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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A secondary battery includes an electrode assembly including a first electrode plate, a separator, and a second electrode plate, a lower case in which the electrode assembly is accommodated and electrode tabs are provided on sidewalls opposing each other, an upper case coupled to the lower case, and an outer casing disposed to surround the lower case and the upper case. The electrode assembly is provided with a first uncoated electrode portion extending from the first electrode plate and a second uncoated electrode portion extending from the second electrode plate, and the first and second uncoated electrode portions are bent and connected to the electrode tab of the lower case.