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(54) **ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DIODE DISPLAY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An organic light emitting diode display comprises: a display panel; a touch screen panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel; a sensing unit for sensing a position through the touch screen panel; and a polarizing plate disposed on the touch screen panel, wherein the touch screen panel is attached to the display surface area of the display panel with an air layer provided therebetween.

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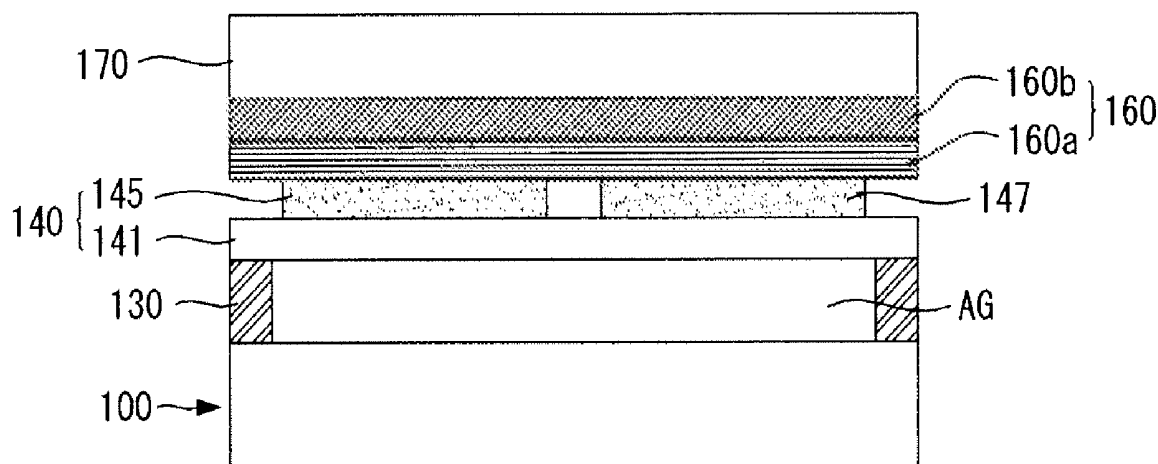


Fig. 1

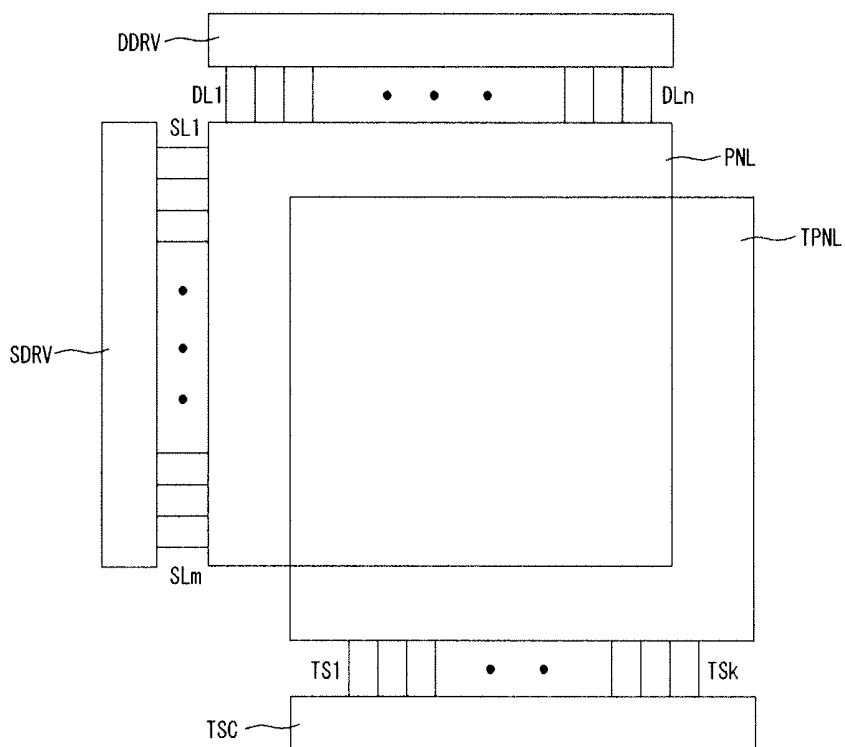


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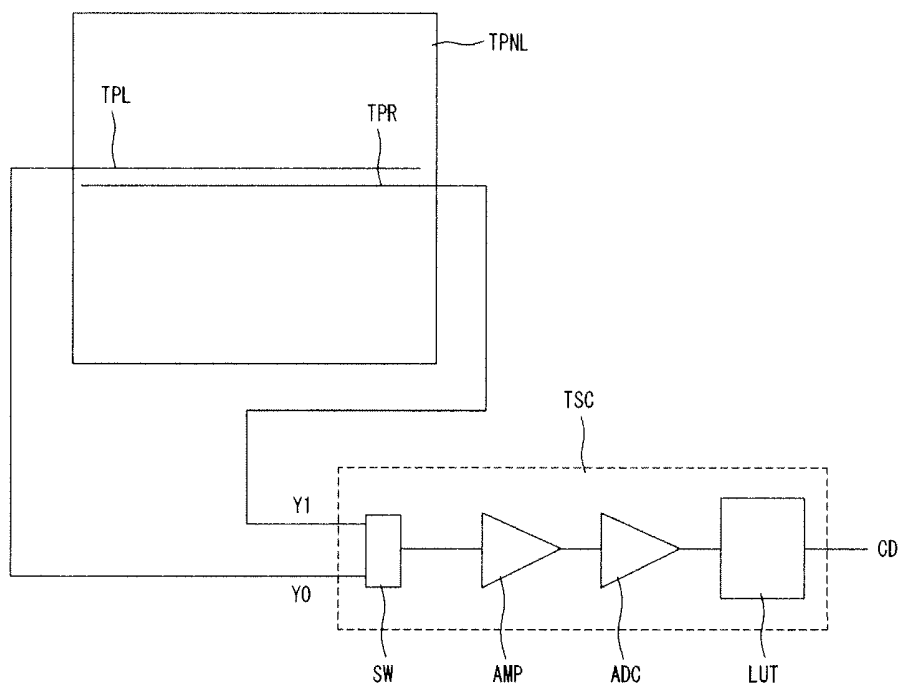


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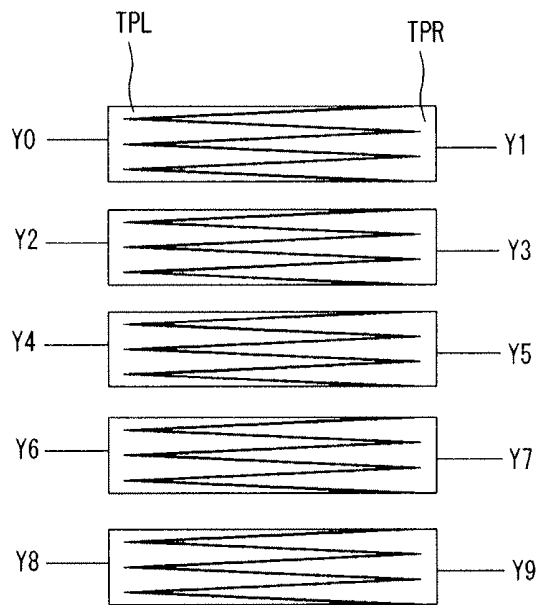


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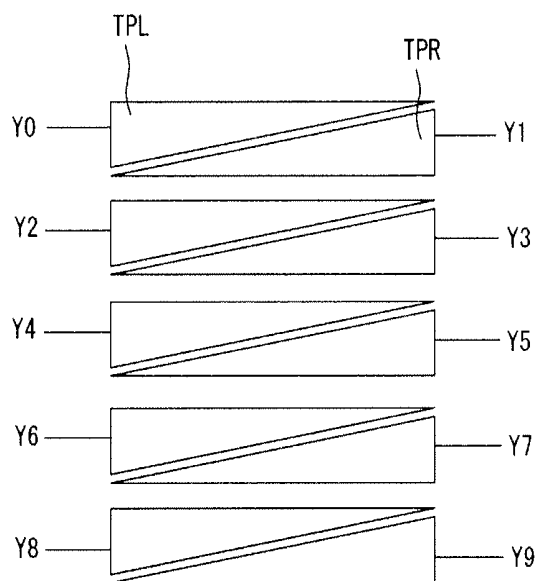


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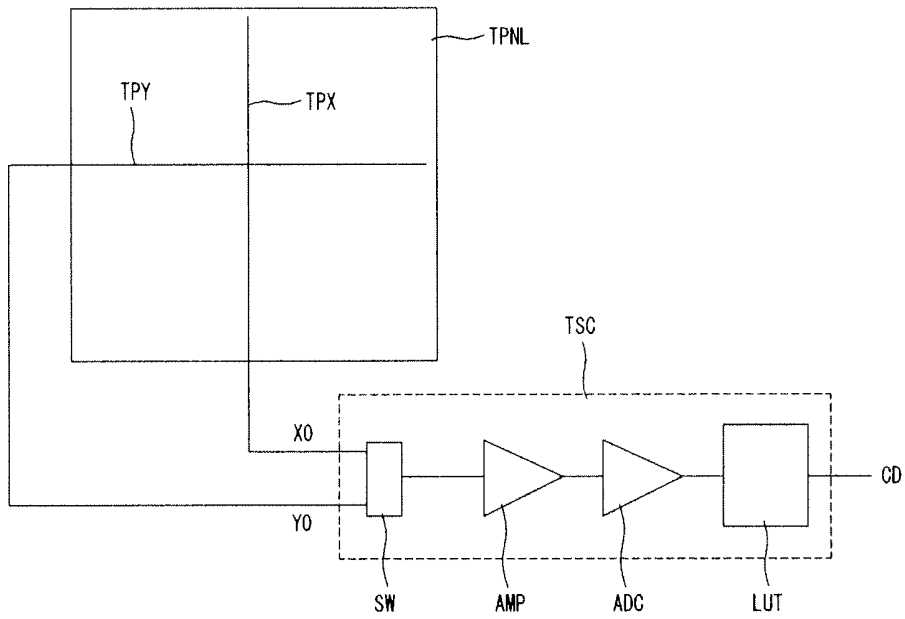


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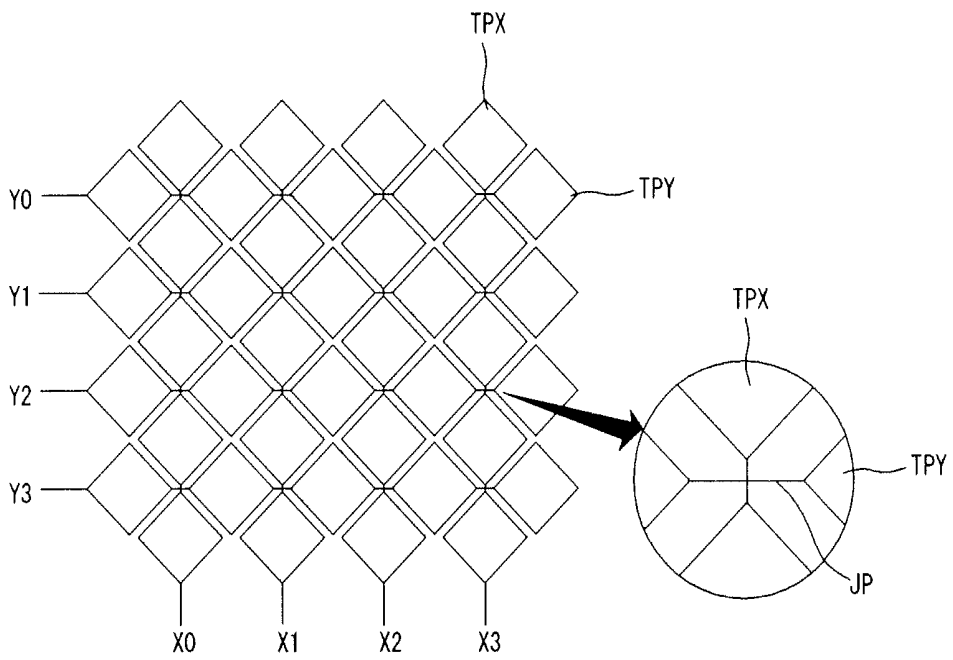


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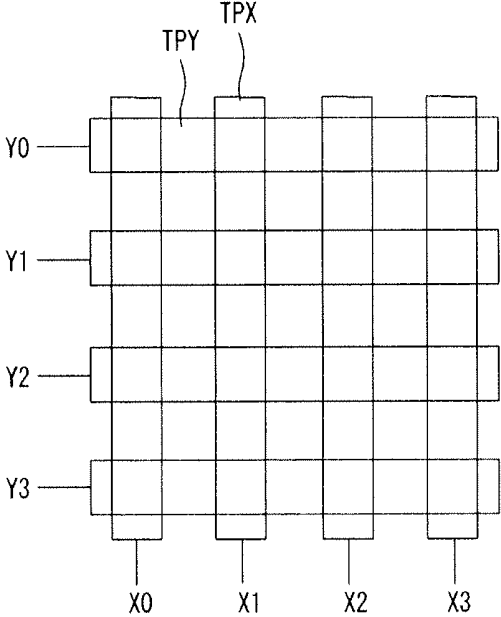


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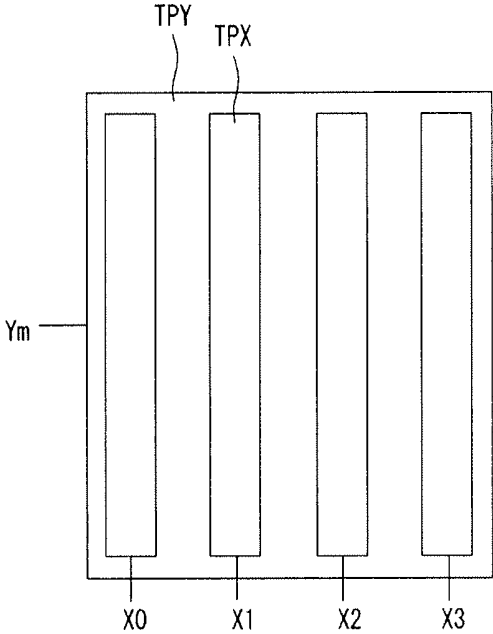


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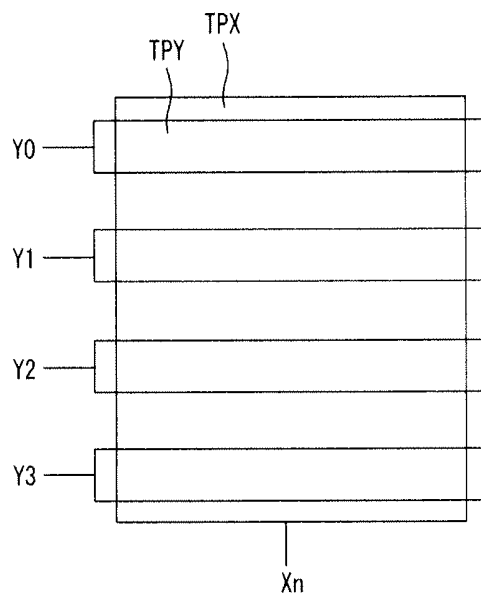


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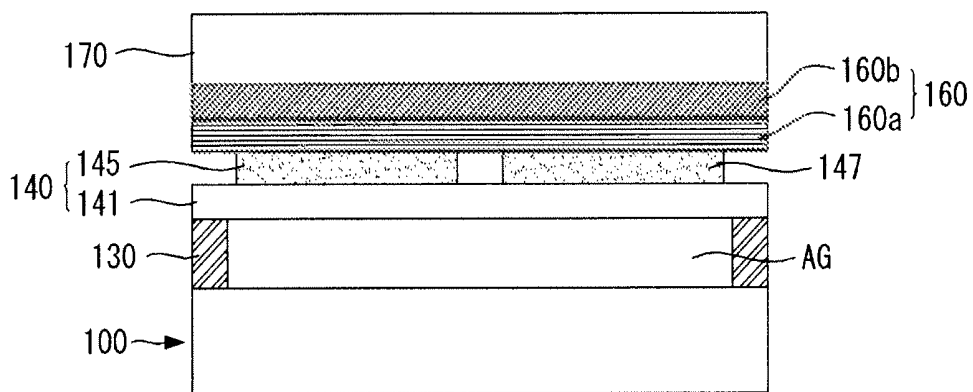


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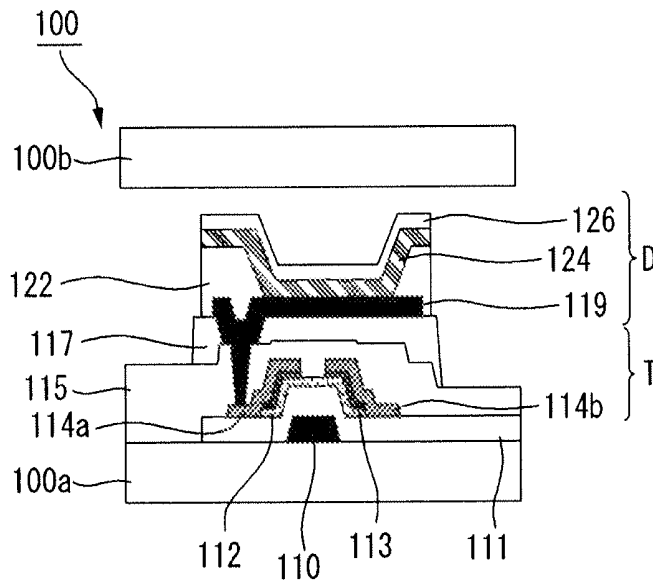


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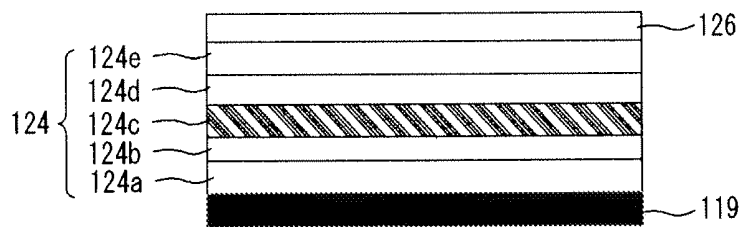


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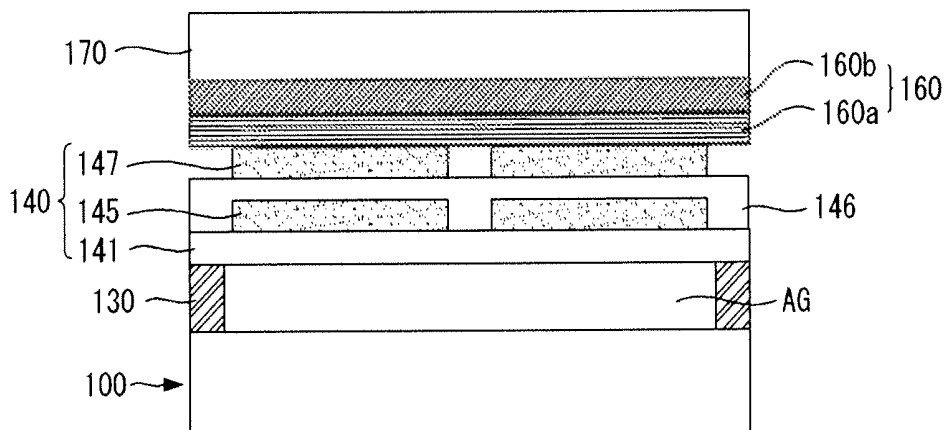


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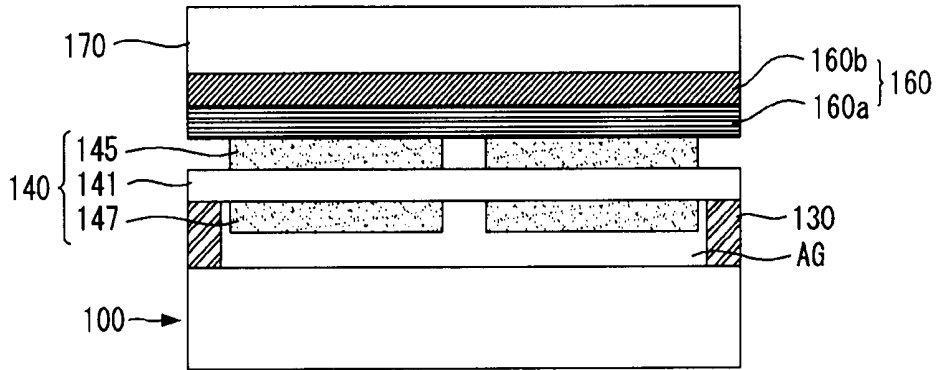
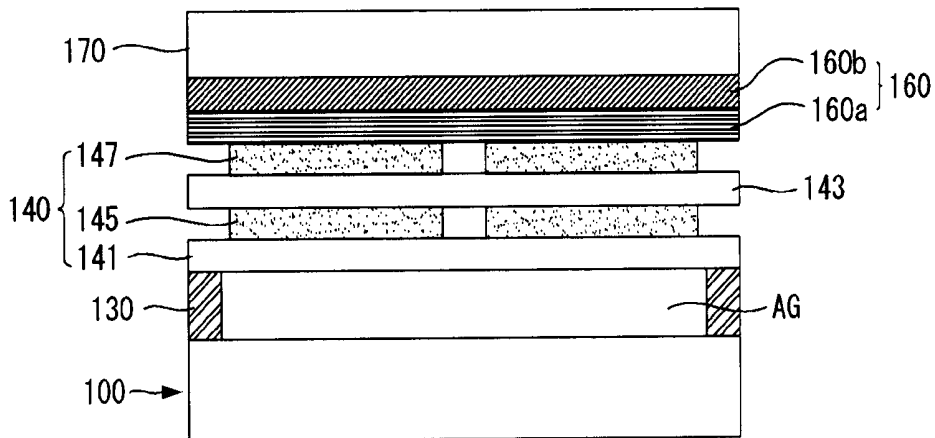


Fig. 15



Related Art

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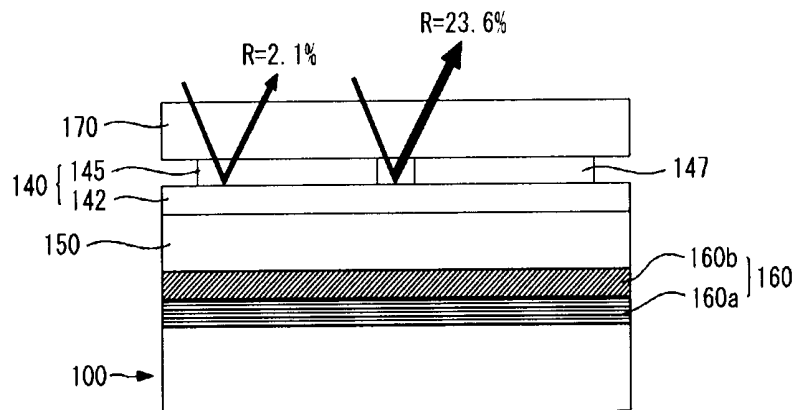


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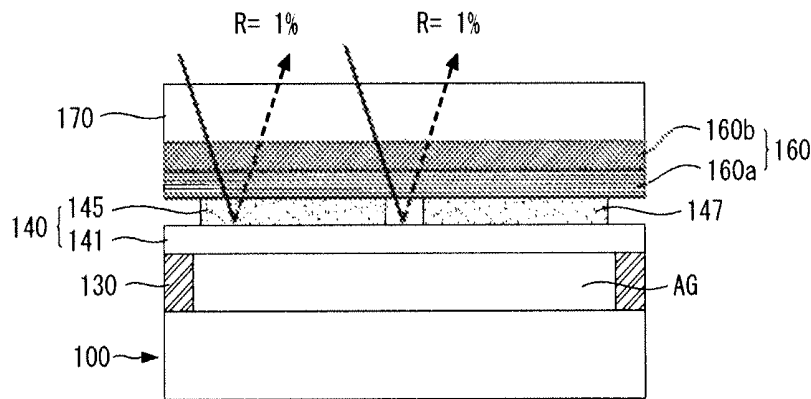


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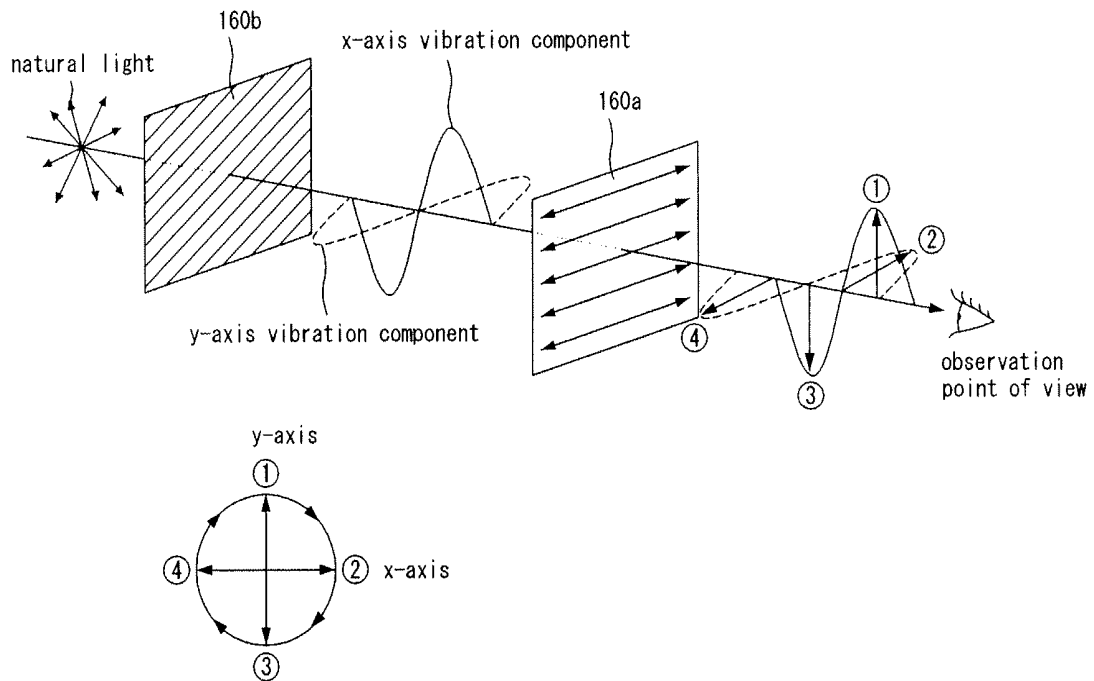
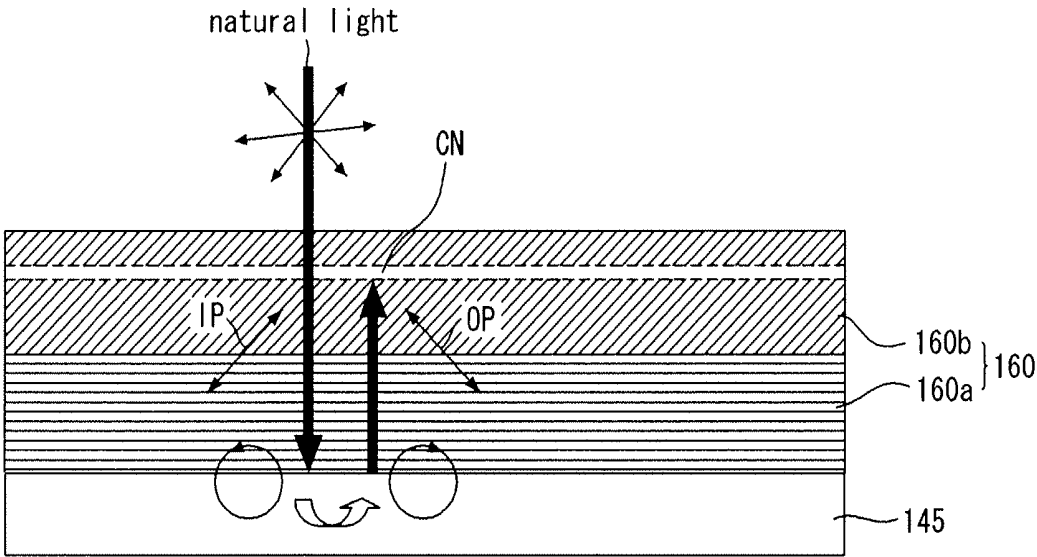


Fig. 19



ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DIODE DISPLAY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

This application claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2009-0079937 filed on Aug. 27, 2009, which is hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes as if fully set forth therein.

BACKGROUND

1. Field of Invention

This document relates to an organic light emitting diode display and a manufacturing thereof.

2. Related Art

An organic light emitting element used for an organic light emitting diode display is a self-emission element in which a light emitting layer is formed between two electrodes disposed on a substrate. The organic light emitting diode display is divided into a top-emission type, a bottom-emission type, and a dual-emission type according to a light emission direction. The organic light emitting diode display is divided into a passive matrix type and an active matrix type according to a driving method.

A subpixel disposed in the organic light emitting diode display comprises a transistor unit including a switching transistor, a driving transistor, and a capacitor and an organic light emitting diode including a lower electrode connected to the driving transistor included in the transistor unit, an organic light emitting layer, and an upper electrode.

In the organic light emitting diode display, a scan signal, a data signal, a power, etc. are supplied to a plurality of subpixels arranged in a matrix format and light is emitted from the selected subpixels, thereby displaying an image. The organic light emitting diode display is advantageous in that it can be realized as a thin display device. Much research has been recently made to add a touch screen function to thin display devices such as the organic light emitting diode display.

However, the conventional organic light emitting diode display with a touch screen function has problems, such as degradation in visibility and exposure of transparent electrodes, due to a difference in reflected light caused by a difference in refractive index between an area in which the transparent electrodes for performing the touch screen function are formed and an area in which no transparent electrodes are formed. Thus, improvement thereof is required.

SUMMARY

An aspect of this document is to provide an organic light emitting diode display comprising: a display panel; a touch screen panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel; a sensing unit for sensing a position through the touch screen panel; and a polarizing plate disposed on the touch screen panel, wherein the touch screen panel is attached to the display surface area of the display panel with an air layer provided therebetween.

Another aspect of this document is to provide a manufacturing method of an organic light emitting diode display, the method comprising: forming a display panel; forming a touch screen panel on a display surface of the display panel; forming a sensing unit to sense a position through the touch screen panel; and forming a polarizing plate on the touch screen panel, wherein the touch screen panel is attached to the display surface area of the display panel with an air layer provided therebetween.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated on and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the invention.

FIG. 1 is a schematic block diagram of an organic light emitting diode display according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram for explaining a touch screen panel having a single-layer structure and a sensing unit;

FIGS. 3 and 4 are illustrations of the structure of the touch screen panel having a single-layer structure;

FIG. 5 is a block diagram for explaining a touch screen panel having a multi-layer structure and a sensing unit;

FIGS. 6 to 9 are illustrations of the structure of the touch screen panel having a multi-layer structure;

FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode display according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 11 is a partial cross-sectional view of a display panel;

FIG. 12 is a view showing a hierarchical structure of an organic light emitting diode;

FIG. 13 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode display according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 14 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode display according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 15 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode display according to a fourth exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 16 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode display according to a comparative example of the related art;

FIG. 17 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode display according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

FIGS. 18 and 19 are views for explaining the characteristics of the organic light emitting diode display according to the exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Reference will now be made in detail to embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Hereinafter, a concrete example according to an embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to the attached drawings.

Referring to FIG. 1, an organic light emitting diode display according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention comprises a display panel PNL, a touch screen panel TPNL, a scan driver SDRV, a data driver DDRV, and a sensing unit TSC.

Although the display panel PNL may comprise a flat panel display FPD, such as an organic light emitting diode display panel, a liquid crystal display panel, and a plasma display panel, this exemplary embodiment takes the organic light emitting diode display panel as an example. The scan driver SDRV supplies scan signals to scan lines SL1 . . . SLm connected to subpixels included in the display panel PNL. The data driver DDRV supplies data signals to data lines DL1 . . . DLn connected to the subpixels included in the display panel PNL. The touch screen panel TPNL is disposed on a display surface of the display panel PNL. The sensing unit

TSC senses a position touched by a user through lines TS1 . . . TSk connected to the touch screen panel TPNL.

Referring to FIG. 2, the sensing unit TSC is connected to transparent electrodes TPL and TPR included in the touch screen panel TPNL. When the user touches the touch screen panel TPNL, the sensing unit TSC recognizes a change in the capacitance of the transparent electrodes TPL and TPR included in the touch screen panel TPNL and senses the touched position. This exemplary embodiment will be described with respect to an example in which the touch screen panel TPNL and the sensing unit TSC are formed in a projected capacitance type, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

The sensing unit TSC may comprise, for example, a signal input part SW, a signal amplifier AMP, a signal converter, and a signal detector LUT, but this invention is not limited thereto. The signal input part SW receives signals through lines Y0 and Y1 connected to the transparent electrodes TPL and TPR disposed in the touch screen panel TPNL. The signal amplifier AMP amplifies the signals received by the signal input unit SW. The signal converter ADC converts the signals input as analog signals into digital signals. The signal detector LUT detects positional data indicative of where the user has touched by recognizing a change in capacitance, and transmits the detected positional data to a device CD where the data is used.

As explained above, the sensing unit TSC can sense a touched position by recognizing a change in the capacitance of the transparent electrodes TPL and TPR included in the touch screen panel TPNL, and the structure of the transparent electrodes TPL and TPR is as follows.

Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, the transparent electrodes TPL and TPR comprise first transparent electrodes TPL arranged so as to be divided from the left of the touch screen panel TPNL to the right thereof and second transparent electrodes TPR arranged so as to be divided from the right of the touch screen panel TPNL to the left thereof. The first transparent electrodes TPL and the second transparent electrodes TPR may be patterned with an alignment pattern in which they are disposed on the same layer and spaced apart at predetermined intervals and their area is varied. Then, as shown in the drawings, the first transparent electrodes TPL and the second transparent electrodes TPR may be patterned to have different capacitances from each other. The transparent electrodes TPL and TPR thus formed on the touch screen panel TPNL are connected to the sensing unit TSC through lines Y0 . . . Y0. FIGS. 3 and 4 are merely illustrated to facilitate the understanding of the configuration of the transparent electrodes TPL and TPR, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

Referring to FIG. 5, the sensing unit TSC is connected to the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX included in the touch screen panel TPNL. When the user touches the touch screen panel TPNL, the sensing unit TSC recognizes a change in the capacitance of the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX included in the touch screen panel TPNL and senses the touched position. This exemplary embodiment will be described with respect to an example in which the touch screen panel TPNL and the sensing unit TSC are formed in a projected capacitance type, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

The sensing unit TSC may comprise, for example, a signal input part SW, a signal amplifier AMP, a signal converter, and a signal detector LUT, but this invention is not limited thereto. The signal input part SW receives signals through lines Y0 and Y1 connected to the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX disposed in the touch screen panel TPNL. The signal amplifier AMP amplifies the signals received by the signal input

unit SW. The signal converter ADC converts the signals input as analog signals into digital signals. The signal detector LUT detects positional data indicative of where the user has touched by recognizing a change in capacitance, and transmits the detected positional data to a device CD where the data is used.

As explained above, the sensing unit TSC can sense a touched position by recognizing a change in the capacitance of the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX included in the touch screen panel TPNL, and the structure of the transparent electrodes is as follows.

Referring to FIG. 6, the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX comprise first transparent electrodes TPY arranged so as to be divided in a first axial direction and second transparent electrodes TPX arranged so as to be divided in a second axial direction. The first transparent electrodes TPY and the second transparent electrodes TPX may be patterned to be disposed on different layers, and the patterned first and second transparent electrodes TPY and TPX may be connected to each other by jumper electrodes JP. The first transparent electrodes TPY and the second transparent electrodes TPX are connected to the sensing unit TSC through lines Y0 . . . Y3 and X0 . . . X3.

Referring to FIG. 7, the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX comprise first transparent electrodes TPY arranged so as to be divided in a first axial direction and second transparent electrodes TPX arranged so as to be divided in a second axial direction. The first transparent electrodes TPY and the second transparent electrodes TPX may be patterned to be disposed on different layers so as to cross each other. The first transparent electrodes TPY and the second transparent electrodes TPX are connected to the sensing unit TSC through lines Ym and X0 . . . X3.

Referring to FIG. 8, the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX comprise first transparent electrodes TPY arranged so as to be divided in a first axial direction and second transparent electrodes TPX arranged in common with the first transparent electrodes TPY. The first transparent electrodes TPY and the second transparent electrodes TPX may be patterned to be disposed on different layers so as to cross each other. The first transparent electrodes TPY and the second transparent electrodes TPX are connected to the sensing unit TSC through lines Y0 . . . Y3 and Xn.

FIGS. 6 to 9 are merely illustrated to facilitate the understanding of the configuration of the transparent electrodes TPY and TPX, but the present invention is not limited thereto.

Now, the organic light emitting diode display according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention will be described in more details.

First Exemplary Embodiment

Referring to FIGS. 10 and 11, an organic light emitting diode display according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention comprises a display panel 100, a touch screen panel 140 disposed on a display surface of the display panel 100, a polarizing plate 160 disposed on the touch screen panel 140, and a cover window 170 disposed on the polarizing plate 160.

Each of subpixels included in the display panel 100 comprises a switching transistor driven by a scan signal, a capacitor storing a data signal as a data voltage, a driving transistor driven by the data voltage stored in the capacitor, and an organic light emitting diode emitting light upon driving of the driving transistor. When the scan signal and the data signal are supplied to the subpixels, the subpixels emit light and the

display panel **100** displays the corresponding image. An example of a subpixel included in the display panel **100** will be described below.

A gate **110** is disposed on one surface of a first substrate **100a**. The gate **110** may be made of one selected from the group consisting of molybdenum Mo, aluminum Al, chrome Cr, gold Au, titanium Ti, nickel Ni, neodymium Nd, copper Cu, and alloy thereof. The gate **110** may be a multi-layer formed of one selected from the group consisting of molybdenum Mo, aluminum Al, chrome Cr, gold Au, titanium Ti, nickel Ni, neodymium Nd, copper Cu, and alloy thereof. The gate **110** may be also a dual layer of molybdenum/aluminum-neodymium or molybdenum/aluminum.

A first insulation layer **111** is disposed on the gate **110**. The first insulation layer **111** may be made of a silicon oxide layer SiO_x, a silicon nitride layer SiN_x, or may be a multilayer thereof. However, the first insulation layer **111** is not limited thereto.

An active layer **112** is disposed on the first insulation layer **111**. The active layer **112** may comprise amorphous silicon or polycrystalline silicon which is crystallized amorphous silicon. The active layer **112** may comprise a source area, a channel area, and a drain area. Also, an ohmic contact layer **113** may be disposed on the active layer **112**.

A source **114a** and a drain **114b** to be respectively connected to the source and drain areas are disposed on the ohmic contact layer **113**. The source **114a** and the drain **114b** may be formed as a single layer or a multilayer. If the source **114a** and the drain **114b** are a single layer, the source **114a** and the drain **114b** may be made of one selected from the group consisting of molybdenum (Mo), aluminum (Al), chrome (Cr), gold (Au), titanium (Ti), nickel (Ni), neodymium (Nd), copper (Cu), and alloy thereof. If the source **114a** and the drain **114b** are a multilayer, the source **114a** and the drain **114b** may be a dual layer of molybdenum/aluminum-neodymium or molybdenum/aluminum, or a triple layer of molybdenum/aluminum-neodymium/molybdenum.

A second insulation layer **115** is disposed on the source **114a** and the drain **114b**. The second insulation layer **115** may be a silicon oxide layer SiO_x, a silicon nitride layer SiN_x, or a multilayer thereof. However, the second insulation layer **115** is not limited thereto.

A third insulation layer **117** is disposed on the second insulation layer **115**. The third insulation layer **117** may be a silicon oxide layer SiO_x, a silicon nitride layer SiN_x, or a multilayer thereof. However, the third insulation layer **117** is not limited thereto.

A lower electrode **119** connected to the source **114a** or the drain **114b** is disposed on the third insulation layer **117**. The lower electrode **119** may be selected as a cathode or anode. If the lower electrode **119** is selected as a cathode, the cathode may be formed of one of aluminum, an aluminum alloy, and aluminum-neodymium AlNd. However, the lower electrode **119** is not limited thereto. If the lower electrode **119** is selected as a cathode, the cathode may be advantageously formed of a highly reflective material.

A bank layer **122** having an opening for exposing a part of the lower electrode **119** is formed on the lower electrode **119**. The bank layer **122** may comprise organic material such as benzocyclobutene (BCB) resin, acrylic resin, or polyimide resin. However, the bank layer **122** is not limited thereto.

An organic light emitting layer **124** is disposed on the lower electrode **119**. As shown in FIG. **12**, the organic light emitting layer **124** may comprise a hole injection layer **124a**, a hole transport layer **124b**, an emission layer **124c**, an electron transport layer **124d**, and an electron injection layer **124e**. The hole injection layer **124a** makes the injection of holes smooth.

The hole injection layer **124a** may be made of one selected from the group consisting of CuPc(copper phthalocyanine), PEDOT(poly(3,4)-ethylenedioxythiophene), PANI(polyaniline), and NPD(N,N-dinaphthyl-N,N'-diphenyl benzidine). However, the hole injection layer **124a** is not limited thereto. The hole transport layer **124b** makes the transport of holes smooth. The hole transport layer **124b** may be made of one selected from the group consisting of NPD(N,N-dinaphthyl-N,N'-diphenyl benzidine), TPD(N,N'-bis-(3-methylphenyl)-N,N'-bis-(phenyl)-benzidine), s-TAD, and MTDATA(4,4',4"-Tris(N-3-methylphenyl-N-phenyl-amino)-triphenylamine). However, the hole transport layer **124b** is not limited thereto. The emission layer **124c** may comprise material that emits red, green, or blue light. Also, the emission layer **124c** may be made of phosphorescent or fluorescent material. If the emission layer **124c** is red, the emission layer **124c** may be made of phosphorescent material including a host having carbazole biphenyl (CBP) or 1,3-bis(carbazol-9-yl) mCP and a dopant having at least one selected from the group consisting of PqIr(acac)(bis(1-phenylisoquinoline)acetylacetonate iridium), PqIr(acac)(bis(1-phenylquinoline)acetylacetonate iridium), PqIr(tris(1-phenylquinoline)iridium), and PtOEP(octaethylporphyrin platinum). Also, the emission layer **124c** may be made of fluorescent material having PBD:Eu(DBM)3(Phen) or Perylene. However, the emission layer **124c** is not limited thereto. If the emission layer **124c** is green, the emission layer **124c** may be made of phosphorescent material including a host having CBP or mCP and a dopant having Ir(ppy)₃(fac tris(2-phenylpyridine)iridium). Alternatively, the emission layer **124c** may be made of a fluorescent material having Alq₃(tris(8-hydroxyquinolino)aluminum). However, the emission layer **124c** is not limited thereto. If the emission layer **124c** is blue, the emission layer **124c** may be made of phosphorescent material including a host having CBP or mCP and a dopant having (4,6-F₂ppy)₂Irpic. Alternatively, the emission layer **124c** may be made of fluorescent material having one selected from the group consisting of spiro-DPVBi, spiro-6P, distyrylbenzene (DSB), distyryl arylene (DSA), PFO polymer, and PPV polymer. However, the emission layer **124c** is not limited thereto. The electron transport layer **124d** makes the transport of electrons smooth and may be made of one or more selected from the group consisting of Alq₃(tris(8-hydroxyquinolino)aluminum), PBD, TAZ, spiro-PBD, BAq, LiF, or SAq. However, the electron transport layer **124d** is not limited thereto. The electron injection layer **124e** makes the injection of electron smooth and may be made of tris(8-hydroxyquinolino)aluminum (Alq₃), PBD, TAZ, spiro-PBD, BAq, LiF, or SAq. However, the electron injection layer **124e** is not limited thereto. Here, the present invention is not limited to FIG. **12**, and at least one of the hole injection layer **124a**, the hole transport layer **124b**, the electron transport layer **124d**, and the electron injection layer **124e** may be omitted.

An upper electrode **126** is disposed on the organic light emitting layer **124**. The upper electrode **126** may be selected as an anode or cathode. Here, the upper electrode **126** selected as the anode may be formed of one of Indium Tin Oxide (ITO), Indium Zinc Oxide (IZO), Indium Tin Zinc Oxide (ITZO), and ZnO doped Al₂O₃. However, the upper electrode **126** is not limited thereto.

With this structure, subpixels are disposed in matrix on one surface of the first substrate **100a**. The subpixels disposed on one surface of the first substrate **100a** are weak to moisture or oxygen. Therefore, the first substrate **100a** and a second substrate **100b** may be bonded and sealed by an adhesive member or the like.

The touch screen panel **140** comprises to a base substrate **141** and first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** connected and the sensing unit. The base substrate **141** may be made of material, e.g., glass, having a refractive index range from 1.1 to 1.6. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are formed on a first surface of the base substrate **141** not facing the display surface of the display panel **100**. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other, and at least two pairs of the electrodes constitute one group. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** may be formed as a single-layer structure on the first surface of the base substrate **141** and have such shapes as those of “TPL” and “TPR” of FIGS. **3** and **4**. However, the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are not limited thereto. The touch screen panel **140** is attached onto the display surface of the display panel by an optical adhesive **130** disposed on the outer edges of the base substrate and of the display surface of the display panel **100**. The touch screen panel **140** is attached to the display surface area of the display panel **100** with an air layer AG provided therebetween. However, the touch screen panel **140** is not limited thereto.

The polarizing plate **160** comprises a phase difference delay film **160a** disposed on the touch screen panel **140** and a polarizing film **160b** disposed on the phase difference delay film **160a**. The phase difference delay film **160a** may have an optical axis having a phase difference of $\lambda/4$ with respect to incident light, and the polarizing film **160b** may have an absorption axis for polarizing unpolarized light.

Second Exemplary Embodiment

Referring to FIG. **13**, an organic light emitting diode display according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention comprises a display panel **100**, a touch screen panel **140** disposed on a display surface of the display panel **100**, a polarizing plate **160** disposed on the touch screen panel **140**, and a cover window **170** disposed on the polarizing plate **160**.

The configurations of the display panel **100**, the polarizing plate **160**, and the cover window **170** of the second exemplary embodiment are the same the first exemplary embodiment except for the structure of the touch screen panel **140**. Accordingly, only the structure of the touch screen panel **140** will be described in order to avoid redundant explanation.

The touch screen panel **140** comprises a base substrate **141** and first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** connected to the sensing unit. The base substrate **141** may be made of material, e.g., glass, having a refractive index range from 1.1 to 1.6. The touch screen panel **140** comprises the first transparent electrodes **145** formed on a first surface of the base substrate **141** not facing the display surface of the display panel **100**, an insulation layer **146** formed on the first transparent electrodes **145**, and the second transparent electrodes **147** formed on the insulation layer **146**. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other, and at least two electrode pairs constitute one group. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** may be formed as a multi-layer structure in which they are separated on the first surface of the base substrate **141** and on the insulation layer **146** and have such shapes as those of “TPL” and “TPR” of FIGS. **6** to **9**. However, the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are not limited thereto. The touch screen panel **140** is attached onto the display surface of the display panel by an optical adhesive **130** disposed on the outer edges

of the base substrate **141** and of the display surface of the display panel **100**. The touch screen panel **140** is attached with an air layer AG provided in the display surface area of the display panel **100**. However, the touch screen panel **140** is not limited thereto.

Third Exemplary Embodiment

Referring to FIG. **14**, an organic light emitting diode display according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention comprises a display panel **100**, a touch screen panel **140** disposed on a display surface of the display panel **100**, a polarizing plate **160** disposed on the touch screen panel **140**, and a cover window **170** disposed on the polarizing plate **160**.

The configurations of the display panel **100**, the polarizing plate **160**, and the cover window **170** of the third exemplary embodiment are the same the first exemplary embodiment except for the structure of the touch screen panel **140**. Accordingly, only the structure of the touch screen panel **140** will be described in order to avoid redundant explanation.

The touch screen panel **140** comprises a base substrate **141** and first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** connected to the sensing unit. The base substrate **141** may be made of material, e.g., glass, having a refractive index range from 1.1 to 1.6. The touch screen panel **140** comprises the first transparent electrodes **145** formed on a first surface of the base substrate **141** not facing the display surface of the display panel **100** and the second transparent electrodes **147** formed on a second surface of the base substrate **141** facing the display surface of the display panel **100**. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other, and at least two electrode pairs constitute one group. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** may be formed as a multi-layer structure in which they are separated on the first surface and second surface of the base substrate **141** and have such shapes as those of “TPL” and “TPR” of FIGS. **6** to **9**. However, the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are not limited thereto. The touch screen panel **140** is attached onto the display surface of the display panel by an optical adhesive **130** disposed on the outer edges of the base substrate **141** and of the display surface of the display panel **100**. The touch screen panel **140** is attached with an air layer AG provided in the display surface area of the display panel **100**. However, the touch screen panel **140** is not limited thereto.

Fourth Exemplary Embodiment

Referring to FIG. **15**, an organic light emitting diode display according to a fourth exemplary embodiment of the present invention comprises a display panel **100**, a touch screen panel **140** disposed on a display surface of the display panel **100**, a polarizing plate **160** disposed on the touch screen panel **140**, and a cover window **170** disposed on the polarizing plate **160**.

The configurations of the display panel **100**, the polarizing plate **160**, and the cover window **170** of the fourth exemplary embodiment are the same the first exemplary embodiment except for the structure of the touch screen panel **140**. Accordingly, only the structure of the touch screen panel **140** will be described in order to avoid redundant explanation.

The touch screen panel **140** comprises a first base substrate **141** and first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** connected to the sensing unit. The first base substrate **141** may be made of material, e.g., glass, having a refractive index

range from 1.1 to 1.6. The touch screen panel **140** comprises the first transparent electrodes **145** formed on a first surface of the first base substrate **141** not facing the display surface of the display panel **100**, a second base substrate **143** attached to the first surface of the first base substrate **141**, and the second transparent electrodes **147** formed on a second surface of the second base substrate **143** not facing the first transparent electrodes **145**. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other, and at least two electrode pairs constitute one group. The first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** may be formed as a multi-layer structure in which they are separated on the first surface and second surface of the first base substrate **141** and have such shapes as those of "TPL" and "TPR" of FIGS. 6 to 9. However, the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are not limited thereto. The touch screen panel **140** is attached onto the display surface of the display panel by an optical adhesive **130** disposed on the outer edges of the base substrate **141** and of the display surface of the display panel **100**. The touch screen panel **140** is attached with an air layer AG provided in the display surface area of the display panel **100**. However, the touch screen panel **140** is not limited thereto.

Now, the characteristics of the organic light emitting diode display according to the present invention will be described with reference to one of the foregoing exemplary embodiments and a comparative example.

Referring to FIGS. 16 and 17, organic light emitting diode displays according to the comparative example and the exemplary embodiment each comprise a display panel **100**, a touch screen panel **140**, a polarizing plate **160**, and a cover window **170**.

Referring to FIG. 16, the structure of the touch screen panel **140** of the comparative example will be described below.

The polarizing plate **160** comprising a phase difference delay film **160a** and a polarizing film **160b** is attached to the entire surface of the display surface of the display panel **100**. The touch screen panel **140** is attached by an optical filler **150** formed on the entire surface of the polarizing plate **160**. The cover window **170** is attached to the entire surface of the touch screen panel **140**. The touch screen panel **140** comprises a base substrate **142** formed of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** formed as a single-layer structure on the base substrate **142**.

Referring to FIG. 17, the structure of the touch screen panel **140** of the exemplary embodiment will be described below.

The touch screen panel **140** is attached to the display surface area of the display panel **100** by an optical filler **130** formed on outer edges of the display panel **100** so as to provide an air layer AG. A polarizing plate **160** comprising a phase difference delay film **160a** and a polarizing film **160b** is attached onto the touch screen panel **140**. The touch screen panel **140** comprises a base substrate **141** formed of glass and first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** formed as a single-layer structure on the base substrate **141**.

The following results were obtained after external light is shone on the comparative example and the exemplary embodiment having the above-described structures.

First, in the comparative example of FIG. 16, when light was incident from the outside, it was observed that the incident light was reflected back upon hitting the surface of the base substrate **142**, as well as the area where the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are formed. At this time, the reflectance R of the light incident from the outside was approximately 2.1%. Moreover, in the area where the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** constituting the touch screen panel **140** are not formed, it was observed

that the light was directly reflected upon hitting the surface of the base substrate **142**. At this time, the reflectance R of the light incident from the outside was approximately 23.6%.

The structure of the comparative example is degraded in visibility because when light is incident from the outside, a considerable amount of the light is reflected back after hitting the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** or the surface of the base substrate **142**. Also, there arises the problem that the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** constituting the touch screen panel **140** are visible to the user due to the amount of reflected light. It is assumed that this is because of the structural problems of the polarizing plate **160**, optical filler **150**, touch screen panel **140**, and cover window **170** disposed on the display panel **100**.

On the other hand, in the exemplary embodiment of FIG. 17, in the exemplary embodiment of FIG. 17, when light is incident from the outside, it was observed that the incident light was reflected upon hitting the surface of the base substrate **141**, as well as the area where the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** are formed. At this time, the reflectance R of the light incident from the outside was approximately 1%. Moreover, in the area where the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** constituting the touch screen panel **140** are not formed, it was observed that the light was directly reflected upon hitting the surface of the base substrate **141**. At this time, the reflectance R of the light incident from the outside was approximately 1%.

The structure of the exemplary embodiment is configured such that even if light is incident from the outside, almost all of the external light is prevented from being reflected, thus improving visibility and eliminating the problem that the first and second transparent electrodes **145** and **147** constituting the touch screen panel **140** are visible to the user. That is, the exemplary embodiment solved the problem of the comparative example because the polarizing plate **160** is disposed between the touch screen panel **140** and the cover window **170**.

Referring to FIG. 18, when unpolarized natural light is incident, the polarizing plate **160** polarizes the light into an x-axis vibration component and a y-axis vibration component along the absorption axis of the polarizing film **160b**. Afterwards, the light polarized into the respective vibration components, the x-axis vibration component becomes slower than the y-axis vibration component by $\lambda/4$. When viewed from the observation point, the light incident through the phase difference delay film **160a** has the characteristic that it vibrates in the directions of \square , \square , \square , and \square .

Referring to FIG. 19, in the exemplary embodiment, the polarizing plate **160** is disposed between the touch screen panel **140** and the cover window **170** by using the aforementioned characteristic of the polarizing plate **160**. Thus, in the structure of the exemplary embodiment, when natural light (or external light) is incident, the incident light is polarized in the "IP" direction by the phase difference delay film **160a** of the polarizing plate **160** and becomes slower by $\lambda/4$. The light reflected by the transparent electrodes **145** disposed below the polarizing plate **160** is polarized in the "OP" direction and becomes slower by $\lambda/4$ as it passes again through the phase difference delay film **160a** of the polarizing plate **160**. At this time, the reflected light is polarized in the "OP" direction but is not transmitted through a "crossed nicole (CN)" formed on the absorption axis of the polarizing film **160b**. That is, the natural light (or external light) incident through the polarizing plate **160** is reflected and brought back as if it passed through a plate of $\lambda/4 + \lambda/4 = \lambda/2$. Since the $\lambda/2$ plate changes a polarization state to 90 degrees, the natural light (or external light) incident through the polarizing plate **160** is not transmitted

through the “CN” formed on the absorption axis of the polarizing film 160b but almost the entire amount thereof is lost.

Meanwhile, in the exemplary embodiment, the reflectance of the incident external light is reduced using the polarizing plate 160 comprising the phase difference delay film 160a and the polarizing film 160b. However, according to an experiment, it was found that, when the light incident from the outside showed a reflectance R of 0.1% to 4%, there were no problems, such as exposure of the transparent electrodes 145 and 147 and degradation in visibility.

The following Table 1 schematically shows whether the transparent electrodes were observed or not and whether the visibility was degraded or not with respect to the reflectance of the light incident from the outside according to the characteristics of the polarizing plate 160.

TABLE 1

Reflectance (R)	Transparent electrodes	visibility
0.1%	Not observed	Not degraded
1%	Not observed	Not degraded
4%	Not observed	Not degraded
5%	Partially observed	Partially degraded
6%	Observed	Degraded

According to the above Table 1, the polarizing plate 160 may be configured to have a reflectance R of 0.1% to 4% as the light incident from the outside is reflected upon hitting the surfaces of the transparent electrodes 145 and 147 included in the touch screen panel 140. If the reflectance R of the polarizing plate 160 is maintained to be higher than 0.1%, this prevents the problem of exposure of the transparent electrodes 145 and 147 due to a difference in reflected light caused by the difference in refractive index between the area in which the transparent electrodes are formed and an area in which no transparent electrodes are formed. If the reflectance R of the polarizing plate 160 is maintained to be lower than 4%, this prevents the problem of degradation in visibility due to the difference in reflected light caused by the difference in refractive index between the area in which the transparent electrodes are formed and an area in which no transparent electrodes are formed. Therefore, if the component disposed on the touch screen panel 140 is configured to have a reflectance R of 0.1% to 4%, the component can be replaced by an optical plate having a different configuration from the polarizing plate 160.

As described above, during the manufacture of the organic light emitting diode display with the touch screen function, the phenomenon that the transparent electrodes constituting the touch screen panel are visible to the user is eliminated, and the visibility of the display panel can be improved.

The foregoing embodiments and advantages are merely exemplary and are not to be construed as limiting the present invention. The present teaching can be readily applied to other types of apparatuses. The description of the foregoing embodiments is intended to be illustrative, and not to limit the scope of the claims. Many alternatives, modifications, and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art. In the claims, means-plus-function clauses are intended to cover the structures described herein as performing the recited function and not only structural equivalents but also equivalent structures. Moreover, unless the term “means” is explicitly recited in a limitation of the claims, such limitation is not intended to be interpreted under 35 USC 112(6).

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting diode display comprising: a display panel; a touch screen panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel; a sensing unit for sensing a position through the touch screen panel; and a polarizing plate disposed on the touch screen panel, wherein the touch screen panel is attached to a display surface area of the display panel with an air layer, wherein the touch screen panel comprises: a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel; and transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel, wherein the air layer is disposed between the display surface of the display panel and the base substrate facing the display surface of the display panel.
2. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the polarizing plate comprises: a phase difference delay film disposed on the touch screen panel; and a polarizing film disposed on the phase difference delay film.
3. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 2, wherein the phase difference delay film has an optical axis having a phase difference of $\lambda/4$ with respect to incident light.
4. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the base substrate is made of glass.
5. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the polarizing plate has a reflectance of 0.1% to 4% as the light incident from the outside is reflected upon hitting the surfaces of the transparent electrodes included in the touch screen panel.
6. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the touch screen panel comprises: a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel; and transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel, and connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other, at least two pairs of the electrodes constituting one group.
7. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the touch screen panel comprises: a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel; first transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel; an insulation layer formed on the first transparent electrodes; and second transparent electrodes formed on the insulation layer, wherein the first and second transparent electrodes are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other.
8. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the touch screen panel comprises: a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel; first transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel; and

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second transparent electrodes formed on a second surface of the base substrate facing the display surface of the display panel,
 wherein the first and second transparent electrodes are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other.

9. The organic light emitting diode display of claim 1, wherein the touch screen panel comprises:
 a first base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel;
 first transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel; and
 a second base substrate attached onto the first surface of the first base substrate; and
 second transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the second base substrate not facing the first transparent electrodes,
 wherein the first and second transparent electrodes are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other.

10. A manufacturing method of an organic light emitting diode display, the method comprising:
 forming a display panel;
 forming a touch screen panel on a display surface of the display panel;
 forming a sensing unit to sense a position through the touch screen panel; and
 forming a polarizing plate on the touch screen panel, wherein the touch screen panel is attached to the display surface area of the display panel with an air layer, wherein the touch screen panel comprises:
 a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel; and
 transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel,
 wherein the air layer is disposed between the display surface of the display panel and the base substrate facing the display surface of the display panel.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the polarizing plate comprises:
 a phase difference delay film disposed on the touch screen panel; and
 a polarizing film disposed on the phase difference delay film.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the phase difference delay film has an optical axis having a phase difference of $\lambda/4$ with respect to incident light.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the base substrate is made of glass.

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14. The method of claim 10, wherein the polarizing plate has a reflectance of 0.1% to 4% as the light incident from the outside is reflected upon hitting a surfaces of the transparent electrodes included in the touch screen panel.

15. The method of claim 10, wherein the transparent electrodes is connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other, at least two pairs of a electrodes constituting one group.

16. The method of claim 10, wherein the touch screen panel comprises:
 a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel;
 first transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel;
 an insulation layer formed on the first transparent electrodes; and
 second transparent electrodes formed on the insulation layer,
 wherein the first and second transparent electrodes are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other.

17. The method of claim 10, wherein the touch screen panel comprises:
 a base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel;
 first transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel; and
 second transparent electrodes formed on a second surface of the base substrate facing the display surface of the display panel,
 wherein the first and second transparent electrodes are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other.

18. The method of claim 10, wherein the touch screen panel comprises:
 a first base substrate attached onto the display surface of the display panel;
 first transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the base substrate not facing the display surface of the display panel; and
 a second base substrate attached onto the first surface of the first base substrate; and
 second transparent electrodes formed on a first surface of the second base substrate not facing the first transparent electrodes,
 wherein the first and second transparent electrodes are connected to the sensing unit through different lines from each other.

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一种有机发光二极管显示器，包括：显示面板；触摸屏面板，设置在显示面板的显示表面上；感测单元，用于通过触摸屏面板感测位置；偏光板设置在触摸屏面板上，其中触摸屏面板附接到显示面板的显示表面区域，其间设置有空气层。

