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(54) ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY DEVICE AND MOTHER SUBSTRATE FOR PERFORMING SHEET UNIT TEST AND TESTING METHOD THEREOF

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to an organic light emitting display device, a mother substrate, and a testing method, in which a sheet unit test is performed by directly supplying a test signal to a display region, rather than passing through a data distributor. The organic light emitting display device includes: a display region including pixels coupled to scan lines and data lines; a scan driver for supplying scan signals to the scan lines; a data driver for supplying data signals to output lines; a data distributor for supplying data signals to the data lines; a transistor group including transistors each coupled to one or more of the data lines; and a first wire group and a second wire group, wherein one of the wires included in the first wire group and the second wire group is coupled to gate electrodes of various transistors in the transistor group.

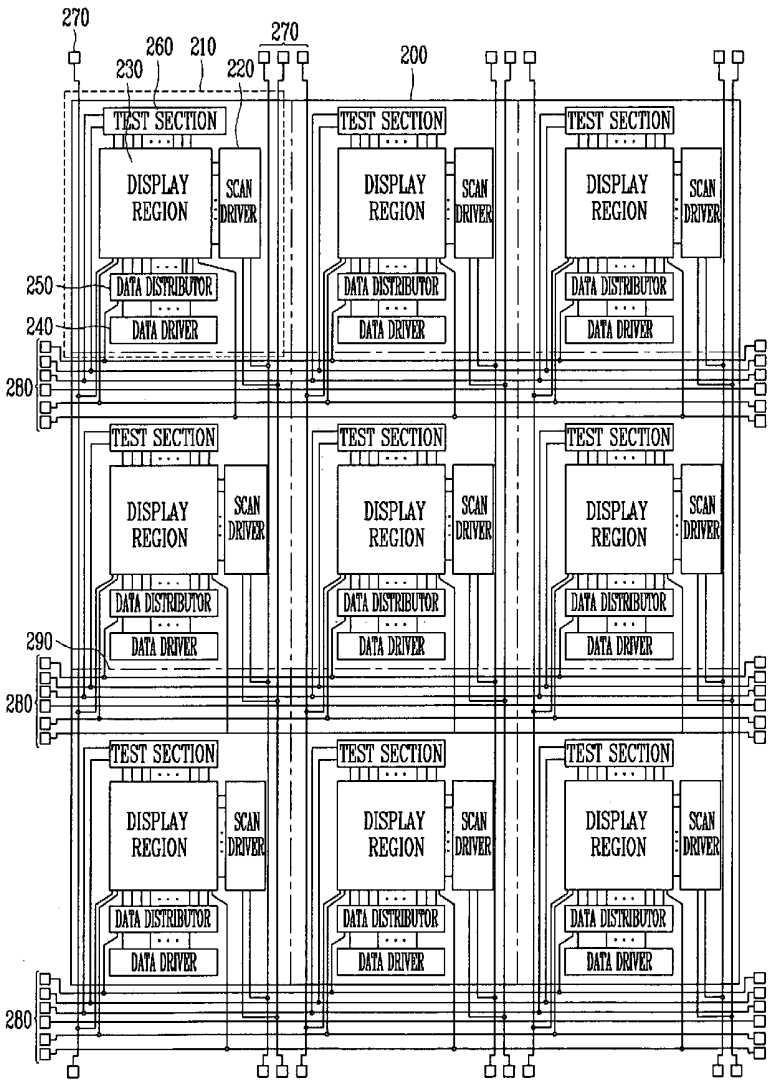


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

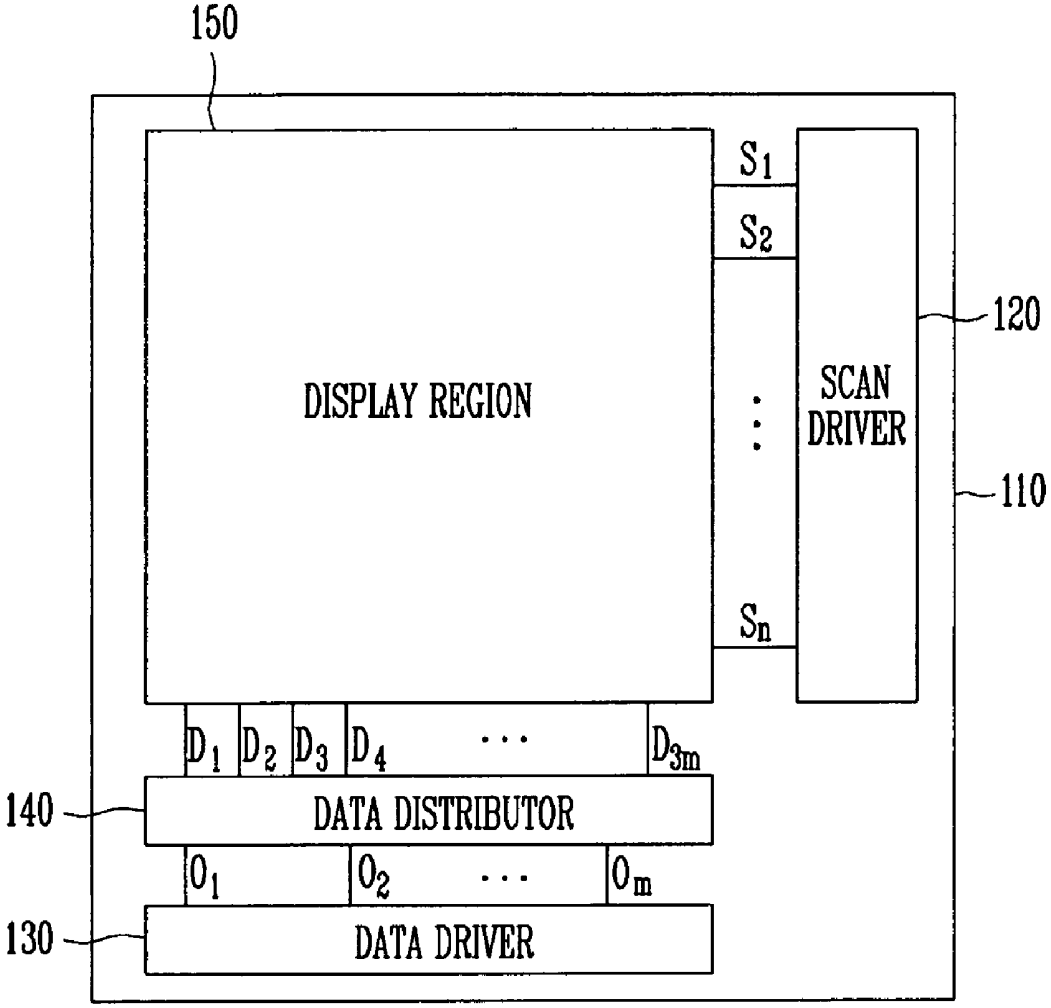
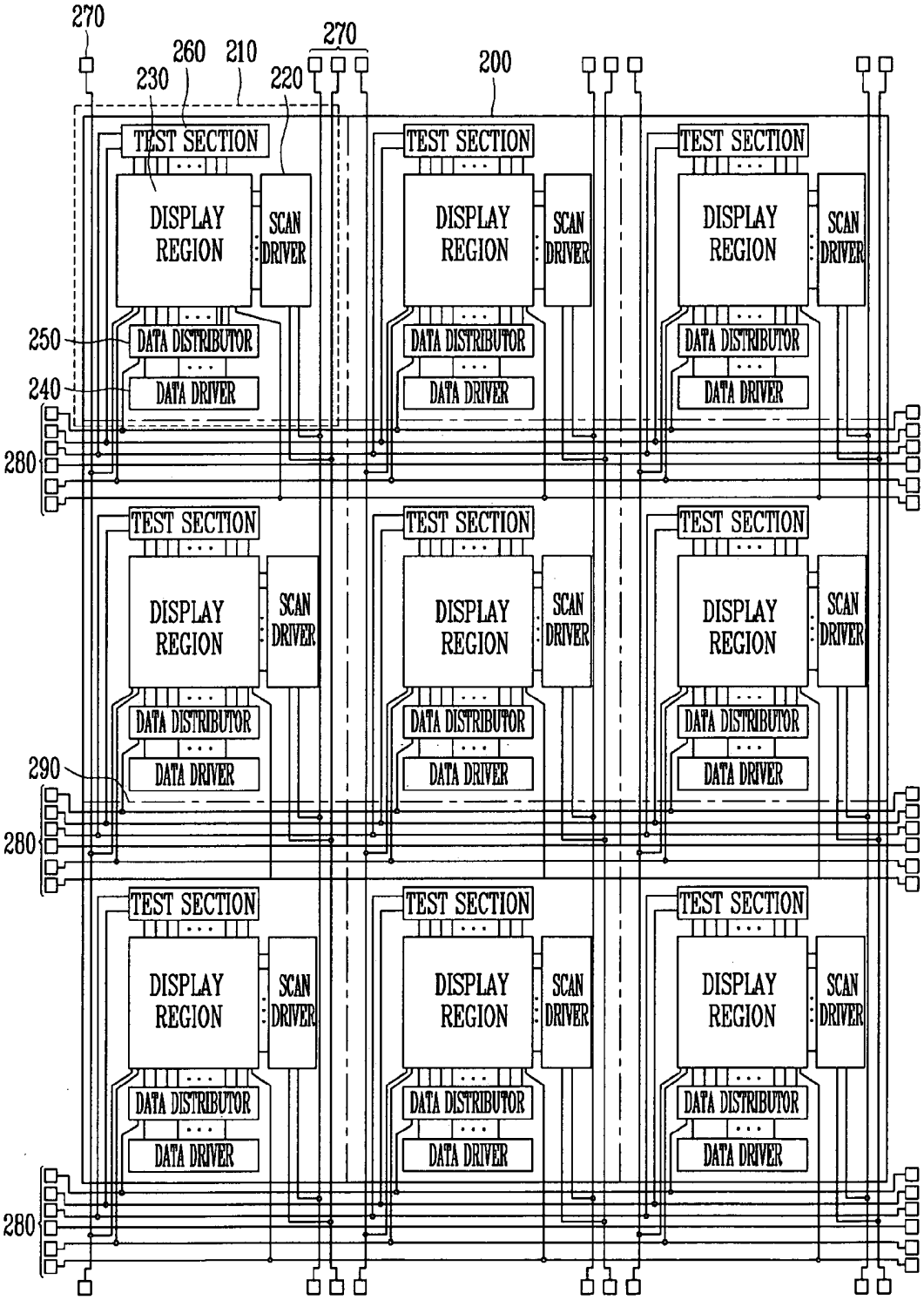


FIG. 2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260
210
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220
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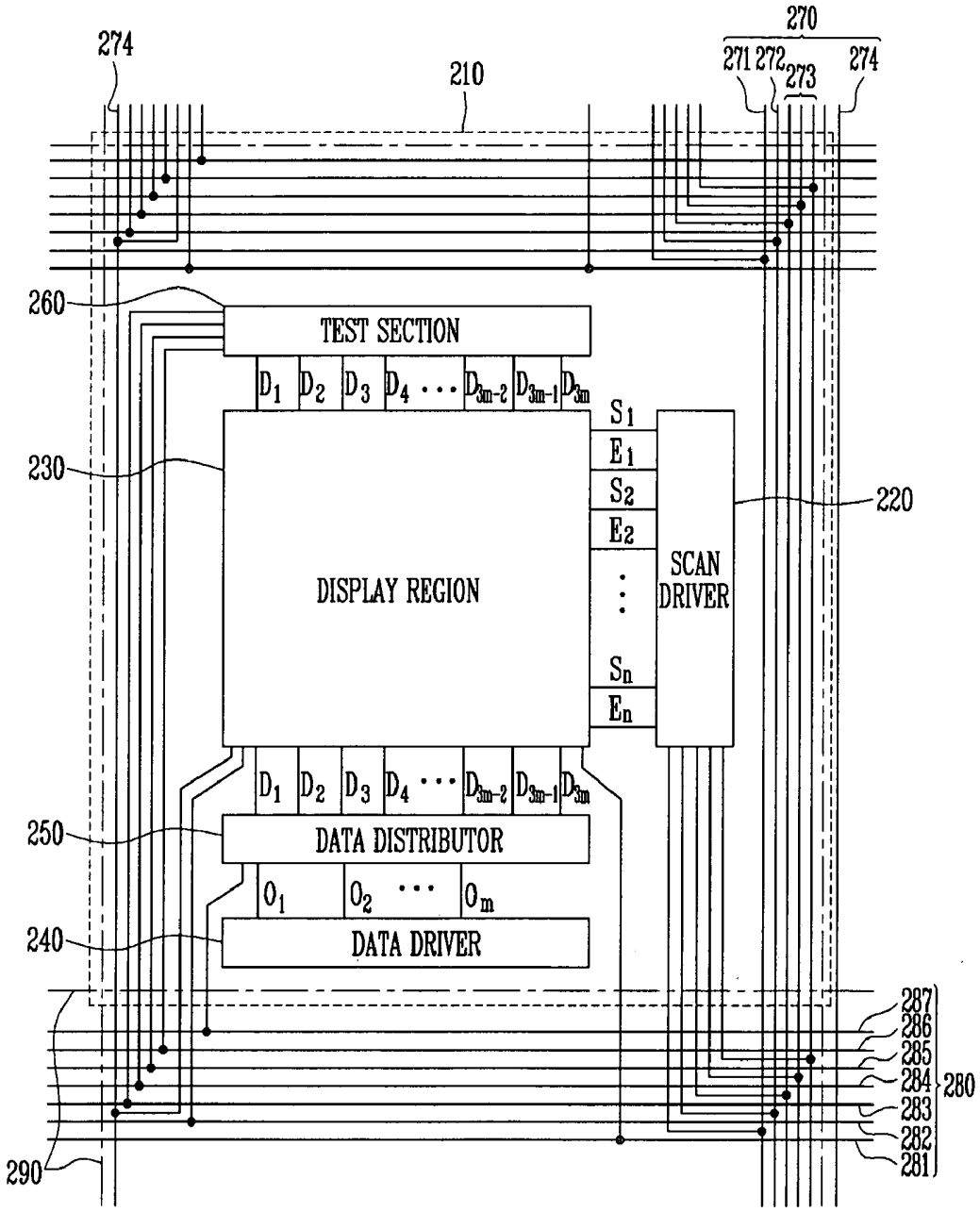
DISPLAY REGION
SCAN DRIVER
DATA DISTRIBUTOR
DATA DRIVER
250
240
280
290

FIG. 3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272
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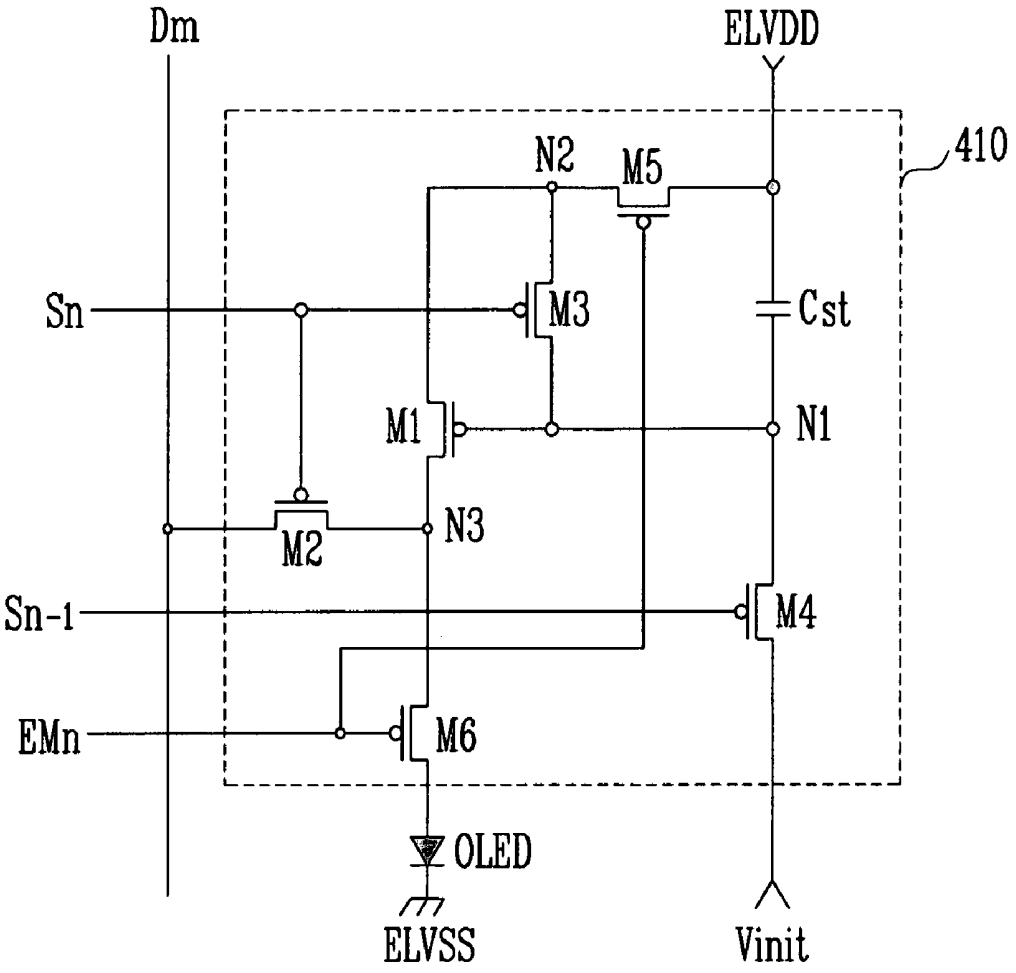
210
260
TEST SECTION
D1 D2 D3 D4 ... D3m-2 D3m-1 D3m
S1
E1
S2
E2
230
DISPLAY REGION
SCAN DRIVER
220
Sn
En
D1 D2 D3 D4 ... D3m-2 D3m-1 D3m
250
DATA DISTRIBUTOR
O1 O2 ... Om
240
DATA DRIVER
287
286
285
284
283
282
281
280
290

FIG. 4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ELVDD
410
N2
M5
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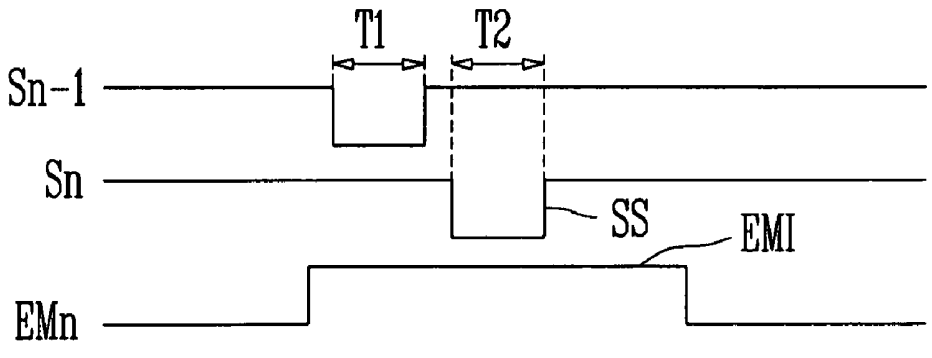
OLED
ELVSS
Vinit

FIG. 5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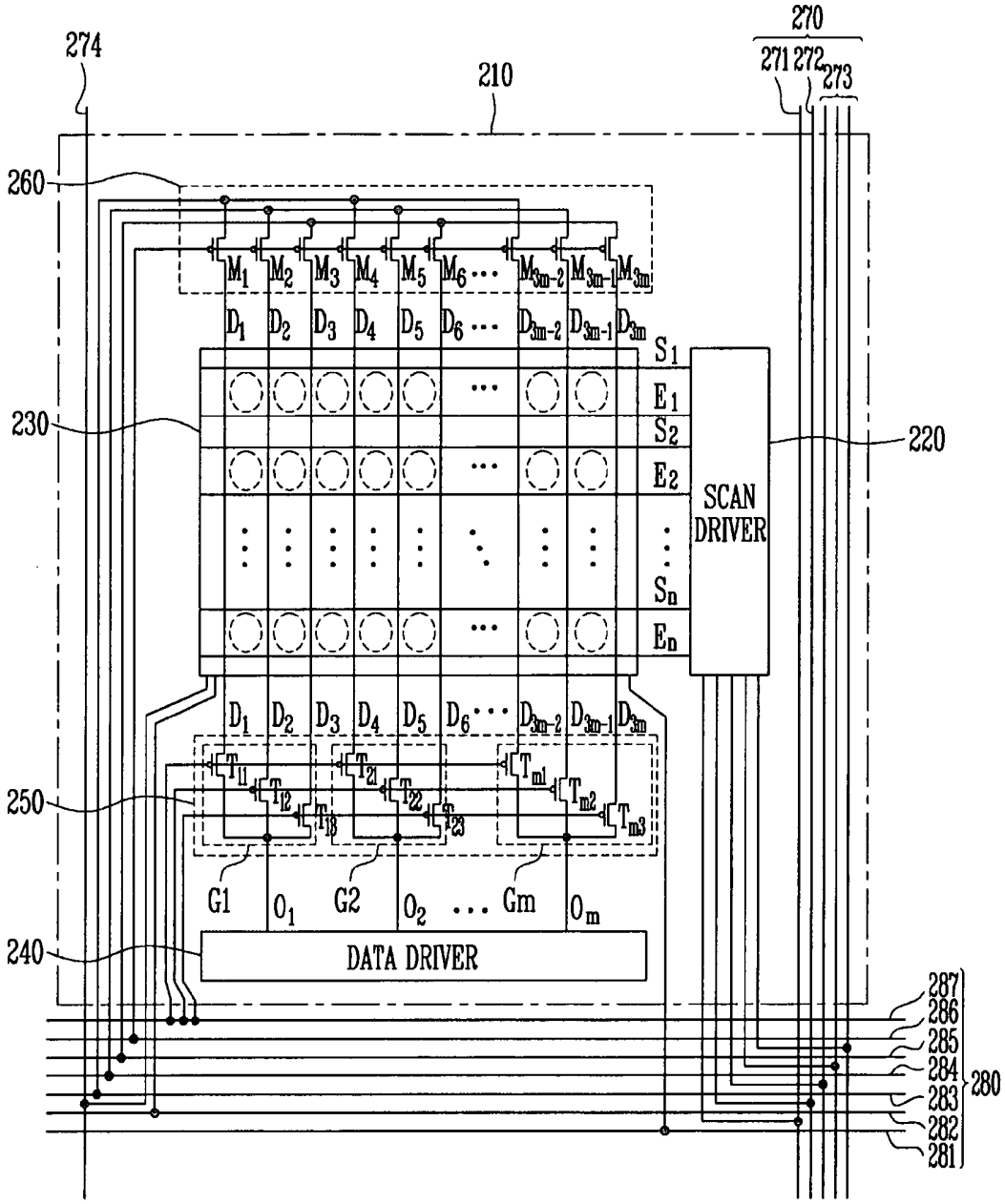
EMI
EMn

FIG. 6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210
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272
273
260
230
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DATA DRIVER
G1
G2
Gm
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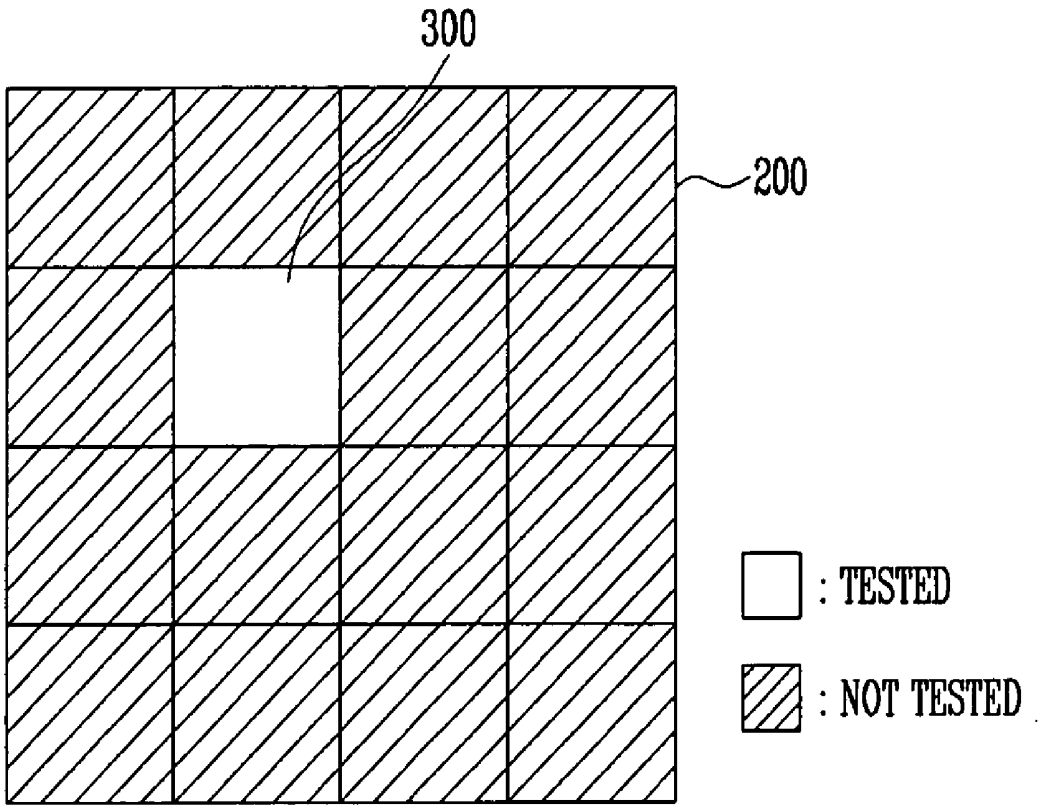
286
287

FIG. 7



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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2005-0127226, filed on Dec. 21, 2005, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to an organic light emitting display device, a mother substrate, and a testing method thereof. More particularly, the present invention relates to an organic light emitting display device, a mother substrate, and a testing method, in which a sheet unit test is performed by directly supplying a test signal to a display region of the organic light emitting display device, rather than transmitting the test signal through a data distributor of the same.

[0004] 2. Discussion of Related Art

[0005] Generally, after a plurality of organic light emitting display devices are formed on one mother substrate, they are scribed so as to be separated to individual organic light emitting display devices. Tests for the organic light emitting display devices are separately performed in each organic light emitting display device which has been scribed.

[0006] FIG. **1** is a diagram showing a conventional organic light emitting display device **110** that has been scribed.

[0007] Referring to FIG. **1**, the organic light emitting display device **110** includes a scan driver **120**, a data driver **130**, a data distributor **140**, and a display region **150**.

[0008] The scan driver **120** generates scan signals. The scan signals generated in the scan driver **120** are sequentially supplied to scan lines S1 to Sn.

[0009] The data driver **130** generates data signals. The data signals generated in the data driver **130** are supplied to output lines O1 to Om.

[0010] The data distributor **140** distributes the data signals, which are supplied from the output lines O1 to Om of the data driver **130**, to at least two data lines of the set of data lines D1 . . . D3*m*. The data distributor **140** reduces the number of channels of the data driver **130**, and is useful for a display of high resolution.

[0011] The display region **150** includes a plurality of pixels (not shown) including organic light emitting diodes. The display region **150** displays a predetermined image in correspondence to first and second voltage sources ELVDD (not shown) and ELVSS (not shown) supplied from outside the display region **150** and the data signals supplied from the data distributor **140**.

[0012] The tests for the organic light emitting display devices **110** are performed with test equipment for testing the individual organic light emitting display devices. If the circuit wires of the organic light emitting display devices **110** are changed or the sizes of the organic light emitting display devices **110** are changed, the test equipment or jigs for the test should be changed. Further, since the organic light emitting display devices **110** should be separately tested, the test time and the cost increase, thereby lowering the efficiency of the test. Therefore, it is desirable to perform the tests for the plurality of organic light emitting display devices **110** on the mother substrate in a sheet unit before scribing the organic light emitting display devices **110**. Further, it is desirable to perform the tests of sheet unit without a problem due to a signal delay when the tests are performed on the mother substrate.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0013] Accordingly, one embodiment of the present invention provides an organic light emitting display device, a mother substrate, and a testing method, in which a sheet unit test for a plurality of organic light emitting display devices formed on the mother substrate can be performed.

[0014] Another embodiment of the present invention provides an organic light emitting display device, a mother substrate, and a testing method, in which a sheet unit test can performed by directly supplying a test signal to a display region, with the test signal not passing through a data distributor in order to remove a drive signal delay problem of a data distributor.

[0015] According to the first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an organic light emitting display device including: a display region including a plurality of pixels coupled to scan lines and data lines; a scan driver for supplying scan signals to the scan lines; a data driver for supplying data signals to output lines, which are supplied to the data distributor; a data distributor for supplying data signals to the data lines; a transistor group including a plurality of transistors each of which is coupled to one of the data lines; and a first wire group including a plurality of wires and a second wire group including a plurality of wires , wherein one of the wires included in the first wire group or the second wire group is coupled to gate electrodes of at least two of the transistors included in the transistor group.

[0016] In some embodiments, the transistors included in the test section maintain off states responsive to a control signal supplied to the first wire group or the second wire group. The data distributor is formed on a first side of the display region and the test section is formed on a second side of the display region wherein the first side is opposite the second side.

[0017] According to the second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a mother substrate including: a plurality of organic light emitting display devices, at least one of the organic light emitting display devices including: a data distributor coupled to data lines; and a test section including transistors, each transistor coupled to one of the data lines, wherein gate electrodes of the transistors are substantially simultaneously turned on by a test control signal supplied from a wire of a first wire group or a second wire group; the first wire group coupled to the organic light emitting display devices that are arranged substantially in a first direction; and a second wire group coupled to the organic light emitting display devices that are arranged substantially in a second direction.

[0018] In one embodiment, source electrodes coupled to the transistors included in the test section are coupled to at least one wire included in the first wire group or the second wire group, and supply test signals to the data lines when the transistors are turned on. The transistors of the test section include first transistors coupled to data lines of red sub-pixels, second transistors coupled to data lines of green sub-pixels, and third transistors coupled to data lines of blue sub-pixels. The first transistors receive a red test signal from a first predetermined wire included in the first wire group or second wire group, the second transistors receive a green test signal from a second predetermined wire included in the first or second wire group, and the third transistors receive a blue test signal from a third predetermined wire included in the first or second wire group. The test signal is one for performing at least one of a flickering test, a leakage current test or an aging test. The data distributor is coupled to a first portion of the data lines and the test section coupled to a second portion of one of the data lines.

[0019] The data distributor receives a bias voltage from a wire included in the first or second wire group, wherein the bias voltage enables the data distributor to maintain an off state. Each of the organic light emitting display devices includes a scan driver for supplying scan signals to the scan lines; and a display region including a plurality of pixels coupled to the scan lines and the data lines. The scan driver and the display region receives voltage from a voltage source and a signal from at least one wire included in the first wire group or the second wire group. Each of the organic light emitting display devices includes a data driver coupled to the data distributor and is configured to supply the data signals to output lines. Electric contact points between the first wire group and the second wire group and a plurality of elements formed in the organic light emitting display devices are located outside of a scribing line.

[0020] According to the third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a testing method for testing at least one of a plurality of organic light emitting display devices on a mother substrate, the testing method including: supplying scan signals to scan lines formed in at least one of a plurality of organic light emitting display devices; substantially simultaneously turning on transistors coupled to data lines formed in at least one of the plurality of organic light emitting display devices; and transmitting test signals through the transistors thereby supplying the test signals to the data lines after the transistors are turned on.

[0021] In one embodiment, substantially simultaneously turning on transistors includes turning off distribution transistors formed in the organic light emitting display devices and included in a data distributor. The test signals include at least one of a red test signal, a green test signal or a blue test signal. The test signals perform at least one of a flickering test, an aging test or a leakage current test.

[0022] In another embodiment, a testing method of an organic light emitting display device for testing at least one of a plurality of organic light emitting display devices on a mother substrate is provided. The method includes: supplying a test signal to a display region of one of the organic light emitting display devices; supplying a scan signal to the display region; and providing a bias voltage to a transistor of a data distributor to turn off the data distributor when the test signal is supplied. The test signal is one of red, blue or green test signals.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0023] FIG. **1** is a diagram showing a conventional organic light emitting display device that has been scribed;

[0024] FIG. **2** is a diagram showing a mother substrate on which organic light emitting display devices according to an embodiment of the present invention are formed;

[0025] FIG. **3** is a diagram showing an embodiment of one of the organic light emitting display devices shown in FIG. **2** and an embodiment of its corresponding wire groups;

[0026] FIG. **4** is a circuit diagram of an embodiment of a sub-pixel of one pixel included in the display region of the organic light emitting display device shown in FIG. **3**;

[0027] FIG. **5** is a diagram showing a waveform of a control signal for controlling the circuit shown in FIG. **4**;

[0028] FIG. **6** is a diagram showing an embodiment of a circuit of the data distributor and the test section shown in FIG. **3**; and

[0029] FIG. **7** is a diagram showing an embodiment of a mother substrate, wherein a sheet unit test has been performed on an organic light emitting display device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0030] FIG. **2** is a diagram showing a mother substrate **200** on which organic light emitting display devices according to an embodiment of the present invention are formed.

[0031] Referring to FIG. **2**, the mother substrate **200** of the organic light emitting display device according to the embodiment of the present invention includes a plurality of organic light emitting display devices **210** arranged in matrix format, and a first wire group **270** and a second wire group **280**.

[0032] In the embodiment shown in FIG. **2**, first wire group **270** is formed in the vertical direction (a first direction), and is commonly coupled to the organic light emitting display devices **210** located in a same column on the mother substrate **200**. The second wire group **280** is formed in the horizontal direction (a second direction), and is commonly coupled to the organic light emitting display devices **210** located in a same row on the mother substrate **200**. The first and second wire groups **270** and **280** supply voltage sources and signals for a sheet unit test to at least one of scan drivers **220**, display regions **230**, data distributors **250**, and test sections **260** formed on the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[0033] Each of the organic light emitting display devices **210** includes a scan driver **220**, a display region **230**, a data driver **240**, a data distributor **250**, and a test section **260**. The scan driver **220**, the display region **230**, the data driver **240**, the data distributor **250**, and the test section **260** will be described in detail when FIG. **3** is explained.

[0034] Since the mother substrate **200** of the organic light emitting display device according to the embodiment of the present invention includes the first and second wire groups **270** and **280**, the sheet unit test can be performed, with the organic light emitting display devices **210** formed on the mother substrate not being scribed. More particularly, the tests are performed in the organic light emitting display devices **210** coupled to the first and second wire groups **270**

and **280**, by supplying voltage sources and signals for the sheet unit tests to the first and second wire groups **270** and **280**. Therefore, the test time and the costs can be reduced, thereby increasing the efficiency of the test. Further, even if the circuit wires of the organic light emitting display device **210** are changed or the size of the organic light emitting display device **210** is changed, the test can be performed without changing test equipment or jigs in the case in which the circuit wires of the first and second wire groups **270** and **280** and the size of the mother substrate **200** are not changed.

[**0035**] Further, according to one embodiment of the present invention, since voltage sources and signals are supplied to the first and second wire groups **270** and **280**, which are coupled to at least one predetermined organic light emitting display device **210**, it is possible to perform a test in the predetermined organic light emitting display device **210** among the organic light emitting display devices **210** formed in the mother substrate **200**.

[**0036**] On the other hand, if the sheet unit test is completed, the organic light emitting display devices **210** formed on the mother substrate **200** are scribed. Here, a scribing line **290** is located so as to be electrically separated from the first wire group **270** and the second wire group **280**, the scan driver **220**, the display region **230**, the data distributor **250**, and the test section **260**, which are included in the organic light emitting display device **210**, after they are scribed. Namely, the electric contact points of the first wire group **270** and the second wire group **280**, the scan driver **220**, the display region **230**, the data distributor **250** and the test section **260** are located on the outer side of the scribing line **290** of the organic light emitting display device **210** as shown in FIG. **2**. Therefore, the noise such as static electricity, which is introduced to the first and second wire groups **270** and **280** from outside, is not supplied to the scan driver **220**, the display region **230**, the data distributor **250** or the test section **260**.

[**0037**] FIG. **3** is a diagram showing an embodiment of one of the organic light emitting display devices shown in FIG. **2** and an embodiment of its corresponding wire groups.

[**0038**] Referring to FIG. **3**, the organic light emitting display device **210** includes a scan driver **220**, a display region **230**, a data driver **240**, a data distributor **250**, and a test section **260**. Further, the first and second wire groups **270** and **280** are located on the outer side of the organic light emitting display device **210** as shown in FIG. **3**.

[**0039**] The first wire group **270** includes a first wire **271** to which voltage from a third voltage source VDD (not shown) is supplied, a second wire **272** to which voltage from a fourth voltage source VSS (not shown) is supplied, third wires **273** to which scan control signals are supplied, and a fourth wire **274** to which voltage from a first voltage source ELVDD (not shown) is supplied.

[**0040**] The first wire **271** supplies voltage from the third voltage source VDD to the scan driver **220** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**. The voltage from the voltage source VDD is supplied during the sheet unit test.

[**0041**] The second wire **272** supplies voltage from the fourth voltage source VSS, which is supplied during the sheet unit test, to the scan driver **220** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0042**] The third wires **273** receive the scan control signals, which are supplied during the sheet unit test, and supply the scan control signals to the scan driver **220** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**. The scan control signals can include a clock signal of the scan driver **220**, an output enable signal, a start pulse, and the like. Actually, the number of the scan control signals supplied to the scan driver **220** can be variously set by the circuit of the scan driver **220**. Therefore, the number of the third wires **273** is determined by the circuit of the scan driver **220**. Hereinafter, in the embodiments described, the third wires **273** are assumed to include three wires, although other numbers of third wires **273** are also possible.

[**0043**] The fourth wire **274** supplies the voltage from the first voltage source ELVDD, which is supplied during the sheet unit test, to the display region **230** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0044**] The second wire group **280** includes an eleventh wire **281** to which voltage from a second voltage source ELVSS (not shown) is supplied, a twelfth wire **282** to which voltage from an initializing voltage source Vinit (not shown) is supplied, a thirteenth wire **283** to which a red test signal is supplied, a fourteenth wire **284** to which a green test signal is supplied, a fifteenth wire **285** to which a blue test signal is supplied, a sixteenth wire **286** to which a test control signal is supplied, and a seventeenth wire **287** to which a bias voltage is supplied.

[**0045**] The eleventh wire **281** supplies the voltage from the second voltage source ELVSS supplied during the sheet unit test to the display region **230** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0046**] The twelfth wire **282** supplies the voltage from the initializing voltage source Vinit supplied during the sheet unit test to the display region **230** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0047**] The thirteenth wire **283** supplies the red test signal supplied during the sheet unit test to the test section **260** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0048**] The fourteenth wire **284** supplies the green test signal supplied during the sheet unit test to the test section **260** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0049**] The fifteenth wire **285** supplies the blue test signal supplied during the sheet unit test to the test section **260** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0050**] The sixteenth wire **286** supplies the test control signal supplied during the sheet unit test to the test section **260** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0051**] The seventeenth wire **287** supplies the bias voltage supplied during the sheet unit test to the data distributor **250** formed in each of the organic light emitting display devices **210**.

[**0052**] Here, although, in this particular embodiment, each of the pixels in the display region **230** includes red, green, and blue sub-pixels (not shown) and the test section **260** receives the red, green, and blue test signals from the

thirteenth to fifteenth wires **283** to **285** and supplies them to the red, green, and blue sub-pixels, the present invention is not limited thereto. For example, the number of test signals can be variously set according to the number of the sub-pixels in one pixel. Further, the number of the wires supplying the test signals can be the same as the number of the sub-pixels.

[**0053**] Further, although the first to fourth wires **271** to **274** and the eleventh to seventeenth wires **281** to **287** are included in the first wire group **270** and the second wire group **280**, respectively, the present invention is not limited thereto. For example, the first wire **271** supplying the voltage from the first voltage source ELVDD can be set so as to be included in both the first and second wire groups **270** and **280** or in one of the first and second wire groups **270** and **280**.

[**0054**] The scan driver **220** receives the voltages from the third voltage source VDD and the fourth voltage source VSS and the scan control signals from the first wire **271**, the second wire **272**, and the third wires **273**, respectively, wherein the wires **271**, **272** and **273** are included in the first wire group **270**. The scan driver **220** generates a scan signal and a light emitting control signal in correspondence to the third and fourth voltage source VDD and VSS and the scan control signals. The scan signals and the light emitting control signals, which are generated in the scan driver **220**, are supplied to the display region **230**. The scan signals are supplied to the display region **230** via the scan lines S1, S2, . . . , Sn and the light emitting control signals are supplied to the display region **230** via the light emitting control lines E1, E2, . . . , En. In an alternate embodiment, it is possible that the scan driver **220** generates the scan signals and a separate light emitting control driver generates the light emitting control signals.

[**0055**] The display region **230** includes a plurality of pixels (not shown), each pixel including an organic light emitting diode. In one embodiment, one pixel includes red, green, and blue sub-pixels. The display region **230** receives voltages from the first voltage source ELVDD, the second voltage source ELVSS, and the initializing voltage source Vinit from the fourth wire **274** and the eleventh and twelfth wires **281** and **282**. In addition, the display region **230** receives at least one of the red, green or blue test signals from the test section **260** during the sheet unit test. The display region **230**, upon receiving voltages from the first voltage source ELVDD, the initializing voltage source Vinit, the second voltage source ELVSS, and the test signal, displays a predetermined image corresponding to the received voltages and test signal. On the other hand, after the organic light emitting display devices **210** are scribed, the display region **230** receives a data signal from the data distributor **250**, and displays an image corresponding to the received data signal.

[**0056**] The data driver **240** generates a data signal that may correspond to data supplied from outside of the organic light emitting display devices **210**. The one or more organic light emitting display devices **210** have been scribed from the mother substrate **200**. The data signal generated in the data driver **240** may be supplied to the data distributor **250**. The data driver **240** can be formed on the mother substrate **200** or can be mounted to each of the organic light emitting display devices **210** in chip type after the organic light emitting display device **210** is scribed.

[**0057**] The data distributor **250** supplies the data signals supplied to each output line O of the data driver **240** to three data lines of the red, green, and blue sub-pixels. The data distributor **250** reduces the number of channels of the data driver **240** and thus may be useful in a display of high resolution. In an alternate embodiment, the data distributor **250** is set so as to be off during the sheet unit test. For that, the data distributor **250** receives a bias voltage, which enables the transistors (see FIG. **6**) included in the data distributor **250** to be off from the seventeenth wire **287** included in the second wire group **280** during the sheet unit test. Here, the data driver **240** and the data distributor **250** are formed on or near the lower side of the display region **230**.

[**0058**] The test section **260** receives the red, green, and blue test signals and the test control signal from the thirteenth to sixteenth wires **283** to **286**, which are included in the second wire group **280**. The test section **260** supplies the red, green, and blue signals to the red, green, and blue sub-pixels of the display region **230** in correspondence to the test control signal supplied during the sheet unit test. Here, the test signals include at least one of signals for determining whether the organic light emitting display device **210** is inferior and are a flickering test signal, an aging test signal or a leakage current test signal, for example. The test section **260** is formed on or near the upper side of the display region **230** so as to be opposite the side on which the data driver **240** and the data distributor **250** are formed.

[**0059**] As mentioned above, a predetermined test is performed in the organic light emitting display device **210** coupled to the first wire group **270** and the second wire group **280** by supplying voltage from the voltage sources and the signals to the first wire group **270** and the second wire group **280** during the sheet unit test. Then, since the test signals supplied to the thirteenth to fifteenth wires **283** to **285** of the second wire group **280** passes through the test section **260** to be supplied to the display region **230**, the test signals may not pass through the data distributor **250** when the test can be performed.

[**0060**] FIG. **4** is a circuit diagram of an embodiment of a sub-pixel included in one of the pixels of a display region of the organic light emitting display device shown in FIG. **3**. The circuit diagram of FIG. **4** may also be said to represent a pixel. The circuit diagram of FIG. **4** can represent any one of the red, green, and blue sub-pixels. In one embodiment, there are not significant differences between the red, green, and blue sub-pixels except the color of the OLED used.

[**0061**] Referring to FIG. **4**, the sub-pixel includes an organic light emitting diode (OLED), and a pixel circuit **410** coupled to an n-th scan line Sn, an n-th light emitting control line EMn, an m-th data line Dm, a first voltage source ELVDD, an initializing voltage source Vinit, and the OLED, so that the OLED emits light. Depending on whether the sub-pixel is a red, green or blue sub-pixel, the OLED emits red, green or blue light.

[**0062**] The anode electrode of the OLED is coupled to the pixel circuit **410**, and the cathode electrode thereof is coupled to the second voltage source ELVSS.

[**0063**] The pixel circuit **410** includes first to sixth transistors M1 to M6 and a storage capacitor Cst. In FIG. **4**, although the first to sixth transistors M1 to M6 are shown as P-type transistors, the present invention is not limited thereto.

[0064] A first electrode of the first transistor M1 is coupled to a second node N2, and a second electrode thereof is coupled to a third node N3. Further, a gate node of the first transistor M1 is coupled to a first node N1. The first transistor M1 supplies a current corresponding to a voltage stored in the storage capacitor Cst to the third node N3.

[0065] A first electrode of the second transistor M2 is coupled to an m-th data line Dm, and a second electrode thereof is coupled to the third node N3. Further, a gate electrode of the second transistor M2 is coupled to a n-th scan line Sn. The second transistor M2 is turned on when the scan signal is supplied to the n-th scan line Sn and supplies a data signal supplied to the m-th data line Dm to the third node N3.

[0066] A first electrode of the third transistor M3 is coupled to the second node N2, and a second electrode thereof is coupled to the first node N1. Further, a gate electrode of the third transistor M3 is coupled to the n-th scan line Sn. The third transistor M3 is turned on when the scan signal is supplied to the n-th scan line Sn and the first transistor M1 is coupled to the third transistor M3 in diode type.

[0067] A first electrode of the fourth transistor M4 is coupled to the initializing voltage source Vinit, and a second electrode thereof is coupled to the first node N1. A gate electrode of the fourth transistor M4 is coupled to an n-1-th scan line Sn-1. The fourth transistor M4 is turned on when a scan signal is supplied to the n-1-th scan line Sn-1, and initializes the storage capacitor Cst and the gate terminal of the first transistor M1. For that, the voltage value of the initializing voltage source Vinit is set so as to be lower than the voltage value of the data signal.

[0068] A first electrode of the fifth transistor M5 is coupled to the first voltage source ELVDD, and a second electrode thereof is coupled to the second node N2. Further, a gate electrode of the fifth transistor M5 is coupled to an n-th light emitting control line EMn. The fifth transistor M5 is turned on when the light emitting control signal is not supplied to the n-th light emitting control line EMn, and transfers the voltage of the first voltage source ELVDD to the second node N2.

[0069] A first electrode of the sixth transistor M6 is coupled to the third node N3, and a second electrode thereof is coupled to the anode electrode of the OLED. Further, a gate electrode of the sixth transistor M6 is coupled to the n-th light emitting control line EMn. The sixth transistor M6 is turned on when the light emitting control signal is not supplied to the n-th light emitting control line EMn, and electrically connects the third node N3 to the OLED.

[0070] One terminal of the storage capacitor Cst is coupled to the first voltage source ELVDD and the first electrode of the fifth transistor M5, and the other terminal thereof is coupled to the first node N1. The storage capacitor Cst charges a voltage corresponding to a data signal and a threshold voltage Vth of the first transistor M1 when the scan signal is supplied to the n-th scan line Sn, and maintains the charged voltage for one frame.

[0071] FIG. 5 is a diagram showing a waveform of a control signal for controlling the circuit shown in FIG. 4. The operation of the sub-pixel or pixel shown in FIG. 4 will be described in detail in connection with FIGS. 4 and 5.

[0072] Referring to FIG. 5, a scan signal SS is supplied to the n-1-th scan line Sn-1 for a time period of T1, and a light emitting control signal EM1 is supplied to the n-th light emitting control line EMn. If a light emitting control signal EMI is supplied to the n-th light emitting control line EMn, the fifth and sixth transistors M5 and M6 are turned off. Further, the scan signal SS is supplied to the n-1 scan line Sn-1, the fourth transistor M4 is turned on. If the fourth transistor M4 is turned on, the storage capacitor Cst and the gate terminal of the first transistor M1 are coupled to the initializing voltage source Vinit. If the storage capacitor Cst and the gate terminal of the first transistor M1 are coupled to the initializing voltage source Vinit, the initializing voltage source Vinit is supplied to the storage capacitor Cst and the gate terminal of the first transistor M1 for initialization.

[0073] Thereafter, a scan signal SS is supplied to the n-th scan line Sn for a time period of T2. If the scan signal SS is supplied to the n-th scan line Sn, the second and third transistors M2 and M3 are turned on. If the third transistor M3 is turned on, the first transistor M1 is coupled in diode type. Further, the second transistor M2 is turned on, the data signal supplied to the m-th data line Dm is transferred to the third node N3. Then, since the gate terminal of the first transistor M1 is initialized to a voltage value lower than the data signal by the initializing voltage source Vinit, the voltage supplied to the third node N3 passes through the first and third transistors M1 and M3 and is supplied to the first node N1. Then, the threshold voltage Vth of the first transistor M1 and the voltage corresponding to the data signal are stored in the storage capacitor Cst.

[0074] Thereafter, if the light emitting control signal EMI is not supplied to the n-th light emitting control line EMn, the fifth and sixth transistors M5 and M6 are turned on. If the fifth and sixth transistors M5 and M6 are turned on, a current corresponding to the data signal flows from the first voltage source ELVDD to the OLED and a light corresponding to the data signal is generated in the OLED.

[0075] FIG. 6 is a diagram showing an embodiment of a circuit of the data distributor and the test section shown in FIG. 3.

[0076] Referring to FIG. 6, in the embodiment shown the data distributor 250 includes a plurality of transistor groups G1 to Gm coupled between the data line D and the output line 0 of the data driver 240. Each of the transistor groups G1 to Gm includes first transistors T11, T21, . . . , and Tm1 coupled to the data lines D1, D4, . . . , and D3*m*-2 of the red sub-pixel, second transistors T12, T22, . . . , and Tm2 coupled to the data lines D2, D5, . . . , and D3*m*-1 of the green sub-pixel, and third transistors T13, T23, . . . , and Tm3 coupled to the data lines D3, D6, . . . , and D3m of the blue sub-pixel. Here, the first transistors T11, T21, . . . , and Tm1 receive externally supplied red clock signals, and the second transistors T12, T22, . . . , and Tm2 receive externally supplied green clock signals, and the third transistors T13, T23, . . . , and Tm3 receive externally supplied blue clock signals. As would be known by those skilled in the art, generally, R, G and B clock signals are generated in an outside oscillatory circuit or a timing controller transmitting the synchronized signal and clock signal from the oscillatory circuit. Hereinafter, the first to third transistors T11 to Tm3 included in the transistor groups G1 to Gm are referred to as distribution transistors.

[0077] The distribution transistors T11 to Tm3 supply the data signals supplied from the output lines O1 to Om of the data driver **240** to the data lines D1 to D3m corresponding to the red, green, and blue clock signals. In this embodiment, color images are displayed by controlling the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal. For example, the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal are supplied at different times to display red, green, and blue images. Further, a white image can be displayed by substantially simultaneously supplying the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal.

[0078] The data distributor **250** is designed such that it is not used during the sheet unit test, and is used when the data signal transferred from the data driver **240** is supplied to the display region **230**. The data signal is supplied from a pad section after the organic light emitting display device **210** is scribed from the mother substrate **200**. Namely, the data distributor **250** is set so as to be off when the sheet unit test is performed.

[0079] If a predetermined test on the organic light emitting display device **210** is to be performed by using the data driver **240** and the data distributor **250**, the data driver **240** may receive the test control signal and the test signal. The data driver **240**, which has received the test control signal and the test signal, supplies the test signal corresponding to the test control signal to the data distributor **250**. The data distributor **250**, which has received the test signal, receives the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal and supplies the test signal to the red, green, and blue sub-pixels in order to perform the test.

[0080] As mentioned above, in the case in which a predetermined test is performed by using the data driver **240** and the data distributor **250**, the test control signal, the test signal, the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal, and the like is be supplied from the first wire group **270** and/or the second wire group **280** in order to perform the sheet unit test on the mother substrate **200**. Then, a drive problem can be generated due to an RC delay when the signals pass through the first and second wire groups **270** and **280** to be supplied. For example, in the case in which the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal, which are supplied to the data distributor **250**, are delayed and are not supplied at desired times, the time for charging the data voltage in a pixel circuit may not be able to be sufficiently secured and a proper image may not be able to be displayed. Further, it may be difficult to synchronize the control signal, the test signal, the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal due to the delay.

[0081] Therefore, according to one embodiment of the present invention, the data distributor **250** is set so as to be off during the sheet unit test and the test section **260** is separately included, so that the test signal can be directly supplied to the display region **230** through the test section **260** without passing through the data driver **240** and the data distributor **250**. For that, the data distributor **250** receives a bias voltage, which enables the distribution transistors T11 to Tm3 included in the data distributor **250** to be turned off from the seventeenth wire **287** included in the second wire group **280**, during the sheet unit test. Namely, the gate electrodes of the distribution transistors T11 to Tm3 are coupled to the seventeenth wire **287** to receive the bias voltages from the seventeenth wire **287**, during the sheet unit test. The data distribution transistors T11 to Tm3, which have received the bias voltages, remain off. Here, the distribution transistors T11 to Tm3 of the data distributor **250** and the transistors M1 to M3m included in the test section **260** are coupled to the opposite end of the data line D. For example, if the distribution transistors T11 to Tm3 of the data distributor **250** are coupled to one end of each of the data lines D, each of the transistors M1 to M3m included in the test section **260** is formed so as to be coupled to the other end of the data line D.

[0082] On the other hand, the test section **260** includes the plurality of transistors M1 to M3m in which the gage electrodes are commonly coupled to the sixteenth wire **286** included in the second wire group **280** for the sheet unit test.

[0083] A source electrode of each of the transistors M1 to M3 is coupled to one of the thirteenth to fifteenth wires **283** to **285**, and a drain electrode is coupled to one of the data lines D1 to D3*m*. Here, the transistors M1, M4, . . . , and M3*m*-2 coupled to the thirteenth wire **283** are coupled to the data lines D1, D4, . . . , and D3*m*-2 of the red sub-pixel, and the transistors M2, M5, . . . , and M3*m*-1 coupled to the fourteenth wire **284** are coupled to the data lines D2, D5, . . . , and D3*m*-1 of the green sub-pixel, and the transistors M3, M6, . . . , and M3*m* coupled to the fifteenth wire **285** are coupled to the data lines D3, D6, . . . , and D3*m* of the blue sub-pixel. Here, although an embodiment in which each of the transistors M1 to M3*m* is a PMOS is shown, the present invention is not limited thereto.

[0084] Hereinafter, the process of performing the test will be described in detail. First, the test control signal is supplied from the sixteenth wire **286** and all of the transistors M1 to M3*m* included in the test section **260** are turned on. Accordingly, the test signals supplied from the thirteenth to fifteenth wires **283** to **285** are supplied to the data lines D1 to D3*m*. Further, voltage from the third voltage source VDD is supplied from the first wire **271** to the scan driver **220**, the fourth voltage source VSS from the second wire **272**, and the scan control signals from the third wires **273**. The scan driver **220**, which has received the third voltage source VDD, the fourth voltage source VSS, and the scan control signal, sequentially generates the scan signals and supplies them to the display region **230**. Then, the pixels, which have received the scan signal and the test signal, emit lights and display predetermined images to perform the test. Then, the distribution transistors T11 to Tm3 included in the data distributor **250** receives bias voltages from the seventeenth wire **287** and remains turned off. In this way, the test signals supplied to the data lines D1 to D3*m* are not transferred to the data distributor **250**.

[0085] Here, the red, green, and blue test signals, which pass through the test section **260** and are supplied from the thirteenth to fifteenth wires **283** to **285** to the data lines D1 to D3*m*, can be supplied at different times to display predetermined color images or can be supplied simultaneously. In another embodiment, the test is performed by display the color images in correspondence to the supply times of the red, green, and blue test signals supplied to the thirteenth to fifteenth wires **283** to **285**, with the test control signals being supplied to the test section **260** through the sixteenth wire **286**.

[0086] Then, the test signals can be variously set according to the types of the tests to be performed. For example, in the case in which flickering test signals are applied as test signals, the pixels emit lights in correspondence to the flickering test signals. Here, some of the pixels may not emit lights in a wanted type. In this way, whether the pixels are inferior or not can be determined. Further, the white balances of the pixels can be measured and the proceeding inferiorities can be detected by simultaneously supplying the flickering test signals to the pixels.

[0087] On the other hand, aging test signals can be supplied as test signals. The aging test signals are those for supplying high bias voltages or bias currents to the data lines D1 to D3*m*, and are included to detect the proceeding inferiorities of the OLED. Further, whether the OLEDs are normally operated in correspondence to the temperature can be determined by supplying the flickering test signals after the substrate **200** is set to be at a low or high temperature.

[0088] Further, leakage current test signals can be supplied as test signals. The leakage current test is performed by measuring the currents flowing to the fourth wire **274** and the eleventh wire **281**, with the first voltage source ELVDD and the second voltage source ELVSS being applied to the pixels. Namely, the leakage current can be measured by measuring the currents flowing through the fourth wire **274** and the eleventh wire **281** after the test section **260** is turned off on the whole, with voltages from the first voltage source ELVDD and the second voltage source ELVSS being applied.

[0089] The test section **260** is set to maintain an off state if the test is completed. Namely, the test section **260** maintains an off state during a normal drive after each of the organic light emitting display devices **210** is scribed in the mother substrate **200**. For that, the control section **260** receives control signals for enabling the test section **260** to be in an off state through the sixteenth wire **286** or the thirteenth to sixteenth wires **283** to **286**, after scribed. In other words, the test section **260** maintains an off state after scribed and may exist as only a transistor group.

[0090] As mentioned above, since the red, blue, and green signals pass through the test section **260** and then are supplied to the display region **230** during the sheet unit test, with the data distributor **250** maintaining the off state, the drive problem due to an RC delay, which can result during the test using the data distributor **250**, can be solved. For example, the problem that the time for charging the data voltage in the pixel circuit cannot be secured can be solved, by supplying the red, blue, and green test signals, with the plurality of transistors M1 to M3*m* included in the sheet unit test being turned on. Further, since the test is performed with the test signals not passing through the data distributor **250**, the test control signal, the test signal, the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal need not be synchronized, thereby removing the difficulty of synchronization.

[0091] FIG. **7** is a diagram showing an embodiment of a mother substrate, wherein a sheet unit test has been performed on an organic light emitting display device.

[0092] Referring to FIGS. **3**, **6** and **7**, the voltage sources and the signals may be supplied only to the first wire group **270** and the second wire group **280** coupled to a predetermined organic light emitting display device **300** formed on the mother substrate **200**. The test is performed in the organic light emitting display device **300**, and is not performed in the other organic light emitting display devices.

[0093] Hereinafter, the test process will be described in detail with reference to FIGS. **3**, **6** and **7**. First, the test signals and the test control signal are supplied from the thirteenth to sixteenth wires **283** to **286** coupled to the predetermined organic light emitting display device **300**. Then, the red, green, and blue test signals are supplied to the data lines D1 to D3*m* in correspondence to the test control signal. Then, the first voltage source ELVDD, the second voltage source ELVSS, and the initializing voltage source Vinit are supplied from the fourth wire **274**, the eleventh wire **281**, and the twelfth wire **282**, and the third voltage source VDD, the fourth voltage source VSS, and the scan control signal are supplied from the first wire **271**, the second wire **272**, and the third wires **273**. Then, a predetermined image is displayed in correspondence to the voltage sources and the signals in the predetermined organic light emitting display device **300** to perform the test. Here, if an aging test signal, a leakage current test signal, and a flickering test signal are supplied as test signals, the aging test, the leakage current test, and the flickering test can be sequentially performed in the predetermined organic light emitting display device **300**. In addition, various tests for the selected organic light emitting display device **300** can be performed and the order of the tests can be changed.

[0094] Further, according to the present invention, since the voltage sources and the signals are supplied to the first and second wire groups **270** and **280** coupled to at least two organic light emitting display devices among the organic light emitting display devices formed on the mother substrate **200**, tests for the at least two organic light emitting display devices can be performed simultaneously. Here, the tests can be sequentially performed by sequentially supplying the aging test signal, the leakage current test signal, and the flickering test signal to the at least two organic light emitting display devices for which the tests are performed. Further, the flickering test, the leakage current test, and the aging test can be simultaneously performed, by simultaneously supplying different signals to the at least two organic light emitting display devices. Further, if the tests for the selected organic light emitting display devices are completed, the tests may be performed after moving by one row or by one column. The tests are continued until the tests for all the organic light emitting display devices **300** formed on the mother substrate **200** are completed.

[0095] As mentioned above, according to the organic light emitting display device and the mother substrate for performing the sheet unit test and the testing method, the sheet unit test can be performed, with the plurality of organic light emitting display devices formed on the mother substrate not being scribed, by using the first and second wire groups. Therefore, the efficiency of the test may also increase.

[0096] Further, since the test signals do not pass through the data distributor to be supplied to the display region through the test section, the drive problem due to the RC delay may be solved. Namely, since the red, green, and blue test signals are supplied, with the plurality of transistors included in the test section during the sheet unit test being turned on, the problem that the time for charging the data

voltage in the pixel circuit can not be secured can be solved. Further, since the test is performed with the test signals not passing through the data distributor, the test control signal, the test signal, the red clock signal, the green clock signal, and the blue clock signal need not be synchronized, thereby potentially removing the difficulty of synchronization.

[0097] Although a few embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes might be made in the embodiments without departing from the principles and spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting display device comprising:

a display region including a plurality of pixels coupled to scan lines and data lines;

a scan driver for supplying scan signals to the scan lines;

a data distributor for supplying data signals to the data lines;

a data driver for supplying data signals to output lines, which supply the data signals to the data distributor through output lines;

a transistor group including a plurality of transistors each of which is coupled to one of the data lines; and

a first wire group comprising a plurality of wires and a second wire group comprising a plurality of wires,

wherein one of the wires included in the first wire group or the second wire group is coupled to gate electrodes of at least two of the transistors included in the transistor group.

2. The organic light emitting display device according to claim 1, wherein the transistors included in the transistor group maintain off states responsive to a control signal supplied to the first or second wire group.

3. The organic light emitting display device according to claim 1, wherein the data distributor is formed on a first side of the display region and the test section is formed on a second side of the display region, wherein the first side is opposite the second side.

4. A mother substrate comprising:

a plurality of organic light emitting display devices, at least one of the organic light emitting display devices comprising:

a data distributor coupled to data lines; and

a test section comprising transistors, each transistor coupled to one of the data lines,

wherein gate electrodes of the transistors are substantially simultaneously turned on by a test control signal supplied from a wire of a first wire group or a second wire group; the first wire group coupled to the organic light emitting display devices that are arranged substantially in a first direction; and

the second wire group coupled to the organic light emitting displays that are arranged substantially in a second direction.

5. The mother substrate according to claim 4, wherein source electrodes coupled to the transistors included in the test section are coupled to at least one wire included in the first wire group or the second wire group, and supply test signals to the data lines when the transistors are turned on.

6. The mother substrate according to claim 5, wherein the transistors of the test section comprise first transistors coupled to data lines of red sub-pixels, second transistors coupled to data lines of green sub-pixels, and third transistors coupled to data lines of blue sub-pixels.

7. The mother substrate according to claim 6, wherein the first transistors receive a red test signal from a first predetermined wire included in the first wire group or the second wire group, the second transistors receive a green test signal from a second predetermined wire included in the first wire group or the second wire group, and the third transistors receive a blue test signal from a third predetermined wire included in the first or second wire group.

8. The mother substrate according to claim 5, wherein the test signal is one for performing at least one of a flickering test, a leakage current test or an aging test.

9. The mother substrate according to claim 4, wherein the data distributor is coupled to a first portion of one of the data lines and the test section is coupled to a second portion of one of the data lines.

10. The mother substrate according to claim 4, wherein the data distributor receives a bias voltage from a wire included in the first or second wire group, wherein the bias voltage enables the data distributor to maintain an off state.

11. The mother substrate according to claim 4, wherein each of the organic light emitting display devices includes a scan driver for supplying scan signals to the scan lines; and a display region including a plurality of pixels coupled to the scan lines and the data lines.

12. The mother substrate according to claim 11, wherein the scan driver and the display region receive voltage from a voltage source and a signal from at least one wire included in the first wire group or the second wire group.

13. The mother substrate according to claim 4, wherein each of the organic light emitting display devices includes a data driver coupled to the data distributor and is configured to supply data signals to output lines.

14. The mother substrate according to claim 4, wherein a plurality of electric contact points between the first wire group and the second wire group and a plurality of elements formed in the organic light emitting display devices are located outside of a scribing line.

15. A testing method of an organic light emitting display device for testing at least one of a plurality of organic light emitting display devices on a mother substrate, the testing method comprising:

supplying scan signals to scan lines formed in at least one of a plurality of organic light emitting display devices;

substantially simultaneously turning on transistors coupled to data lines formed in at least one of the plurality of organic light emitting display devices; and

transmitting test signals through the transistors thereby supplying the test signals to the data lines after the transistors are turned on.

16. The testing method according to claim 15, wherein the substantially simultaneously turning on transistors includes turning off distribution transistors formed in the organic light emitting display devices and included in a data distributor.

17. The testing method according to claim 15, wherein the test signals include at least one of a red test signal, a green test signal or a blue test signal.

18. The testing method according to claim 15, wherein the test signals perform at least one of a flickering test, an aging test or a leakage current test.

19. A testing method of an organic light emitting display device for testing at least one of a plurality of organic light emitting display devices on a mother substrate, the method comprising:

supplying a test signal to a display region of one of the organic light emitting display devices;

supplying a scan signal to the display region; and

providing a bias voltage to a transistor of a data distributor to turn off the data distributor when the test signal is supplied.

20. The testing method of claim 19, wherein the test signal is one of red, blue or green test signals.

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