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A process cartridge that can suppress production of a banding  
image attributed to contact rotation of an electrophotographic  
photosensitive member and a charging member and output a  
high-quality image is provided. The charging member  
includes an electro-conductive substrate and an electrocon-  
ductive resin layer, the resin layer contains a binder, a con-  
ductive fine particle, and a bowl-shaped resin particle having  
an opening, and the surface of the charging member has a  
concavity derived from the opening of the bowl-shaped resin  
particle and a protrusion derived from the edge of the opening  
thereof. The electrophotographic photosensitive member  
includes a support and a photosensitive layer, and the surface  
layer in the photosensitive member contains a specific resin  
( $\alpha$ ), a specific resin ( $\beta$ ), and a specific compound ( $\gamma$ ).

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