which heat is transferred from the heat dissipation member **300**. For example, in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, when the thermal conductivity of the lower extension portion **320** is higher than the thermal conductivity of the upper extension portion **320**, the heat absorbed from the battery cell **100** to the body portion **310** may be induced to move toward the lower extension portion **320** rather than the upper extension portion **320**. In particular, when a cooling member is located at a lower side of the module case **200** as will be described later, it is preferable to induce heat toward the lower extension portion **320**.

[0100] Also, the two extension portions **320** different from each other may be made of materials having different melting points. For example, in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, the upper extension portion **320** may be made of a material with a higher melting point than the lower extension portion **320**. In this case, the lower extension portion **320** may be made of a material having a lower melting point than the upper extension portion **320** but having high thermal conductivity.

[0101] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, different functions may be partially assigned to the heat dissipation member **300**. For example, as in this embodiment, the upper extension portion **320** is made of a material with a high melting point, so that the heat dissipation member **300** may not melt or collapse but be maintained stably even in a flame or high temperature that is easily directed toward the upper portion inside the module case **200**. In addition, since the lower extension portion **320** is made of a material having high thermal conductivity, the heat absorbed from the battery cell **100** may be smoothly discharged toward the lower portion of the battery module through the heat dissipation member **300**.

[0102] As another example, the upper extension portion **320** may be made of a polymer material having low thermal conductivity, and the lower extension portion **320** may be made of a metal material having high thermal conductivity. In this case, the heat absorbed by the body portion **310** of the heat dissipation member **300** is mainly directed toward the lower portion, and the heat toward the upper portion may be suppressed as much as possible. This embodiment may be applied especially when it is undesirable that heat is applied toward the upper portion of the battery module. For example, when other components such as other battery modules or BMS are located above the battery module, or when a user such as a driver of an electric vehicle is located above the battery module, safety may be further improved by blocking heat transferred toward the upper portion of the battery module as in this embodiment.

[0103] FIG. **11** is a diagram schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member **300** according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0104] Referring to FIG. **11**, the extension portion **320** may be configured to be detachable from the body portion **310**. For example, the lower extension portion **320** provided in the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to be detachable from or mounted to the bottom end of the body portion **310**. In addition, the upper extension portion **320** provided in the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to be detachable from or mounted to the top end of the body portion **310**.

[0105] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the heat dissipation member **300** including the body portion **310** and the extension portion **320** may be manufactured more easily. In particular, according to this embodiment, as described above, a configuration in which different extension portions **320** are made of different materials may be more easily implemented. In addition, according to this embodiment, the body portion **310** may be used in common, and the extension portion **320** of an appropriate material or shape may be used according to the internal or external structure of the battery module or according to situations. For example, a material having high thermal conductivity may be applied to the lower extension portion **320** for some battery modules, and a material having high thermal conductivity may be applied to the upper extension portion **320** for other battery modules. Alternatively, for other battery modules, a material having excellent flame performance may be applied to the upper extension portion **320**. In this way, according to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured in various ways as necessary according to circumstances.

[0106] Also, according to this embodiment, the battery module may be assembled more easily. For example, in a state where only the lower extension portion **320** is coupled to the body portion **310** and the upper extension portion **320** is separated, a plurality of battery cells **100** and heat dissipation members **300** may be alternately stacked, and after the stacking is completed, the upper extension portion **320** may be coupled to the upper portion of each heat dissipation member **300**. In this case, it is possible to prevent the stacking process of the battery cells **100** and the heat dissipation members **300** from being hindered by the upper extension portion **320**.

[0107] In this embodiment, the body portion **310** and the extension portion **320** may be configured to be fitted. For example, referring to FIG. **11**, fastening protrusions protruding in the left and right direction may be formed on the lower and upper ends of the body portion **310**, as indicated by P1 and P2. Also, as indicated by F1 and F2, the lower extension portion **320** and the upper extension portion **320** may have fastening grooves formed in a shape corresponding to the shapes of the fastening protrusions P1, P2.

[0108] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, due to the fitting configuration of the body portion **310** and the extension portion **320**, the extension portion **320** may not be easily separated from the body portion **310** in a state where it is coupled to the body portion **310**. In particular, according to this embodiment, in order to separate the extension portion **320** from the body portion **310**, the extension portion **320** must be moved in the front and rear direction (X-axis direction), and it may be difficult to move and separate the extension portion **320** in the upper and lower direction (Z-axis direction) or the left and right direction (Y-axis direction). Therefore, in this case, the detachable configuration of the body portion **310** and the extension portion **320** may be more easily implemented.

[0109] Meanwhile, in the embodiment of FIG. **11**, it is illustrated that both the upper extension portion **320** and the lower extension portion **320** are detachable, but some of them may be maintained in a fixed state or manufactured in an integrated state, and only other portions may be detachably configured. For example, in the embodiment of FIG. **11**, the lower extension portion **320** may be integrally formed with the body portion **310** so as not to be separated from each other, and the upper extension portion **320** may be detachably configured so as to be separable from the body portion **310**.

[0110] FIG. **12** is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0111] Referring to FIG. **12**, the battery module according to the present disclosure may further include a cooling member **400**. The cooling member **400** may be positioned outside the module case **200** to absorb heat transferred to the module case **200** and dissipate the absorbed heat to the outside. In particular, the cooling member **400** may be configured to allow a cooling medium such as cooling water to flow therein, so that the heat of the module case **200** may be more easily absorbed and discharged to the outside of the module. As the configuration of the cooling member **400**, various types of cooling configurations known at the time of filing of this application may be employed, and the present disclosure is not limited by the specific configuration of the cooling member **400**. For example, the cooling member **400** may be a heatsink.

[0112] In this case, the heat dissipation member **300** may have an extension portion **320** provided at an end of a portion where the cooling member **400** is located. For example, as shown in FIG. **12**, when the cooling member **400** is positioned below the module case **200**, the extension portion **320** may be positioned at the bottom end of the heat dissipation member **300**. That is, the extension portion **320** may not be provided at the upper end of the heat dissipation member **300**.

[0113] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the heat absorbed into the body portion **310** may be moved more smoothly toward a portion where the cooling member **400** is located through the extension portion **320**. Accordingly, the heat oriented toward the cooling member **400** via the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be rapidly moved through a shortest path. Therefore, cooling performance and heat propagation suppression

performance of the battery module may be improved.

[0114] Meanwhile, when the cooling member **400** is provided at one side of the battery module as described above, various embodiments described above, particularly the embodiments described in FIGS. **7** to **11**, may also be applied. For example, with respect to the embodiment of FIG. **12**, the heat dissipation member **300** as shown in FIG. **10** or **11** may be applied, and the lower extension portion **320** may be made of a material having higher thermal conductivity than the upper extension portion **320**.

[0115] In addition, as in this embodiment, when the cooling member **400** is located at one side of the module case **200**, a heat transfer material such as a thermal interface material (TIM) may be interposed between the cooling member **400** and the module case **200**, as indicated by I in FIG. **12**.

[0116] FIG. **13** is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member **300** according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure, and FIG. **14** is a diagram schematically showing some components of a battery module to which the heat dissipation member **300** of FIG. **13** is applied.

[0117] Referring to FIGS. **13** and **14**, the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may have an unevenness formed on an outer surface in contact with the module case **200**. Here, the unevenness may represent a shape in which concave portions and convex portions are repeatedly arranged. More specifically, the upper extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may have a first unevenness formed on the upper surface, as indicated by J1. In addition, the lower extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may have a first unevenness formed on the lower surface, as indicated by J1'. The first unevenness of the heat dissipation member **300** may be configured such that concave portions and convex portions are repeatedly arranged in the left and right direction (Y-axis direction) in which the plurality of battery cells **100** are stacked.

[0118] In addition, the module case **200** may also have an unevenness formed on a portion in contact with the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**. That is, as indicated by J2 in FIG. **14**, a second unevenness having a shape corresponding to the first unevenness J1 of the heat dissipation member **300** may be formed on a portion of the upper inner surface of the module case **200** in contact with the upper extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**. In addition, as indicated by J2' in FIG. **14**, a second unevenness having a shape corresponding to the first unevenness J1' of the heat dissipation member **300** may be formed on a portion of the lower inner surface of the module case **200** in contact with the lower extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**. Moreover, as described above in the embodiment of FIG. **10**, insert grooves G3, G4 may be formed in the module case **200** so that the extension portion **320** is inserted. At this time, the second unevenness J2, J2' may be formed on the inner surface of the insert grooves G3, G4.

[0119] In this embodiment, the unevenness J1, J1' of the extension portion **320** and the unevenness J2, J2' of the module case **200** may have shapes that are engaged with each other. In particular, in the first unevenness J1, J1' of the extension portion **320** and the second unevenness J2, J2' of the module case **200** may be configured such that the protrusive portion and the concave portion are fitted with each other, and the surfaces of the protrusive portion and the concave portion are in contact with each other.

[0120] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, heat transfer performance between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be further improved. In particular, in this embodiment, the contact area between the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be enlarged. Thus, more heat may be transferred through the contact portion. Therefore, in this case, cooling performance through the heat dissipation member **300** may be further improved.

[0121] Also, according to this embodiment, the coupling force between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be improved due to unevenness coupling between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200**. For example, according to this embodiment,

movement of the heat dissipation member **300** in the left and right direction inside the module case **200** may be suppressed due to the unevenness coupling. In particular, since horizontal movement of the heat dissipation member **300** is suppressed even when vibration or impact is applied to the battery module, the stacking state of the plurality of battery cells **100** and the heat dissipation member **300** may be more stably maintained. Also, in this case, even when swelling occurs in the battery cell **100**, swelling may be controlled due to the fixation of the heat dissipation member **300**. Also, in this case, the standing state of the plurality of battery cells **100** may be maintained more stably.

[0122] FIG. **15** is a perspective view schematically showing the configuration of a heat dissipation member **300** according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0123] Referring to FIG. **15**, the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300** may have an expansion protrusion on an outer surface, as indicated by K. The expansion protrusion K may be configured to protrude outward from the outer surface of the extension portion **320**. For example, the upper extension portion **320** may have an expansion protrusion K to further protrude upward from the upper surface. In addition, although not shown in FIG. **15**, the lower extension portion **320** may also have an expansion protrusion K in a form of further protruding downward from the lower surface. The expansion protrusion K may be provided in one form of the uneven configurations J1, J1', J2, J2' described in the embodiments of FIGS. **13** and **14** above.

[0124] The expansion protrusion K has a convex shape in the upper and lower direction in the process of heading to the left and right direction, which is the stacking direction of the battery cells **100**, as in the uneven configuration J1, J1', J2, J2' described above, and may be formed to be elongated in the front and rear direction. Also, in the module case **200**, an expansion groove may be formed in a form corresponding to the expansion protrusion K so that the expansion protrusion K may be inserted.

[0125] In particular, the expansion protrusion K of FIG. **15** or the uneven configurations J1, J1', J2, J2' of FIGS. **13** and **14** may be configured to have an unformed portion in the front and rear direction in the extension portion **320** of the heat dissipation member **300**. For example, referring to FIG. **15**, the expansion protrusion K may have a portion where the expansion protrusion K does not protrude, as indicated by A3 and A3', on the upper surface of the extension portion **320**.

[0126] According to this embodiment of the present disclosure, the coupling force between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200** may be further improved by the expansion protrusion K, and the contact area between them may be increased to improve the cooling performance. In particular, according to this embodiment, movement of the heat dissipation member **300** in the left and right direction as well as movement of the heat dissipation member **300** in the front and rear direction may be suppressed inside the module case **200**. That is, in this embodiment, the movement of the heat dissipation member **300** in all horizontal directions may be controlled.

[0127] FIG. **16** is a cross-sectional view schematically showing some components of a battery module according to still another embodiment of the present disclosure. For example, FIG. **16** may be regarded as a modified example of FIG. **12**.

[0128] Referring to FIG. **16**, the heat dissipation member **300** may be included in plurality along the stacking direction of the plurality of battery cells **100**. In this case, the plurality of heat dissipation members **300** may be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance along the stacking direction of the battery cells **100**. In particular, at least two or more of the plurality of heat dissipation members **300** may be configured in different shapes. For example, in FIG. **16**, four heat dissipation members **300** (N1 to N4) are spaced apart in the left and right direction (Y-axis direction).

[0129] Here, among the four heat dissipation members **300** shown in the embodiment of FIG. **16**, the leftmost heat dissipation member **300** is referred to as a first member N1, and the heat dissipation members **300** sequentially located in the right direction, which is the inner direction,

may be referred to as second to fourth members **N2** to **N4**. At this time, it may be regarded that the fourth member **N4** is located at the innermost side in the stacking direction of the battery cells **100** among the four heat dissipation members **300**.

[0130] In particular, at least some of the four heat dissipation members **300** may have different structures. For example, the first member **N1** and the second member **N2** may be configured in a different form from the third member **N3** and the fourth member **N4**. More specifically, the first member **N1** and the second member **N2** may be contacted and coupled with the module case **200** in a structure different from that of the third member **N3** and the fourth member **N4**.

[0131] Moreover, the plurality of heat dissipation members **300** arranged in the horizontal direction in one battery module may be configured such that the heat dissipation member **300** disposed at the inner side has better heat transfer performance than the heat dissipation member **300** disposed at the outer side. For example, referring to FIG. 16, the third member **N3** and the fourth member **N4** located at the inner side have extension portions **320** at both upper and lower ends, and an uneven configuration may be formed at the end of the extension portion **320**, as indicated by **Q3** and **Q4**. Meanwhile, the first member **N1** and the second member **N2** may not have a separate unevenness structure or extension portion **320**, like the portions indicated by **Q1** and **Q2**.

[0132] In this case, in the case of the third member **N3** and the fourth member **N4**, which are the heat dissipation members **300** located at the inner side, the contact area with the module case **200** may be increased compared to the first member **N1** and the second member **N2**, which are the heat dissipation members **300** located at the relatively outer side. Therefore, the heat dissipation member **300** located at the inner side may increase the amount or speed of heat transfer compared to the heat dissipation member **300** located at the outer side. In general, among the plurality of battery cells **100** stacked in the cell assembly, the temperature of an inner battery cell **100** may be higher than the temperature of an outer battery cell **100**. According to this embodiment, heat transfer efficiency of the heat dissipation member **300** disposed adjacent to the inner battery cell **100** is increased, so that better cooling performance of the inner battery cell **100** may be secured. Therefore, by preventing the temperature of the inner battery cell **100** from increasing excessively higher than that of the outer battery cell **100**, it may be advantageous to balance the temperature between the inner and outer battery cells **100**.

[0133] In addition, the heat dissipation member **300** disposed at the outer side may be configured to suppress horizontal movement more strongly than the heat dissipation member **300** disposed at the inner side. In other words, the outer heat dissipation member **300** may be configured to be less easily moved in the horizontal direction than the inner heat dissipation member **300**. Such movement suppression may be achieved through an insertion configuration or a frictional force increasing configuration between the heat dissipation member **300** and the module case **200**.

[0134] For example, the ends of the first member **N1** and the second member **N2** located relatively at the outer side may be inserted into and fixed to the inner surface of the module case **200**, as indicated by **Q1** and **Q2**. Meanwhile, the ends of the third member **N3** and the fourth member **N4** located relatively at the inner side may be configured not to be inserted into the inner surface of the module case **200**, as indicated by **Q3** and **Q4**.

[0135] According to this embodiment, when swelling of the battery cell **100** occurs in the cell assembly, movement of the heat dissipation member **300** located at the inner side is allowed to some extent, whereas movement of the heat dissipation member **300** located at the outer side may be relatively difficult. In this case, the swelling of the battery cell **100** may be well absorbed by the inner heat dissipation member **300**, whereas the movement of the battery cell **100** may be suppressed by the outer heat dissipation member **300** to prevent damage or breakage of the outermost battery cell **100**.

[0136] In particular, the cell assembly may be fixed by a thermal resin or the like at the bottom end. Here, when swelling of the cell assembly occurs, the outermost battery cell **100** moves the most, so cracks or tearing of the pouch exterior material may be more generated at the outermost battery cell

100. However, according to this embodiment, the movement of the inner battery cell **100** is allowed to some extent, whereas the movement of the outermost battery cell **100** is suppressed as much as possible, thereby effectively preventing damage to the battery cell **100** together with swelling control.

[0137] A battery pack according to the present disclosure may include one or more battery modules according to the present disclosure described above. In addition, the battery pack according to the present disclosure may further include various components other than these battery modules, for example components of the battery pack known at the time of filing of this application, such as a BMS or a bus bar, a pack case, a relay, and a current sensor. In addition, in the battery pack according to the present disclosure, the module case **200** described above may serve as a pack case. In this case, components of a battery pack such as a BMS, a bus bar, and a relay may be included in the module case **200**. In this case, the battery pack is also called a cell-to-pack in the aspect that the battery cells **100** are directly accommodated in the pack case.

[0138] The battery module according to the present disclosure may be applied to a vehicle such as an electric vehicle or a hybrid electric vehicle. That is, the vehicle according to the present disclosure may include the battery module according to the present disclosure or the battery pack according to the present disclosure. In addition, the vehicle according to the present disclosure may further include various other components included in a vehicle in addition to the battery module or the battery pack. For example, the vehicle according to the present disclosure may further include a vehicle body, a motor, a control device such as an electronic control unit (ECU), and the like in addition to the battery module according to the present disclosure.

[0139] Meanwhile, in this specification, terms indicating directions such as “up”, “down”, “left”, “right”, “front” and “rear” used, but these terms are merely for convenience of description and may vary depending on the location of an object or the location of an observer, as apparent to those skilled in the art.

[0140] The present disclosure has been described in detail. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the disclosure, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the scope of the disclosure will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

REFERENCE SIGNS

[0141] **100**: battery cell [0142] **C1**: accommodation portion, **C2**: sealing portion [0143] **200**: module case [0144] **210**: body frame [0145] **220**: end frame [0146] **300**: heat dissipation member [0147] **310**: body portion [0148] **320**: extension portion [0149] **400**: cooling member

Claims

1. A battery module, comprising: a plurality of battery cells stacked in at least one direction; a module case configured to accommodate the plurality of battery cells in an inner space; and at least one heat dissipation member interposed between at least two of the plurality of battery cells and configured to at least partially contact the module case and transfer heat generated from the plurality of battery cells to the module case.
2. The battery module according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heat dissipation member is configured so that at least one end is inserted into the module case.
3. The battery module according to claim 2, wherein the at least one heat dissipation member is configured so that ends located at opposite sides of the at least one heat dissipation member are inserted into the module case.
4. The battery module according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heat dissipation member includes a body portion configured in a plate shape, and at least one extension portion provided on at least one end of the body portion and configured to be wider than the body portion.

5. The battery module according to claim 4, wherein the at least one extension portion is configured so that the battery cell is seated thereon.
6. The battery module according to claim 4, wherein at least a part of the at least one extension portion is inserted into the module case.
7. The battery module according to claim 4, wherein the at least one extension portion is formed so that at least a part thereof becomes wider toward an end thereof.
8. The battery module according to claim 4, wherein the at least one extension portion is two extension portions formed at opposite ends of the body portion, and wherein the two extension portions are made of different materials.
9. The battery module according to claim 4, wherein the at least one extension portion is configured to be detachable from the body portion.
10. The battery module according to claim 4, further comprising: a cooling member located outside the module case and configured to absorb heat transferred to the module case and dissipate the heat to the outside, wherein the at least one extension portion is at an end of the at least one heat dissipation member where the cooling member is located.
11. The battery module according to claim 4, wherein the at least one extension portion has an uneven surface in contact with the module case.
12. The battery module according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heat dissipation member is a plurality of heat dissipation members along a stacking direction of the plurality of battery cells, and at least two of the plurality of heat dissipation members are configured in different shapes.
13. A battery pack, comprising the battery module according to claim 1.
14. A vehicle, comprising the battery module according to claim 1.
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