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Description

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to a display apparatus comprising a drive panel including an organic electroluminescence device (organic EL device) disposed on a substrate for drive and a sealing panel, which are bonded together with an adhesive layer.

BACKGROUND ART

[0002] In recent years, organic EL displays using an organic electroluminescence device as an alternative to liquid crystal displays have become a focus of attention. The organic EL displays are of a self-luminous type, so it is considered that the organic EL displays have advantages of a wide viewing angle, low power consumption and adequate response to high-definition high-speed video signals. Therefore, the organic EL displays have been developed to achieve the practical use thereof.

[0003] A known organic electroluminescence device includes, for example, a first electrode, an organic layer having a light-emitting layer, and a second electrode which are laminated in this order on a substrate for drive. The organic electroluminescence device are sealed by the substrate for drive and a substrate for sealing facing the substrate for drive with an adhesive layer made of, for example, an ultraviolet cure resin in between (For example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 5-182759, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-40345, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-297476, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-68049 and so on). Further, in order to prevent the occurrence of a non-light emitting area (dark spot), the organic electroluminescence device is typically covered with, for example, an inorganic protective film (For example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-40345, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-297476, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-68049, Japanese Patent No. 3170542 and so on). In such an organic electroluminescence device, light generated in the light-emitting layer may be extracted from the side of the substrate for drive or the side of the second electrode depending upon the type of display.

[0004] However, in the organic EL display using such an organic electroluminescence device, there is a problem that the reflection of external light in a wiring electrode disposed in the organic electroluminescence device and between the organic electroluminescence devices is large, thereby resulting in reduced contrast as a display. Therefore, it has been considered that a color filter or a reflected-light absorbing film is provided to prevent the reflection of external light. It has been reported that in the case of a display of the type which extracts light from

the side of the substrate for drive, the color filter or the like is disposed on the substrate for drive, and a layer made of an ultraviolet cure resin is formed and cured on the color filter to form the organic electroluminescence device (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-260562). Moreover, it has been reported that after the organic electroluminescence device is formed on the substrate for drive, while the organic electroluminescence device is sealed with the layer made of an ultraviolet cure resin and a substrate for sealing, a supplementary substrate including the color filter, etc. is disposed on the side of the substrate for drive, and a layer made of the ultraviolet cure resin is disposed only on an edge portion to bond the substrate for drive and the supplementary substrate together (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. Hei 11-345688).

[0005] On the other hand, in the case of a display of the type which extracts light from the side of the second electrode, the color filter is disposed on the side of the substrate for sealing which seals the organic electroluminescence device. However, in the display of this type, the transmittance of ultraviolet radiation with a wavelength of 430 nm or less through the color filter and the reflected-light absorbing film to is low, so it is difficult to cover the organic electroluminescence device and bond the substrate for sealing with the ultraviolet cure resin, like the display of the conventional type which extracts light from the side of the substrate for drive.

[0006] In view of the foregoing, it is an object to provide a display apparatus of the type which extracts light from the side of the second electrode comprising a drive panel including an organic electroluminescence device and a sealing panel including a color filter which are easily bonded together.

[0007] EP-A-0 809 420 discloses a multi-color light emission apparatus comprising a support substrate, an organic electroluminescence device disposed on the substrate, a transparent inorganic oxide substrate arranged above the organic electroluminescence device, and a fluorescent layer arranged on transparent inorganic oxide substrate. The organic electroluminescence device is sealed by sealing means formed by bonding the transparent inorganic oxide substrate to the support substrate arranged solely in a peripheral portion of the organic electroluminescence device.

[0008] Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 1999, no. 12, 29 October 1999 & JP 11 185955 A disclose a color filter layer that is provided on a face where a sealing plate is fixed on a substrate opposed to an organic electroluminescence structural body. No temporary fixing portion located along an edge portion of the adhesive layer is disclosed that is made of an ultraviolet curing material.

[0009] EP-A-1 122 794 discloses a semiconductor device wherein a substrate being provided with necessary elements for a light emitting device is bonded onto a plastic support having color filters thereon using an adhesive layer. No temporary fixing portion located along an edge

portion of the adhesive layer is disclosed that is made of an ultraviolet curing material.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

[0010] A display apparatus according to the invention comprises: a drive panel including a plurality of organic electroluminescence devices with a first electrode, one or more organic layers including a light-emitting layer, and a second electrode laminated in order on a substrate for drive, and extracting light generated in the light-emitting layer from the side of the second electrode; a sealing panel with a color filter disposed on a substrate for sealing, and facing the drive panel on the side of the second electrode; and an adhesive layer being made of thermosetting resin disposing between the sealing panel and the drive panel so as to cover the plurality of organic electroluminescence devices, and the adhesive layer being cured with at least heat.

[0011] In the display apparatus of the invention, the color filter is disposed on the substrate for sealing, so even if external light incident from the sealing panel is reflected on the organic electroluminescence devices, etc., the light is prevented from being emitted from the sealing panel and thereby the contrast can be improved. Moreover, the adhesive layer is disposed so as to cover the organic electroluminescence devices, so the organic electroluminescence devices are securely sealed. Further, the adhesive layer is cured with heat, so by the adhesive layer with excellent and stable adhesive properties, the drive panel and the sealing panel are easily bonded together, regardless of the presence or absence of the color filter.

[0012] The display apparatus according to the invention further comprises a temporary fixing portion located in at least a part of an edge portion of the adhesive layer, said temporary fixing portion being formed so as to straddle between the sealing panel and the drive panel, and aligns the relative position of the sealing panel with the drive panel, said temporary fixing portion being made of an ultraviolet curing resin.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0013]

FIG. 1 is a cross sectional view of a display apparatus according to a first embodiment of the invention;
FIG. 2 is an enlarged cross sectional view of an organic electroluminescence device in the display apparatus shown in FIG. 1;
FIG. 3 is an enlarged cross sectional view of another organic electroluminescence device in the display apparatus shown in FIG. 1;
FIG. 4 is a plan view of a color filter in the display apparatus shown in FIG. 1 viewed from the side of a drive panel;
FIGs. 5A through 5C are cross sectional views se-

quentially showing steps of manufacturing the display apparatus shown in FIG. 1;

FIGs. 6A through 6C are cross sectional views showing steps following the step in FIG. 5C;

FIGs. 7A and 7B are cross sectional views showing steps following the step in FIG. 6C;

FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view showing a step following the step in FIG. 7B; and

FIG. 9 is a cross sectional view of a display apparatus according to a second embodiment of the invention.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0014] Preferred embodiments of the invention are described in more detail below referring to the accompanying drawings.

[First Embodiment]

[0015] FIG. 1 shows a cross sectional view of a display apparatus according to a first embodiment of the invention. The display apparatus is used as an ultra-thin organic EL color display, etc., and in the display apparatus, for example, a drive panel 10 and a sealing panel 20 faces each other and the whole facing surfaces thereof are bonded together with an adhesive layer 30. The drive panel 10 includes an organic electroluminescence device 10R emitting red light, an organic electroluminescence device 10G emitting green light and an organic electroluminescence device 10B emitting blue light disposed in order in a matrix shape as a whole on a substrate for drive 11 made of, for example, an insulating material such as glass.

[0016] Each of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B includes, for example, an anode 12 as a first electrode, an insulating layer 13, an organic layer 14 and a cathode 15 as a second electrode laminated in this order from the side of the substrate for drive 11. The anode 12 and the cathode 15 are shared among the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B in the direction orthogonal to each other, and have a function as wiring to supply a current to the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B.

[0017] The anode 12 has a thickness in a laminating direction (hereinafter simply referred to as thickness) of approximately 200 nm, for example, and is made of a metal such as platinum (Pt), gold (Au), silver (Ag), chromium (Cr) or tungsten (W), or an alloy thereof.

[0018] The insulating layer 13 is provided to secure the insulation between the anode 12 and the cathode 15, and to accurately form light-emitting areas in the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B into desired shapes. The insulating layer 13 has a thickness of approximately 600 nm, for example, and is made of an insulating material such as silicon dioxide (SiO₂). The insulating layer 13 includes an aperture portion 13A corresponding to the light-emitting area.

[0019] The organic layer 14 has a different structure

for each of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B. FIG. 2 shows an enlarged view of the organic layer 14 in the organic electroluminescence devices 10R and 10G. In the organic electroluminescence devices 10R and 10G, the organic layer 14 includes a hole injection layer 14A, a hole transport layer 14B and a light-emitting layer 14C, each of which is made of an organic material, laminated in this order from the side of the anode 12. The hole injection layer 14A and the hole transport layer 14B are provided to improve the hole injection efficiency into the light-emitting layer 14C. The light-emitting layer 14C emits light by the injection of current, and emits light in an area corresponding to the aperture portion 13A of the insulating layer 13.

[0020] In the organic electroluminescence device 10R, the hole injection layer 14A has a thickness of, for example, approximately 30 nm, and is made of 4,4',4"-tris(3-methylphenylphenylamino)triphenylamine (MTDATA). The hole transport layer 14B has a thickness of, for example, approximately 30 nm, and is made of bis[(N-naphthyl)-N-phenyl]benzidine (α -NPD). The light-emitting layer 14C has a thickness of, for example, approximately 40 nm, and is made of a 8-quinolinol aluminum complex (Alq) blended with 2% by volume of 4-dicyanomethylene-6-(p-dimethylaminostyryl)-2-methyl-4H-pyran (DCM).

[0021] In the organic electroluminescence device 10G, the hole injection layer 14A and the hole transport layer 14B are made of the same materials as those in the organic electroluminescence device 10R. The hole transport layer 14A has a thickness of, for example, approximately 30 nm, and the hole transport layer 14B has a thickness, for example, approximately 20 nm. The light-emitting layer 14C has a thickness of, for example, approximately 50 nm, and is made of a 8-quinolinol aluminum complex (Alq).

[0022] FIG. 3 shows an enlarged view of the organic layer 14 in the organic electroluminescence device 10B. In the organic electroluminescence device 10B, the organic layer 14 includes the hole injection layer 14A, the hole transport layer 14B, the light-emitting layer 14C and an electron transport layer 14D, each of which is made of an organic material, laminated in this order from the side of the anode 12. The electron transport layer 14D is provided to improve the electron injection efficiency into the light-emitting layer 14C.

[0023] In the organic electroluminescence device 10B, the hole injection layer 14A and the hole transport layer 14B are made of the same materials as those in the organic electroluminescence devices 10R and 10G. The hole transport layer 14A has a thickness of, for example, approximately 30 nm, and the hole transport layer 14B has a thickness of, for example, approximately 30 nm. The light-emitting layer 14C has a thickness of, for example, approximately 15 nm, and is made of bathocuproin (BCP). The electron transport layer 14D has a thickness of, for example, approximately 30 nm, and is made of Alq.

[0024] As shown in FIGs. 2 and 3, the cathode 15 in-

cludes a semi-transparent electrode 15A having semi-transparency for light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C, and a transparent electrode having transmittance for the light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C, which are laminated in this order from the side of the organic layer 14. Thereby, the drive panel 10 extracts the light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C from the side of the cathode 15 as shown by arrows with dashed lines in FIGs. 1 through 3.

[0025] The semi-transparent electrode 15A has a thickness of, for example, approximately 10 nm, and is made of an alloy of magnesium (Mg) and silver (MgAg alloy). The semi-transparent electrode 15A is provided to reflect the light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C between the anode 12 and the semi-transparent electrode 15A. In other words, the semi-transparent electrode 15A and the anode 12 constitute a resonant portion in a resonator which resonates the light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C. It is preferable that such a resonator is constituted, because the light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C causes multiple interference to function as a kind of narrow-band filter, and thereby the half-value width of the spectrum of extracted light is reduced and color purity is improved. Further, it is preferable because external light incident from the sealing panel 20 can be attenuated by the multiple interference, and the reflectance of the external light on the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B can become extremely small by a combination of a color filter 22 (refer to FIG. 1) to be described later.

[0026] For that purpose, it is preferable to match the peak wavelength of the narrow-band filter and the peak wavelength of the spectrum of light desired to be extracted. In other words, assuming that the phase shift of reflected light generated in the anode 12 and the semi-transparent electrode 15A is Φ (rad), the optical distance between the anode 12 and the semi-transparent electrode 15A is L, and the peak wavelength of the spectrum of light desired to be extracted from the side of the cathode 15 is λ , the optical distance L preferably satisfies a mathematical formula 1, and in fact, the optical distance L is preferably selected to be a positive minimum value satisfying the mathematical formula 1. Further, in the mathematical formula 1, the units of L and λ may be the same, for example, "nm".

$$2L/\lambda + \Phi/2\pi = q \text{ (q is an integer)}$$

[0027] The transparent electrode 15B is provided to reduce the electrical resistance of the semi-transparent electrode 15A, and is made of an electrically conductive material having sufficient translucency to the light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C. As the material of the transparent electrode 15B, for example, a compound including indium, zinc (Zn) and oxygen is preferable, because the compound can obtain good electrical conduc-

tivity even if film formation is carried out at ambient temperature. It is preferable that the thickness of the transparent electrode 15B is, for example, approximately 200 nm.

[0028] As shown in FIG. 1, the sealing panel 20 is disposed on the side of the cathode 15 of the drive panel 10, and includes a substrate for sealing 21 to seal the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B together with an adhesive layer 30. The substrate for sealing 21 is made of a material transparent to light generated in the organic electroluminescence device 10R, 10G and 10B, such as glass. In the substrate for sealing 21, for example, the color filter 22 and a reflected-light absorbing film 23 as a black matrix are disposed to extract the light generated in the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B, and to absorb external light reflected on the electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B as well as the anode 12 and the cathode 15 which are positioned in between as wiring, so that the contrast is improved.

[0029] The color filter 22 and the reflected-light absorbing film 23 may be disposed on either side of the substrate for sealing 21, but preferably they are disposed on the side facing the drive panel 10, because the color filter 22 and the reflected-light absorbing film 23 are not exposed to the surface and can be protected by the adhesive layer 30. The color filter 22 includes a red filter 22R, a green filter 22G and blue filter 22B which are disposed corresponding to the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B, respectively.

[0030] FIG. 4 shows a plan view of the color filter 22 viewed from the side of the drive panel 10. Further, in FIG. 4, in order to easily identify the red filter 22R, the green filter 22G and the blue filter 22B, the red filter 22R, the green filter 22G and the blue filter 22B are indicated with vertical lines, oblique lines and horizontal lines, respectively.

[0031] The red filter 22R, the green filter 22G and the blue filter 22B each have, for example, a rectangular shape, and are formed with no space in between. The red filter 22R, the green filter 22G and the blue filter 22B each are made of a resin mixed with pigments, and by the selection of the pigments, the light transmittance in a targeted wavelength of red, green or blue is adjusted to be higher, and the light transmittance in the other wavelengths is adjusted to be lower.

[0032] As shown in FIGs. 1 and 4, the reflected-light absorbing film 23 is disposed along the boundaries among the red filter 22R, the green filter 22G and the blue filter 22B. The reflected-light absorbing film 23 is made of a black resin film containing, for example, a black colorant with an optical density of 1 or more, or a thin film filter using the interference of a thin film. More preferably, the reflected-light absorbing film 23 is made of the black resin film, because the reflected-light absorbing film 23 can be easily formed at low cost. The thin film filter is made of a laminate including one or more layers of thin films of, for example, metal, a metal nitride or a metal

oxide so as to attenuate light by the use of the interference of the thin films. A laminate of chromium and chromium oxide (III) (Cr_2O_3) in alternate order is taken as a specific example of the thin film filter.

[0033] As shown in FIG. 1, the adhesive layer 30 covers the whole surface of the drive panel 10 on the side where the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B are disposed so as to more effectively prevent corrosion and damage of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B. The adhesive layer 30 is cured with at least heat. In other words, at least a part of the adhesive layer 30, more specifically at least a portion of the adhesive layer 30 covering the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B is a portion 30B cured with heat. The portion 30B cured with heat is made of, for example, a thermosetting resin such as a phenol resin, a melanin resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, an epoxy resin, a silicon resin, a polyurethane resin or the like.

[0034] A temporary fixing portion 30A is formed in a part of an edge portion of the adhesive layer 30. The temporary fixing portion 30A is made of, for example, an ultraviolet cure resin, and is formed so as to straddle between the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10. The temporary fixing portion 30A is provided to align the relative position of the sealing panel 20 with the drive panel 10.

[0035] The display apparatus can be manufactured through, for example, the following steps.

[0036] FIGs. 5A through 7B show a method of manufacturing the display apparatus step by step. First, as shown in FIG. 5A, the reflected-light absorbing film 23 made of the above-described material is formed on the substrate for sealing 21 made of the above-described material, and then is patterned into the shape shown in FIG. 4. Next, as shown in FIG. 5B, the material of the red filter 22R is coated on the substrate for sealing 21 through a spin coat method or the like, and then the material of the red filter 22R is patterned and fired through photolithography to form the red filter 22R. It is preferable that an edge portion of the red filter 22R covers the reflected-light absorbing film 23 during patterning, because it is difficult to pattern the red filter 22R with high accuracy so as not to cover the reflected-light absorbing film 23, and a portion overlaid on the reflected-light absorbing film 23 does not affect the display of an image. Then, as shown in FIG. 5C, like the red filter 22R, the blue filter 22B and the green filter 22G are formed in order. Thereby, the sealing panel 20 is formed.

[0037] Further, as shown in FIG. 6A, for example, a plurality of anodes 12 made of the above-described material are formed in parallel on the substrate for drive 11 made of the above-described material through, for example, direct current sputtering. Then, the insulating layer 13 of the above-described thickness is formed on the anodes 12 through, for example, CVD (chemical vapor deposition), and a portion of the insulating layer 13 corresponding to a light-emitting area is selectively removed

through lithography to form the aperture portion 13A.

[0038] Next, as shown in FIG. 6B, corresponding to the aperture portion 13A of the insulating layer 13, the hole injection layer 14A, the hole transport layer 14B, the light-emitting layer 14C and the electron transport layer 14D, each of which is made of the above-described material and has the above-described thickness, are formed in order by the use of an area mask (not shown) through, for example, vapor deposition. At this time, the area mask is changed depending upon the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B to form the layers. Further, it is difficult to carry out vapor deposition only on the aperture portion 13A with high accuracy, so it is preferable that each layer is formed so as to cover the whole aperture portion 13A and slightly cover the edge of the insulating layer 13. After forming the organic layer 14, a plurality of semi-transparent electrodes 15A which have the above-described thickness and are made of the above-described material are formed in parallel in the direction perpendicular to the anodes 12 by the use of the area mask (not shown) through, for example, vapor deposition. After that, on the semi-transparent electrodes 15A, the transparent electrodes 15B are formed through, for example, direct current sputtering by the use of the same area mask used when the semi-transparent electrodes 15A are formed. Thereby, the drive panel 10 is formed.

[0039] After forming the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10, as shown in FIG. 6C, for example, a thermo-setting resin is coated on a surface of the substrate for drive 11 where the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B are formed so as to form the portion 30B cured with heat in the adhesive layer 30. The step of coating may be carried out through, for example, discharging the resin from a slit nozzle type dispenser, roll coating or screen printing. For the portion 30B cured with heat in the adhesive layer 30, one coating liquid or a combination of two coating liquids is used for curing. Further, in the case of a combination of two or more coating liquids, the coating liquids may be coated at the same time or separately in any order. When coating the coating liquids at the same time, a mixture of the coating liquids may be coated, or the coating liquids may be coated at the same time so as to be mixed. When coating the coating liquids separately, after the coating liquids are coated in order, the liquids may be mixed by, for example, the application of pressure caused by bonding the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10 together.

[0040] Next, as shown in FIG. 7A, the drive panel 10 and the sealing panel 20 are bonded together with the adhesive layer 30 in between. At this time, it is preferable that a surface of the sealing panel 20 on the side where the color filter 22 and the reflected-light absorbing film 23 are formed is disposed so as to face the drive panel 10. Further, it is preferable not to enter air bubbles into the adhesive layer 30.

[0041] Then, as shown in FIG. 7B, for example, the sealing panel 20 is moved in a direction indicated with

an arrow to align the relative position between the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10. In other words, the positions of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B and the color filter 22 are aligned. At this time, the adhesive layer 30 is not yet cured, so the relative position between the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10 can be moved approximately a few hundred μm . The relative position between the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10 is aligned to temporarily fix the sealing panel 20. For example, an ultraviolet cure resin is coated on at least a part of the edge portion of the adhesive layer 30 so as to straddle between the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10, and the ultraviolet radiation UV is applied from the side of the sealing panel 20 to cure the ultraviolet cure resin, thereby the temporary fixing portion 30A is formed so as to be capable of temporarily fixing the sealing panel 20.

[0042] Finally, as shown in FIG. 8, the adhesive layer 30 is heated to an appropriate temperature to be cured, and thereby the drive panel 10 and the sealing panel 20 are bonded together. The curing temperature can be appropriately determined depending upon the heating time, such as 80°C for a heating time of 2 hours and 60°C for a heating time of 4 hours. Thus, the display apparatus shown in FIGs. 1 through 4 is completed.

[0043] In the display apparatus manufactured through the above steps, when a predetermined voltage is applied between the anode 12 and the cathode 15, a current is injected into the light-emitting layer 14C, and holes and electrons are bonded again to emit light mainly in an interface on the light-emitting layer 14C. The light is reflected several times between the anode 12 and the semi-transparent electrode 15A, and passes through the cathode 15, the adhesive layer 30, the color filter 22 and the substrate for sealing 21 to be extracted from the side of sealing panel 20. In the embodiment, as the color filter 22 and the reflected-light absorbing film 23 are disposed on the sealing panel 20, external light incident from the sealing panel 20 is prevented from being reflected on the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B and then being emitted from the sealing panel 20, thereby the contrast can be improved.

[0044] Moreover, in the embodiment, in each of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B, the resonator including the semi-transparent electrode 15A and the anode 12 as a resonant portion is constituted, so by multiple interference, the half-value width of the spectrum of extracted light can be reduced, and color purity can be improved, as well as external light is attenuated, and the reflectance of the external light is reduced by a combination of the color filter 22. In other word, the contrast can be further improved.

[0045] Thus, according to the embodiment, the color filter 22 is disposed on the substrate for sealing 21, and the sealing panel 20 and the drive panel 10 are bonded together with the adhesive layer 30 disposed so as to cover the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B, so external light incident from the sealing

panel 20 can be prevented from being reflected on the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G, 10B and so on, and then being emitted from the sealing panel 20. Therefore, the contrast can be improved. Moreover, the adhesive layer 30 can securely seal the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B, so the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B can be effectively prevented from corrosion and damage. Further, the adhesive layer 30 is cured with heat, so the drive panel 10 and the sealing panel 20 are easily bonded together with the adhesive layer 30 having excellent and stable adhesive properties, regardless of the presence or the absence of the color filter 22.

[0046] Still further, the temporary fixing portion 30A is formed in a part of the edge portion of the adhesive layer 30 to align the relative position of the sealing panel 20 with the drive panel 10, so more accurate alignment can be carried out. In addition, the temporary fixing portion 30A is made of an ultraviolet cure resin, so the temporary fixing portion 30A can be cured at a lower temperature for a shorter time. Thereby, temporary fixation can be carried out with ease and accuracy.

[0047] Moreover, when each of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B have the resonator including the semi-transparent electrode 15A and the anode 12 as a resonant portion, multiple interference of light generated in the light-emitting layer 14C arises to function as a kind of narrow-band filter, so the half-value width of the spectrum of extracted light can be reduced, and color purity can be improved. Further, external light incident from the sealing panel 20 can be attenuated by the multiple interference, so by a combination of the color filter 22, the reflectance of the external light on the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B can become extremely small. Therefore, the contrast can be further improved.

[Second Embodiment]

[0048] FIG. 9 shows a display apparatus according to a second embodiment of the invention. The display apparatus is equivalent to the display apparatus described in the first embodiment except that an antireflective film 24 is disposed on a surface of the substrate for sealing 21 on the opposite side of the drive panel 10. Therefore, like components are denoted by like numerals as of the first embodiment and will not be further explained.

[0049] The antireflective film 24 is provided to prevent surface reflection of external light on the substrate for sealing 21. When the substrate for sealing 21 is made of, for example, glass, the surface reflection thereof is approximately 4%, because when the reflection of the external light inside the display apparatus is inhibited by the color filter 22, the reflected-light absorbing film 23 and so on, the surface reflection on the substrate for sealing 21 is not negligible.

[0050] The antireflective film 24 is preferably made of a thin film filter including a laminate of, for example, silicon

oxide (SiO_2), and titanium oxide (TiO_2) or niobium oxide (Nb_2O_5).

[0051] Thus, according to the embodiment, in addition to effects described in the first embodiment, as the antireflective film 24 is disposed on the substrate for sealing 21, the surface reflection of the external light on the substrate for sealing 21 can be reduced, thereby the contrast can be further improved. Incidentally, as of the above first embodiment, the adhesive layer 30 is cured with heat, and the second embodiment provides the effects equal to those of the above first embodiment.

[0052] The present invention is described referring to the preferred embodiments. However, the invention is not limited to the embodiments, and is applicable to various modifications. For example, in the above embodiments, although the case that the color filter 22 and the reflected-light absorbing film 23 are disposed on the substrate for sealing 21 is described, the reflected-light absorbing film 23 may or may not be disposed as required.

[0053] Moreover, in the above embodiments, the adhesive layer 30 is disposed on the whole surface of the drive panel 10, but the adhesive layer 30 may be disposed to cover at least the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B. Further, in the above embodiments, the temporary fixing portion 30A is disposed in a part of the edge portion of the adhesive layer 30, but the temporary fixing portion 30A may be disposed on, for example, the whole edge portion of the adhesive layer 30 so as to surround the adhesive layer 30.

[0054] In addition, in the above embodiments, the structures of the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B are described referring to specific components. However, the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B may not include all layers such as the insulating layer 13 or the transparent electrode 15B, or may further include any other layers. The invention is applicable to the case where the semi-transparent electrode 15A is not included, although as described in the above embodiments, the resonator with the semi-transparent electrode 15A and the anode 12 as a resonance portion is preferably included, because the reflectance of the external light on the organic electroluminescence devices 10R, 10G and 10B can be further reduced, and thereby the contrast can be further improved.

[0055] Still further, in the above embodiments, the first electrode is the anode, and the second electrode is the cathode, but the first electrode may be the cathode and the second electrode may be the anode. In this case, light is extracted from the side of the anode, and the anode is made of a semi-transparent electrode, a transparent electrode or the like.

[0056] Moreover, in the above embodiments, the material of the organic layer 14 is changed so as to emit red, green or blue light, however, the invention is applicable to a display apparatus which emits these light by a combination of color changing mediators (CCM) or a combination of color filters.

[0057] As described above, according to the display apparatus of the invention, the drive substrate including the organic electroluminescence devices and the substrate for sealing including the color filter are bonded together with at least the adhesive layer which is cured with heat, so by the adhesive layer having excellent and stable adhesive properties, the drive panel and the sealing panel can be easily bonded together, and thereby, the display apparatus of the type that light is extracted from the side of the second electrode can be easily implemented.

[0058] More specifically, according to the display apparatus of an aspect of the invention, the temporary fixing portion is formed in at least a part of the edge portion of the adhesive layer so as to straddle between the sealing panel and the drive panel, and aligns the relative position of the sealing panel with the drive panel, so more accurate alignment can be carried out.

[0059] Moreover, according to the display apparatus of another aspect of the invention, the temporary fixing portion is made of an ultraviolet cure resin, so the temporary fixing portion can be cured at a lower temperature for a shorter time, thereby temporary fixation can be carried out with ease and accuracy.

[0060] In addition, according to the display apparatus of still another aspect of the invention, the antireflective film is disposed on the substrate for sealing, so the surface reflection of the external light on the substrate for sealing can be reduced, and thereby the contrast can be further improved.

[0061] Further, according to the display apparatus of a further aspect of the invention, the semi-transparent electrode and the first electrode constitute a resonant portion of the resonator, so the multiple interference of light generated in the light-emitting layer arises to function as a kind of narrow band filter. Thereby, the half-value width of the spectrum of extracted light can be reduced, and color purity can be improved. In addition, the external light incident from the sealing panel can be attenuated by the multiple interference, and by a combination of the color filter, the reflectance of the external light on the organic electroluminescence devices can become extremely small. Therefore, the contrast can be further improved.

[0062] Obviously many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in the light of the above teachings. It is therefore to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described,

Claims

1. A display apparatus, comprising:

a drive panel including a plurality of organic electroluminescence devices with a first electrode, one or more organic layers including a light-emitting layer, and a second electrode laminated on

a substrate, wherein light generated in the light-emitting layer is extracted from the side of the second electrode;

a sealing panel with a color filter disposed on a substrate, and facing the drive panel on the side of the second electrode;
an adhesive layer disposed between the sealing panel and the drive panel so as to cover the plurality of organic electroluminescence devices, the adhesive layer being made of thermosetting resin; and
a temporary fixing portion located in at least a part of an edge portion of the adhesive layer, said temporary fixing portion being formed so as to straddle between the sealing panel and the drive panel, and aligns the relative position of the sealing panel with the drive panel, said temporary fixing portion being made of an ultraviolet curing resin.

2. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is made of only one coating liquid or a combination of two or more coating liquids for curing.
3. The display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the combination of two or more coating liquids is mixed through coating at the same time.
4. The display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the combination of two or more coating liquids is mixed through separately coating the coating liquids in order, then applying a pressure thereto.
5. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the color filter includes a red filter, a green filter and a blue filter, and is disposed on the side of the substrate for sealing facing the drive panel.
6. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sealing panel includes a reflected-light absorbing film on the substrate for sealing.
7. The display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the reflected-light absorbing film made of a black resin film with an optical density of 1 or more, or a thin film filter using the interference of a thin film.
8. The display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the reflected-light absorbing film is disposed on the side of the substrate for sealing facing the drive panel.
9. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sealing panel includes an antireflective film disposed on the side of the substrate for sealing oppo-

site to the drive panel.

10. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second electrode includes a semi-transparent electrode having semi-transparency for light generated in the light-emitting layer, and the semi-transparent electrode and the first electrode constitute a resonant portion of a resonator resonating the light generated in the light-emitting layer.

11. A method for manufacturing a display device comprising the steps of:

forming a drive panel including a substrate and a plurality of organic electroluminescence devices on the substrate, each organic electroluminescence device having a first electrode, one or more organic layers including a light-emitting layer, and a second electrode;
forming a sealing panel including a color, filter;
providing an adhesive portion of a thermosetting resin on the drive panel so as to cover the plurality of organic electroluminescence devices;
disposing the sealing panel so as to face the drive panel with the adhesive portion therebetween;
aligning the relative position of the sealing panel and the drive panel;
providing a temporary fixing portion of ultraviolet curing resin along an edge portion of the adhesive portion;
curing the temporary fixing portion by applying ultraviolet rays before curing the adhesive portion; and
curing the adhesive portion by applying heat.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the temporary fixing portion is cured by applying ultraviolet rays from the side of the sealing panel.

Patentansprüche

1. Anzeigevorrichtung mit:

einer Steuerscheibe mit einer Vielzahl von organischen Elektrolumineszenzeinheiten mit einer ersten Elektrode, einer oder mehreren organischen Schichten mit einer Licht emittierenden Schicht, sowie einer zweiten Elektrode, mit der ein Substrat beschichtet ist, wobei in der Licht emittierenden Schicht erzeugtes Licht auf der Seite der zweiten Elektrode gewonnen wird; einer Versiegelungsscheibe mit einem Farbfilter, der auf einem Substrat angeordnet ist und der Steuerscheibe auf der Seite der zweiten Elektrode gegenüberliegt;
einer Haftschrift, die zwischen der Versiege-

lungsscheibe und der Steuerscheibe angeordnet ist, so dass die Vielzahl von organischen Elektrolumineszenzeinheiten bedeckt ist, wobei die Haftschrift aus einem wärmehärtenden Harz besteht; und
einem provisorischen Fixierbereich, der in wenigstens einem Teil eines Randbereiches der Haftschrift angeordnet ist, wobei der provisorische Fixierbereich so ausgebildet ist, dass er zwischen der Versiegelungsscheibe und der Steuerscheibe liegt und die Relativposition der Versiegelungsscheibe an der Steuerscheibe ausrichtet, wobei der provisorische Fixierbereich aus einem UV-härtenden Harz besteht.

2. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Haftschrift aus lediglich einer Beschichtungsflüssigkeit oder einer Kombination aus zwei oder mehreren Beschichtungsflüssigkeiten zum Aushärten besteht.

3. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 2, wobei die Kombination aus zwei oder mehreren Beschichtungsflüssigkeiten durch ein gleichzeitiges Beschichten durchmischt wird.

4. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 3, wobei die Kombination aus zwei oder mehreren Beschichtungsflüssigkeiten durch ein separates, aufeinander folgendes Beschichten mit den Beschichtungsflüssigkeiten und einem anschließenden Aufbringen eines Drucks durchmischt wird.

5. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, wobei der Farbfilter einen Rotfilter, einen Grünfilter und einen Blaufilter aufweist und auf der Seite des Substrats zum Versiegeln angeordnet ist, die der Steuerscheibe zugewandt ist.

6. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Versiegelungsscheibe einen reflektiertes Licht absorbierenden Film auf dem Substrat zum Versiegeln aufweist.

7. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 6, wobei der reflektiertes Licht absorbierende Film aus einem schwarzem Harzfilm mit einer optischen Dichte von 1 oder höher oder aus einem die Interferenz einer Dünnschicht ausnutzenden Dünnschichtfilter besteht.

8. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 6, wobei der reflektiertes Licht absorbierende Film auf der Seite des Substrats zum Versiegeln angeordnet ist, die der Steuerscheibe zugewandt ist.

9. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Versiegelungsscheibe einen Antireflexfilm aufweist, der

auf der Seite des Substrats zum Versiegeln angeordnet ist, die der Steuerscheibe gegenüberliegt.

10. Anzeigevorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, wobei die zweite Elektrode eine teilweise transparente Elektrode aufweist, die eine teilweise Transparenz für in der Licht emittierenden Schicht erzeugtes Licht aufweist, und die teilweise transparente Elektrode und die erste Elektrode einen Resonanzbereich eines Resonators bilden, der mit dem in der Licht emittierenden Schicht erzeugten Licht in Resonanz ist.

11. Verfahren zum Herstellen einer Anzeigevorrichtung mit den folgenden Schritten:

Herstellen einer Steuerscheibe mit einem Substrat und einer Vielzahl von organischen Elektrolumineszenzeinheiten auf dem Substrat, wobei jede organische Elektrolumineszenzeinheit eine erste Elektrode, eine oder mehrere organische Schichten mit einer Licht emittierenden Schicht, sowie eine zweite Elektrode aufweist; Herstellen einer Versiegelungsscheibe mit einem Farbfilter;

Bereitstellen eines Haftbereichs aus einem wärmehärtenden Harz auf der Steuerscheibe, so dass die Vielzahl von organischen Elektrolumineszenzeinheiten bedeckt ist;

Anordnen der Versiegelungsscheibe, so dass sie der Steuerscheibe gegenüberliegt, wobei der Haftbereich dazwischen liegt;

Ausrichten der Relativposition der Versiegelungsscheibe und der Steuerscheibe;

Bereitstellen eines provisorischen Fixierbereichs aus UV-härtendem Harz entlang eines Randbereichs des Haftbereichs;

Aushärten des provisorischen Fixierbereichs durch Anwenden einer UV-Strahlung vor einem Aushärten des Haftbereiches; und

Aushärten des Haftbereiches durch Anwenden von Hitze.

12. Verfahren nach Anspruch 11, wobei der provisorische Fixierbereich ausgehärtet wird, indem eine UV-Strahlung von der Seite der Versiegelungsscheibe abgegeben wird.

Revendications

1. Dispositif d'affichage, comprenant :

un panneau d'attaque comprenant une pluralité de dispositifs électroluminescents organiques comportant une première électrode, une ou plusieurs couches organiques comprenant une couche d'émission de lumière, et une deuxième électrode stratifiée sur un substrat, où la lumière

générée dans la couche d'émission de lumière est extraite du côté de la deuxième électrode, un panneau de scellement comportant un filtre de couleur disposé sur un substrat, et faisant face au panneau d'attaque sur le côté de la deuxième électrode,

une couche adhésive disposée entre le panneau de scellement et le panneau d'attaque de manière à recouvrir la pluralité de dispositifs d'électroluminescence organiques, la couche adhésive étant constituée de résine thermodurcissable, et

une partie de fixation temporaire située dans au moins une partie d'une partie de bordure de la couche adhésive, ladite partie de fixation temporaire étant formée de manière à être à cheval entre le panneau de scellement et le panneau d'attaque et aligne la position relative du panneau de scellement avec le panneau d'attaque, ladite partie de fixation temporaire étant faite d'une résine polymérisant aux ultraviolets.

2. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la couche adhésive est faite de seulement un liquide de revêtement ou d'une combinaison de deux ou plusieurs liquides de revêtement pour la polymérisation.

3. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 2, dans lequel la combinaison de deux liquides de revêtement ou plus est mélangée par le biais du revêtement en même temps.

4. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 3, dans lequel la combinaison de deux liquides de revêtement ou plus est mélangée par le biais d'un dépôt séparé des liquides de revêtement dans l'ordre, puis en appliquant une pression à ceux-ci.

5. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le filtre de couleur comprend un filtre rouge, un filtre vert et un filtre bleu, et est disposé sur le côté du substrat pour un scellement au panneau d'attaque en face de celui-ci.

6. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le panneau de scellement comprend un film d'absorption de lumière réfléchi sur le substrat pour le scellement.

7. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 6, dans lequel le film d'absorption de lumière réfléchi est fait d'un film de résine noir ayant une densité optique de 1 ou plus, ou est un filtre à film mince utilisant l'interférence d'un film mince.

8. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 6, dans lequel le film d'absorption de lumière réfléchi est

disposé sur le côté du substrat pour un scellement au panneau d'attaque en face de celui-ci.

9. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le panneau de scellement comprend un film antiréfléchissant disposé sur le côté du substrat pour un scellement opposé au panneau d'attaque. 5

10. Dispositif d'affichage selon la revendication 1, dans lequel la deuxième électrode comprend une électrode semi-transparente présentant une semi-transparence pour la lumière générée dans la couche d'émission de lumière, et l'électrode semi-transparente et la première électrode constituent une partie résonante d'un résonateur faisant résonner la lumière générée dans la couche d'émission de lumière. 10
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11. Procédé de fabrication d'un dispositif d'affichage comprenant les étapes consistant à : 20
 - former un panneau d'attaque comprenant un substrat et une pluralité de dispositifs d'électroluminescence organiques sur le substrat, chaque dispositif d'électroluminescence organique comportant une première électrode, une ou plusieurs couches organiques comprenant une couche d'émission de lumière, et une deuxième électrode, 25
 - former un panneau de scellement comprenant un filtre de couleur, 30
 - fournir une partie adhésive d'une résine therm durcissable sur le panneau d'attaque de manière à recouvrir la pluralité de dispositifs d'électroluminescence organiques,
 - disposer le panneau de scellement de manière à ce qu'il fasse face au panneau d'attaque, la partie adhésive étant située entre eux, 35
 - aligner la position relative du panneau de scellement et du panneau d'attaque,
 - fournir une partie de fixation temporaire de résine polymérisant aux ultraviolets le long d'une partie de bordure de la partie adhésive, 40
 - faire polymériser la partie de fixation temporaire en appliquant des rayonnements ultraviolets avant de faire polymériser la partie adhésive, et 45
 - faire polymériser la partie adhésive en appliquant de la chaleur.

12. Procédé selon la revendication 11, dans lequel la partie de fixation temporaire est polymérisée en appliquant des rayons ultraviolets depuis le côté du panneau de scellement. 50

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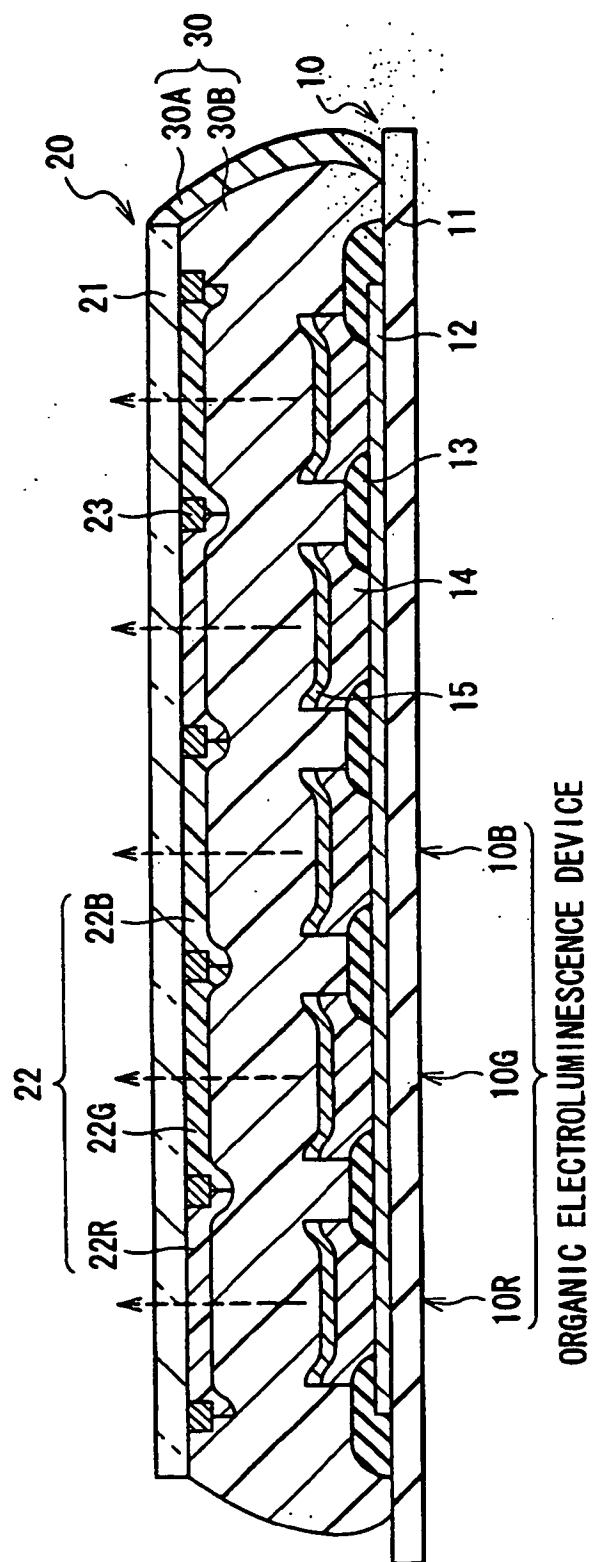


FIG. 1

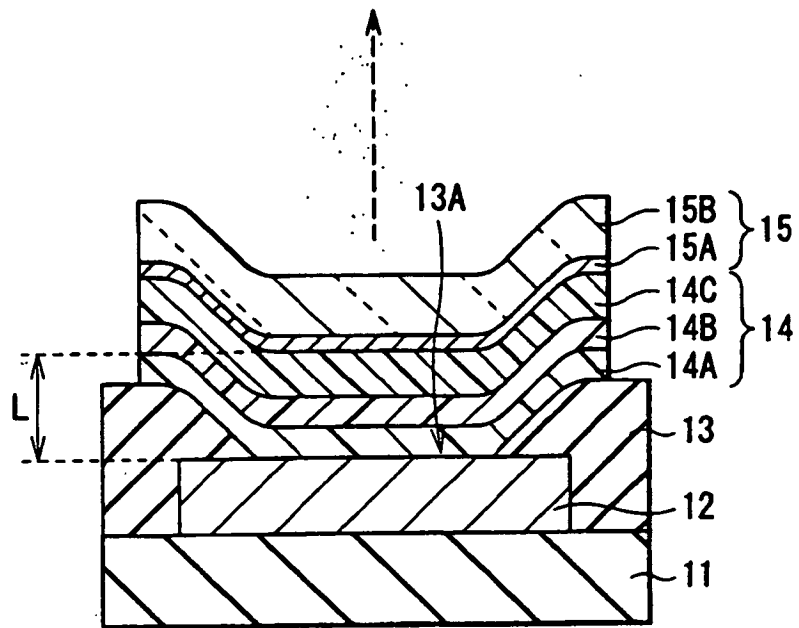


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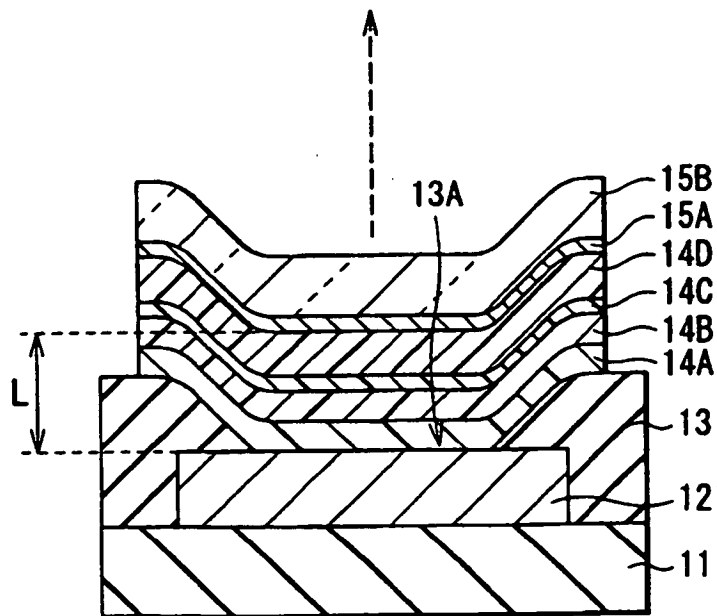


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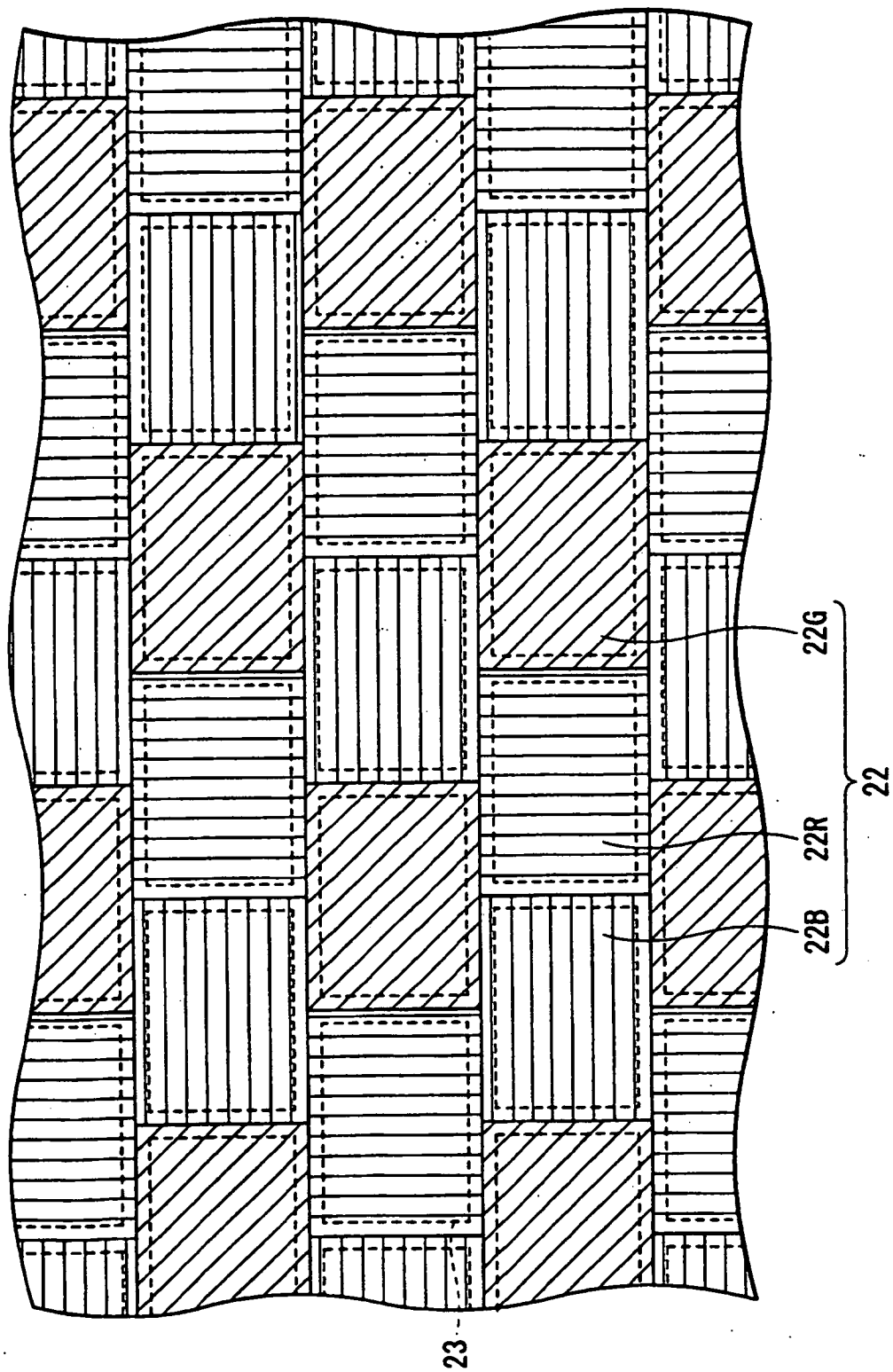


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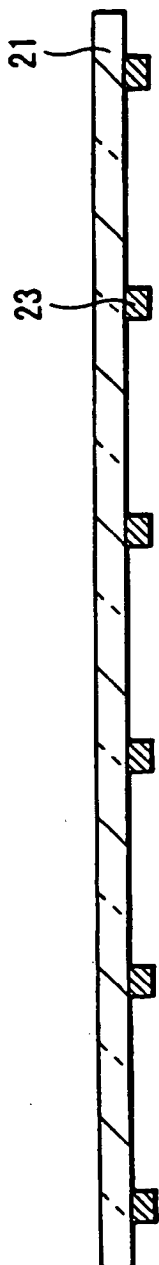


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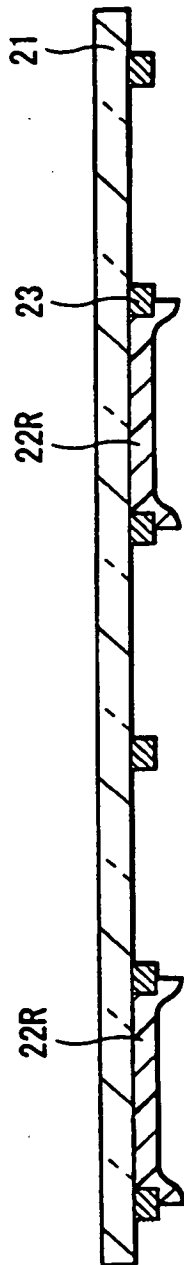


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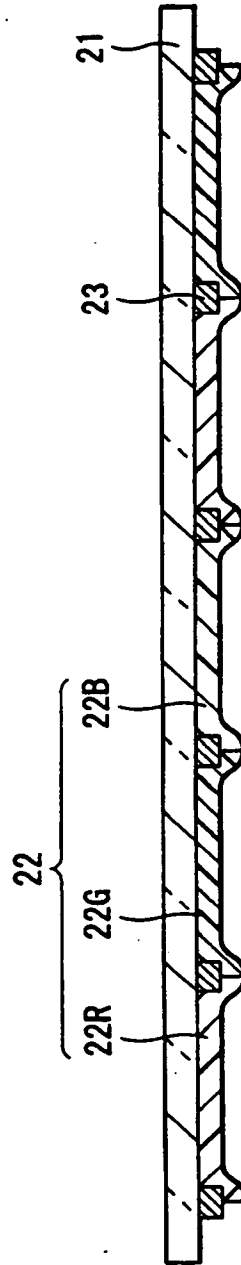


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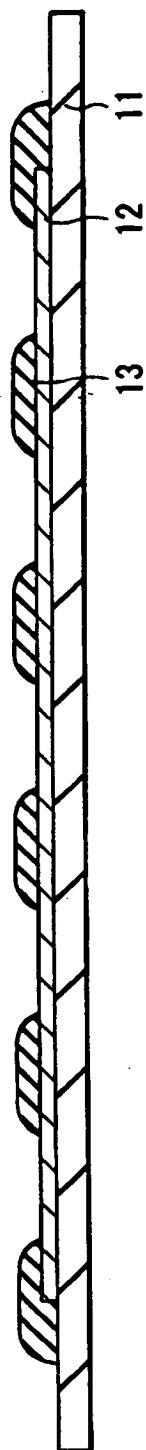


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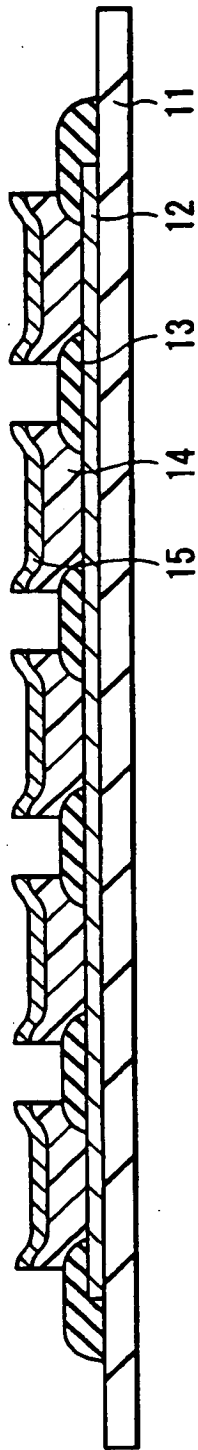


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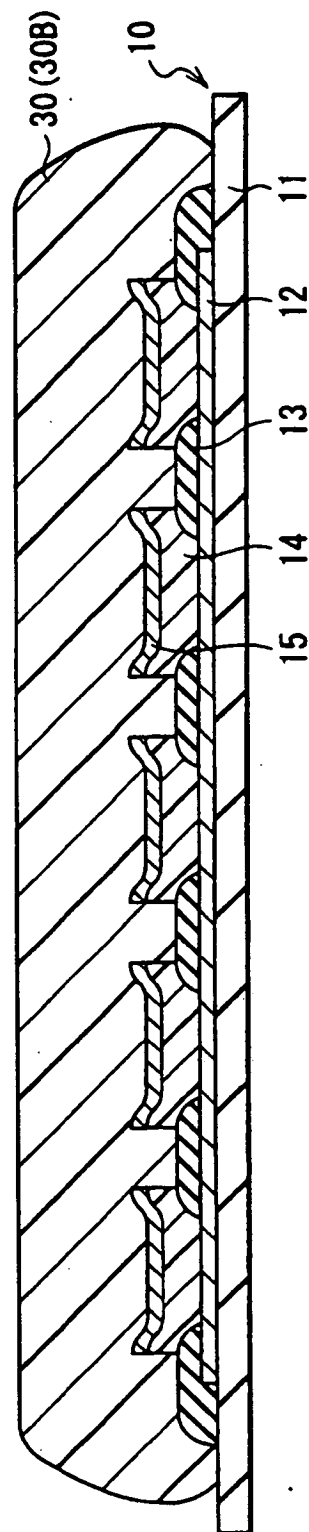
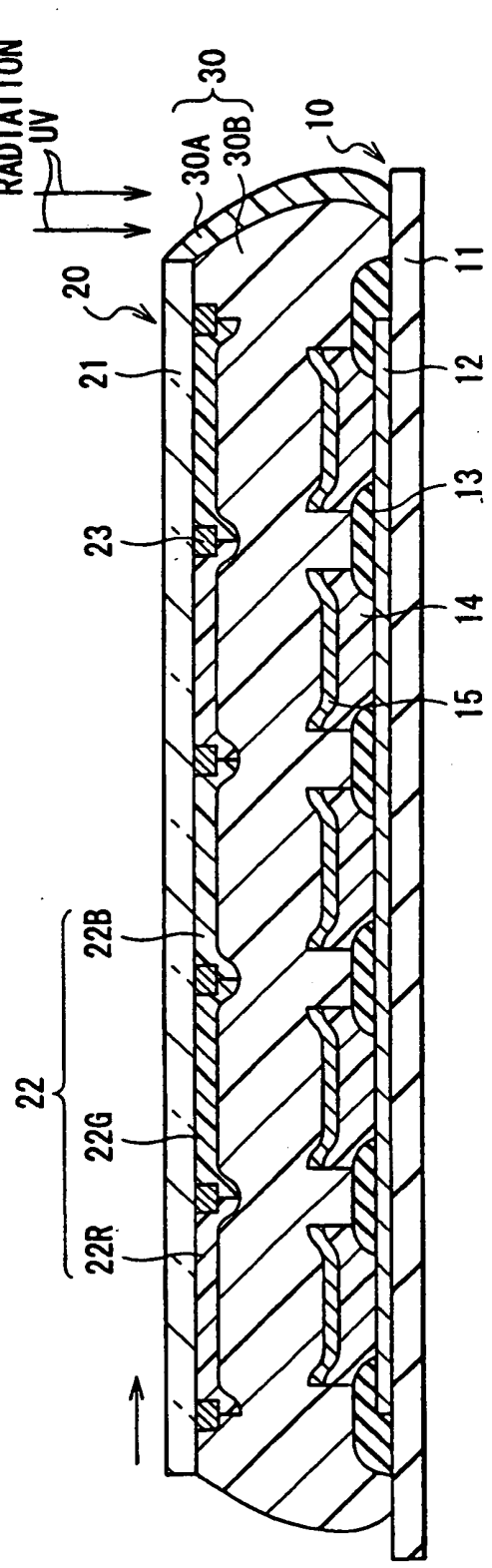
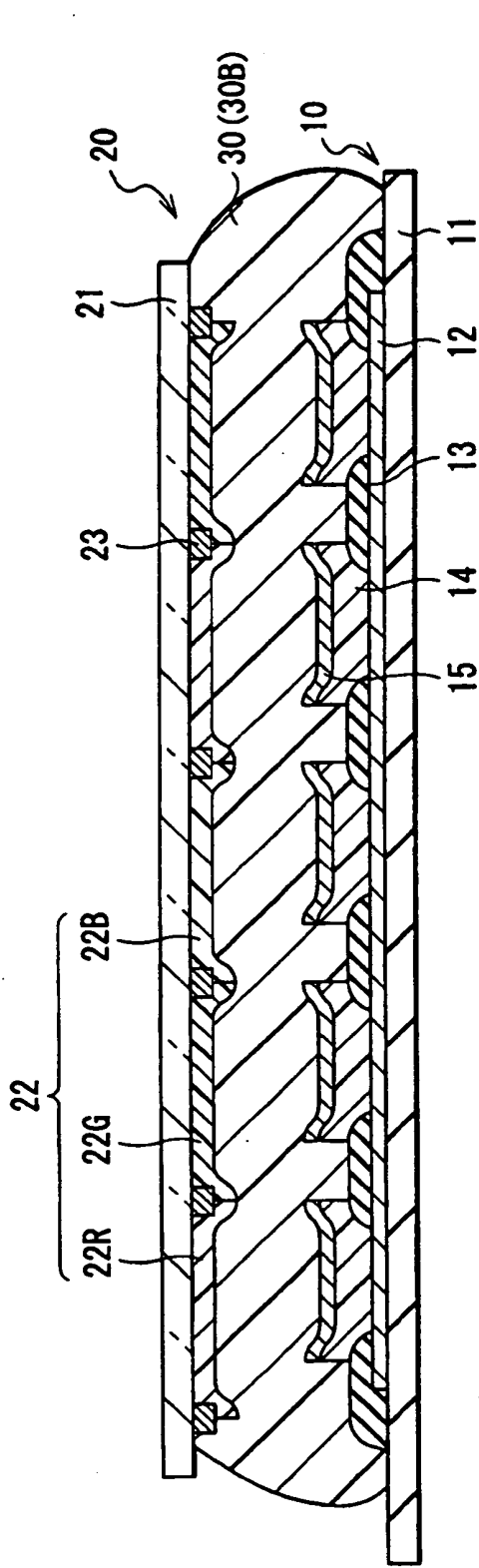


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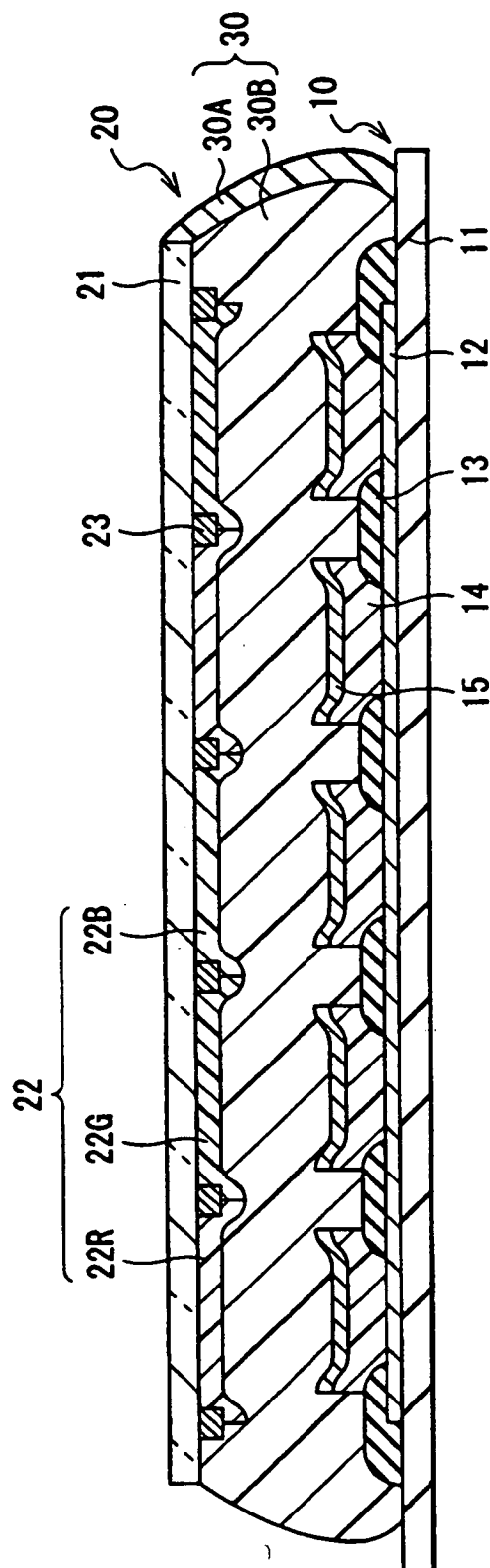


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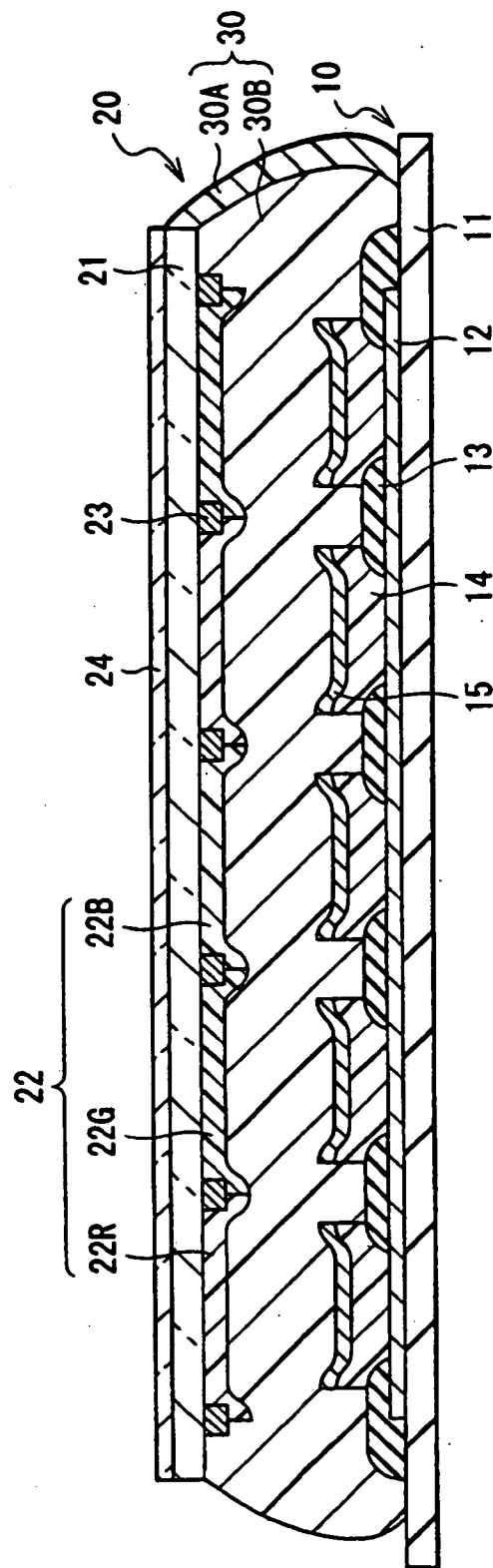


FIG. 9

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摘要(译)

提供一种显示装置，其能够容易地将驱动面板（10）和密封面板（20）粘合在一起。驱动面板（10）包括用于驱动（11）的基板上的有机电致发光器件（10R），（10G）和（10B），并从有机电致发光器件（10R），（10G）和（10B）的侧面提取光。）。密封板（20）包括在用于密封的基板（21）上的滤色器（22）。驱动面板（10）和密封面板（20）设置成彼此面对，并且驱动面板（10）和密封面板（20）的整个面对表面通过粘合层（30）粘合在一起。粘合剂层（30）至少用热固化，并且仅由一种涂布液或两种或更多种涂布液的组合制成用于固化。临时固定部分（30A）形成在粘合层（30）的边缘部分中。临时固定部分（30A）由例如紫外线固化树脂制成，并且形成为跨在密封面板（20）和驱动面板之间以对准它们的相对位置。

$$2L\lambda + \Phi / 2\pi = q \text{ (q is an integer)}$$