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(57) There is provided a semiconductor ceramic having negative resistance/temperature characteristics constituted by a YCaMn type oxide ceramic expressed by the formula $Y_{1-x}Ca_xMnO_3$ ($x = 0.2$ to 0.6). Further, there is provided a semiconductor ceramic component including a ceramic body having negative resistance/temperature characteristics and electrodes formed on the ceramic body. The ceramic body is made of a YCaMn type oxide ceramic expressed by the formula $Y_{1-x}Ca_xMnO_3$ ($x = 0.2$ to 0.6).

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