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(54) **DISPLAY SIDE EDGE ASSEMBLY AND MOBILE DEVICE INCLUDING SAME**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A channel frame (400) is disclosed for use with a mobile device display (204) having an upper substrate (212) with an upper surface (220), a lower substrate (210) with a lower surface (304), and an OLED layer (216) sealed between the upper substrate (212) and the lower substrate (210). The channel frame (400) includes an upper wall (502) having a lower contact surface (512), a lower wall (504) having an upper contact surface (522), and a central wall (506) connected between the upper wall (502) and the lower wall (504). The channel frame (400) forms an elongated channel having a relaxed state from which the upper wall (502) and the lower wall (504) may be flexed to permit the channel frame (400) to be coupled to a side edge of the display (204). When the channel frame (400) is adhered to a structural component of the mobile device (100), it carries the impact forces resulting from dropping the device (100) and thereby protects the display (204) from damage.

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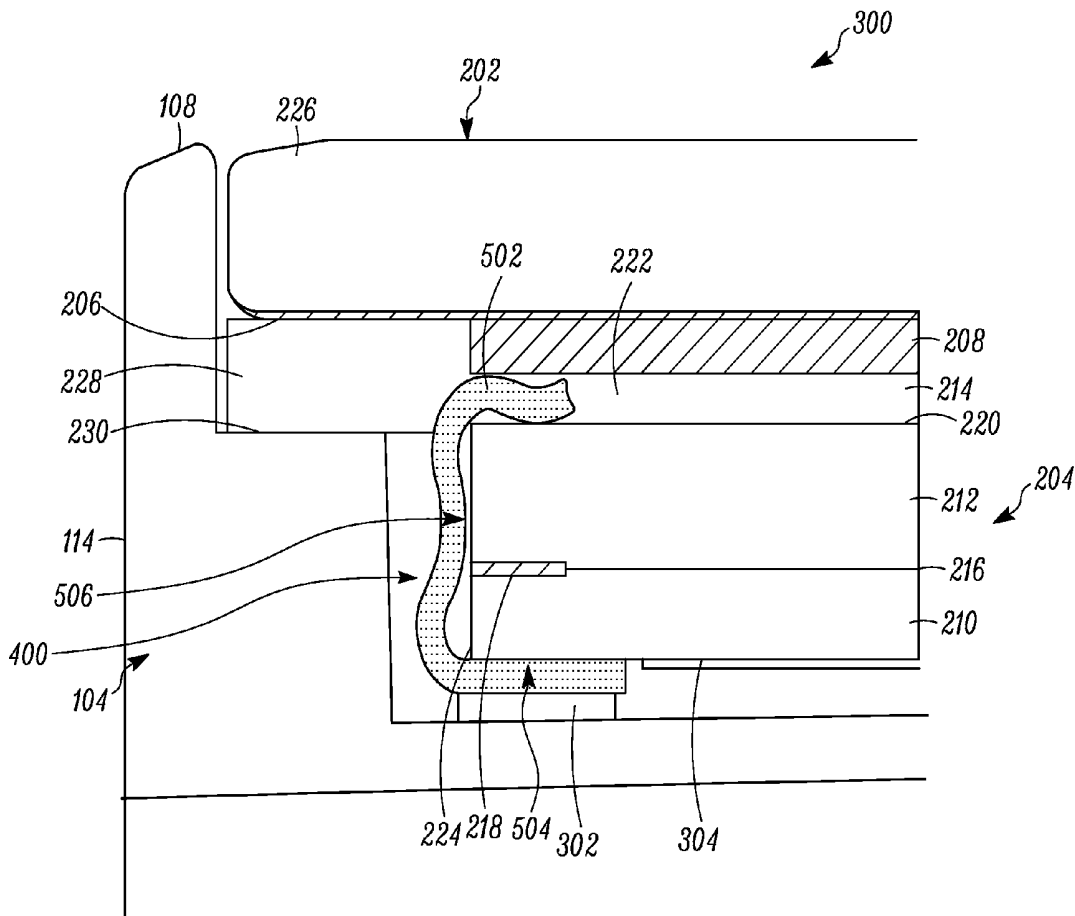
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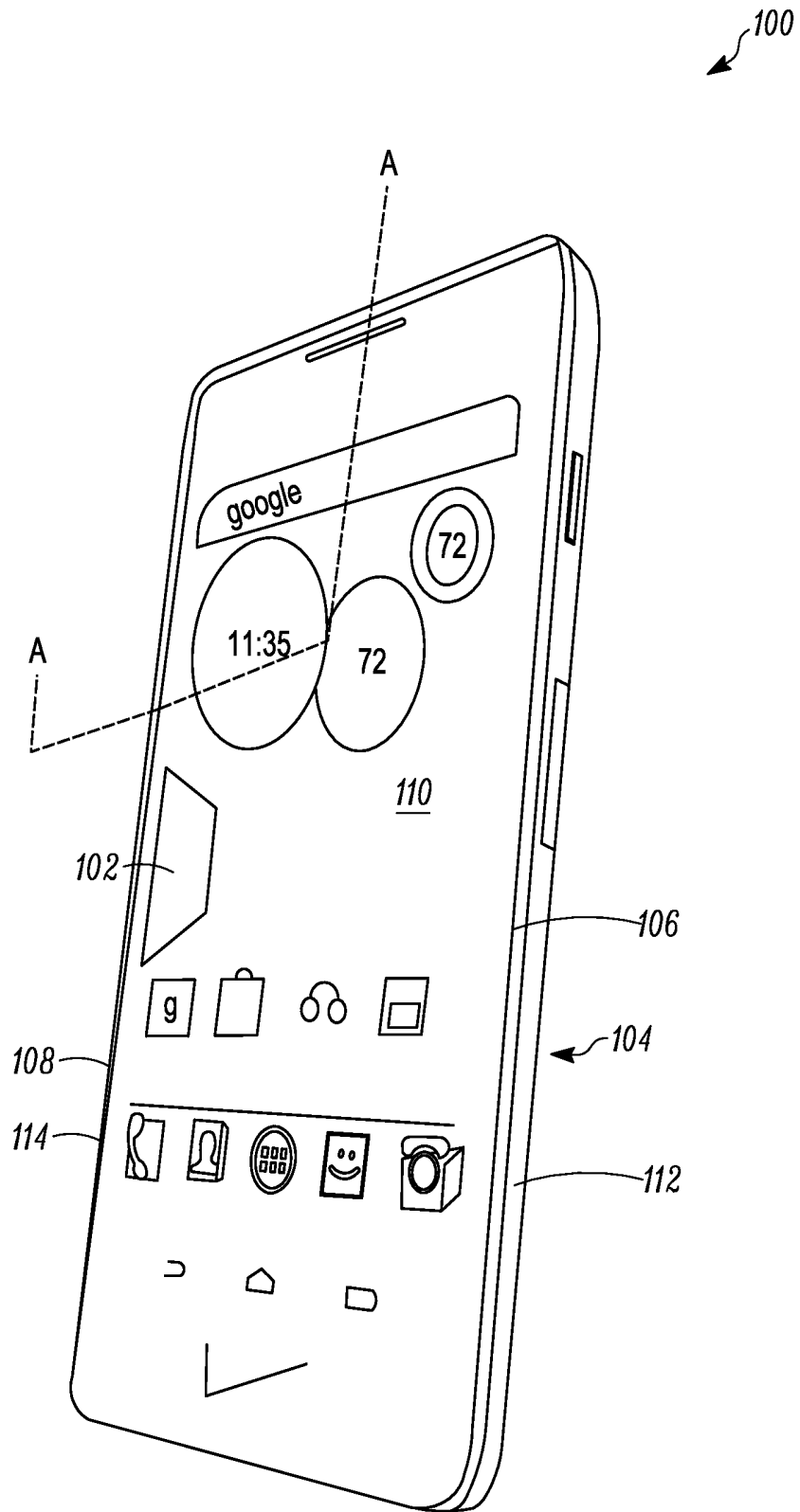


FIG. 1

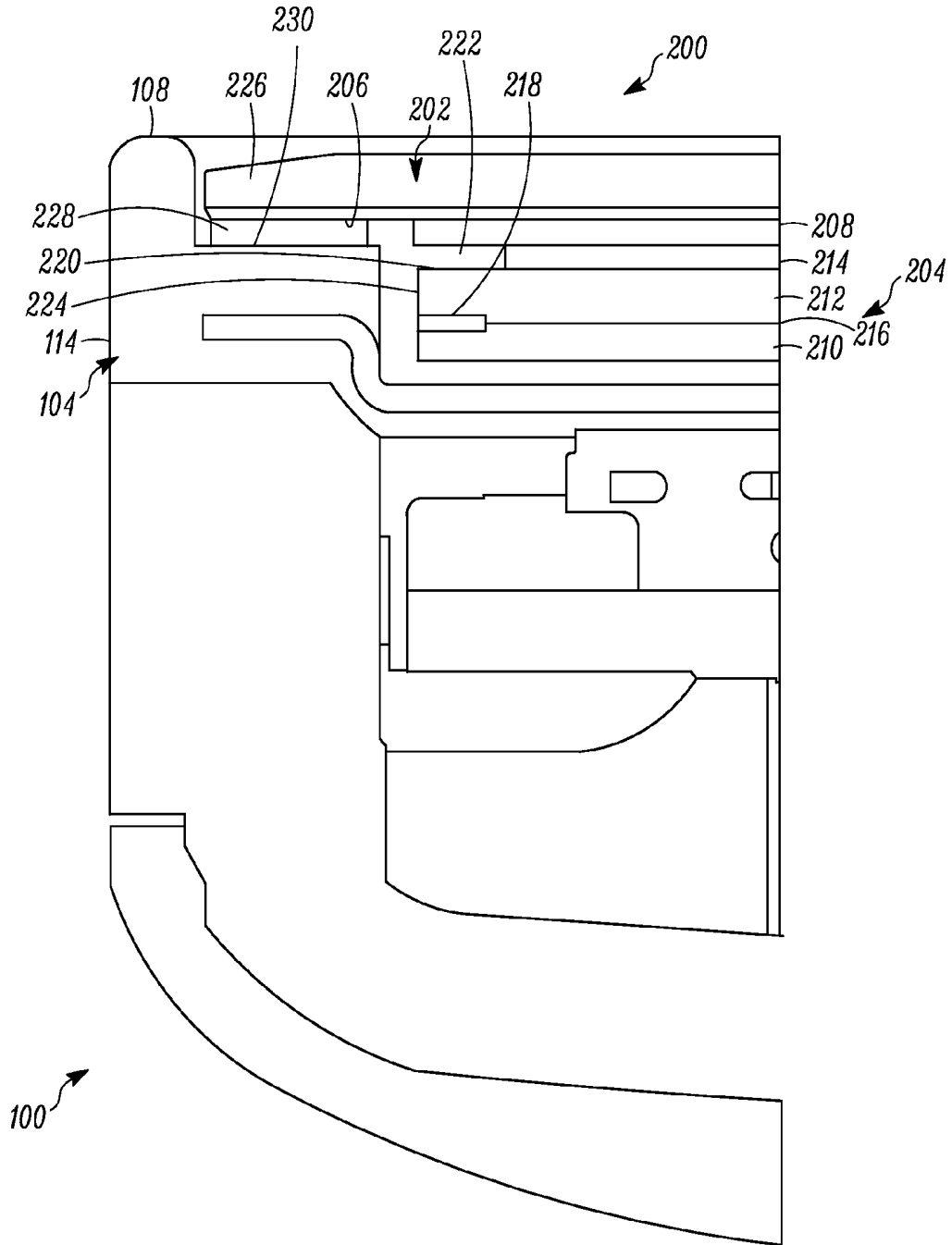


FIG. 2 PRIOR ART

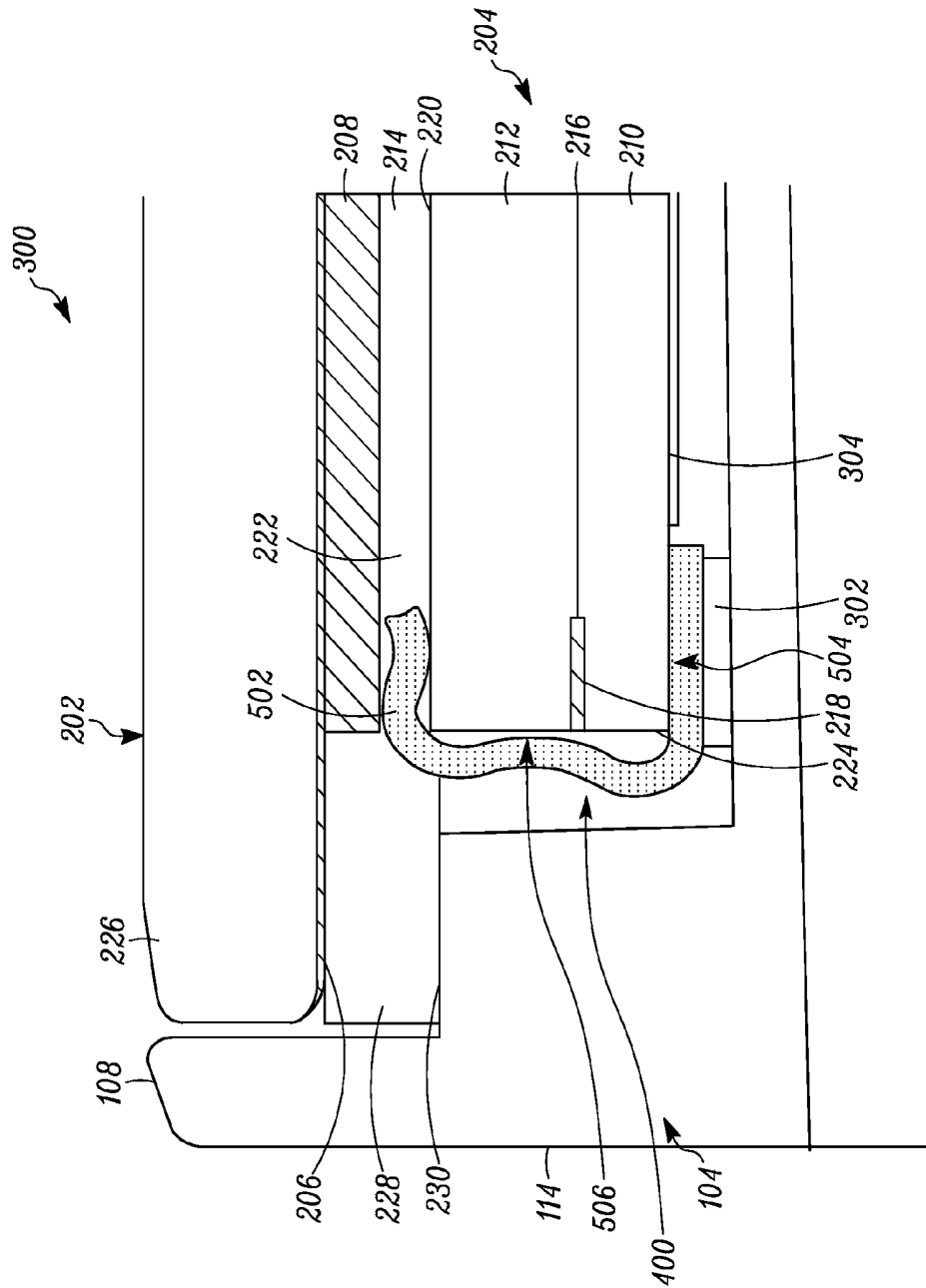


FIG. 4

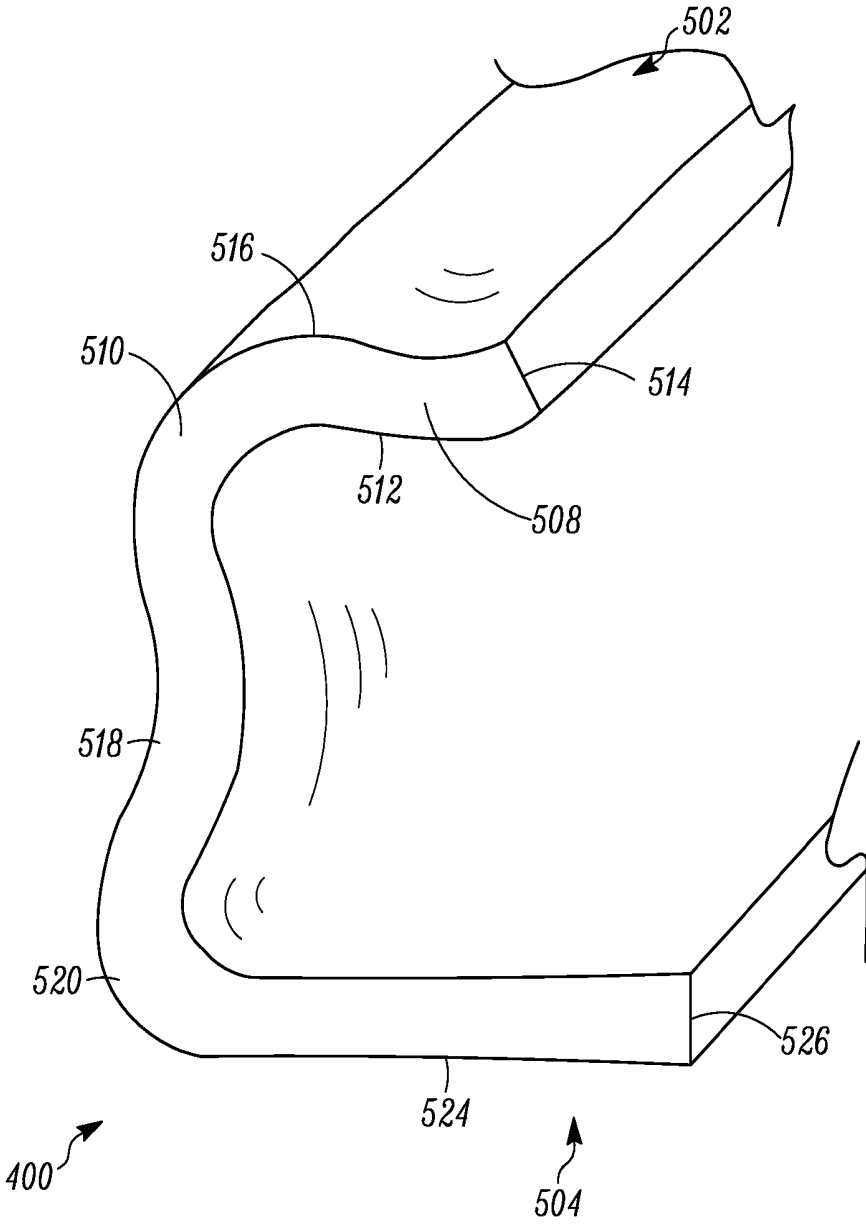


FIG. 5

**DISPLAY SIDE EDGE ASSEMBLY AND
MOBILE DEVICE INCLUDING SAME**

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present disclosure relates in general to construction of mobile devices, and, in particular, to designs for attaching a display assembly to a device having reduced side borders to prevent damage to the display when the device is dropped.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Display size on mobile devices, such as smart phones, personal digital assistants, etc., is a key design parameter. In particular, some designs seek to maximize the size of the display relative to the overall device footprint (i.e., minimize the non-viewable area around the display). This requires a reduction in the width of the side borders of the device. One consequence of side border reduction, however, is weakening of the connection between the device housing and the display assembly structure, which includes an outer glass lens adhered to the housing and bonded to an organic light-emitting diode (“OLED”) display using liquid optically-clear adhesive (“LOCA”). Normally, the lens to housing adhesive around the borders of the lens carries most of the mechanical shock forces imparted to the display assembly when the device is dropped. If the side border area is reduced, then the area of adhesive used between the lens and the housing may also be reduced, resulting in an unacceptably weak mechanical connection between the housing and the display assembly.

[0003] One option for strengthening the mechanical connection is to add adhesive directly between the OLED display and another structural component of the device disposed below the OLED display. This, however, requires the display to carry forces imparted to the device when dropped. In particular, the shock forces would be transferred to the glass frit border lamination used to hermetically edge-seal the moisture sensitive OLED layer sandwiched between two impermeable, rigid substrates (often made of glass). If the OLED display is adhered directly to the device, then the frit border will be susceptible to de-lamination from pull forces when the device is dropped.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0004] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a mobile device.

[0005] FIG. 2 is a sectional end view taken along line A-A of FIG. 1, but depicting a prior art approach for mounting a display assembly mounted therein.

[0006] FIG. 3 is a sectional end view taken along line A-A of FIG. 1, but depicting a reduced side border device design having a display assembly adhered directly to a structural component of the device.

[0007] FIG. 4 is a sectional end view taken along line A-A of FIG. 1, and depicting a reduced side border device design having a display assembly mounted therein according to one embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0008] FIG. 5 is a partially fragmented perspective view of a channel frame according to one embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY
EMBODIMENTS

[0009] Briefly, in a specific embodiment, for a mobile device having reduced side borders (to decrease non-viewable area), a “C” or “E” shaped resilient channel frame is attached to each side of the display and adhered to a structural component of the device. These channel frames, and to a smaller extent the reduced-area adhesive connection between the lens perimeter and the device housing, carry the forces imparted to the display assembly when the device is dropped. The channel frame is shaped to permit curing of the LOCA layer between the lens and the OLED display, and to avoid contact with the squared edges of the OLED display. Among other things, the channel frames permit a reduction in side border areas while maintaining a sufficiently strong mechanical connection between the display assembly and the device without increasing the likelihood of damage to the assembly when the device is dropped.

[0010] In one embodiment of the disclosure, a display assembly is provided comprising: a display including an edge; and a channel frame coupled to the edge and including an upper wall, a lower wall, and a central wall connecting the lower wall and the upper wall, the channel frame being constructed such that the upper wall applies an upper retaining force to an upper surface of the display and the lower wall applies a lower retaining force to a lower surface of the display. In one example, the upper wall is curved such that only a lower contact surface of the upper wall engages the upper surface of the display. In another example, the central wall of the channel frame comprises an upper bend connected to the upper wall, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend connected to the upper bend and the lower bend, the bends permitting flexing of the upper wall and the lower wall away from one another such that when the walls are released upon coupling the channel frame to the display edge, the upper wall applies the upper retaining force to the upper surface of the display and the lower wall applies the lower retaining force to the lower surface of the display. In a variant of this example, the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the upper surface of the display and the edge and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the lower surface of the display and the edge.

[0011] In another embodiment of the disclosure, a display assembly for a mobile device is provided comprising: a display including an upper substrate, a lower substrate, an OLED layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, and a frit layer disposed about a perimeter of the OLED layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, the display having a pair of side edges; and a channel frame having an upper wall with a lower contact surface, a lower wall with an upper contact surface, and a central wall connecting the upper wall to the lower wall; wherein the channel frame is mounted onto a side edge of the display such that the lower contact surface engages the upper substrate and the upper contact surface engages the lower substrate. In one example, the assembly further comprises adhesive disposed between the lower wall of the channel frame and a structural component of the device, thereby forming a mechanical connection between the assembly and the device such that the channel frame carries impact forces imparted to the assembly when the device is dropped. In a variant, a lens is adhered to the upper substrate, and an adhesive is disposed between a lower surface of the lens and a pair of ledges formed by side borders

of a housing of the device. In another example, the channel frame is constructed to permit flexing of the upper wall and the lower wall away from one another such that the channel frame may be clamped over a side edge of the display. In yet another example, the frit layer is disposed between the lower contact surface of the upper wall and the upper contact surface of the lower wall. In still another example, the central wall includes an upper bend connected to the upper wall and having an upper surface, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend connected to the upper bend and the lower bend. In a variant of this example, the assembly further comprises a polarizer connected to an upper surface of the upper substrate, wherein a vertical distance between the upper surface of the upper bend and the lower contact surface of the upper wall is less than a vertical dimension of the polarizer. In another variant, the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between an upper surface of the upper substrate and a side edge of the display and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between a lower surface of the lower substrate and the side edge of the display. In another example, the assembly further comprises adhesive disposed between the central wall of the channel frame and a side edge of the display.

[0012] In still another embodiment of the present disclosure, a mobile device is provided comprising: a housing; and a display assembly including a pair of side edges, and a pair of channel frames mounted onto the side edges of the display, each channel frame including a lower wall, an upper wall, and a central wall connecting the lower wall and the upper wall; wherein the display assembly is mechanically connected to the housing by adhesive between the lower walls of the channel frames and at least one structural component of the housing. In one example, the device further comprises a lens attached to the display by a liquid optically-clear adhesive, and an adhesive disposed between a lower surface of the lens and a pair of ledges formed by side borders of the housing. In another example, each channel frame is constructed as an elongated channel that permits flexing of the upper wall and the lower wall away from one another such that the channel frame may be clamped over a side edge of the display. In still another example, the display includes an upper substrate having an upper surface, a lower substrate having a lower surface, and an OLED layer sealed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate by a frit layer disposed around a perimeter of the OLED layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, the upper wall of each channel frame including a lower contact surface that engages the upper surface of the upper substrate, and the lower wall of each channel frame including an upper contact surface that engages the lower surface of the lower substrate. In a variant of this example, the frit layer is disposed vertically between the lower contact surface of the upper wall and the upper contact surface of the lower wall of each channel frame. In another example, the central wall of each channel frame includes an upper bend connected to the upper wall and having an upper surface, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend connected to the upper bend and the lower bend. In a variant of this example, the display assembly further comprises a polarizer connected to an upper surface of the display, and defining a pair of ledges therewith, the upper wall of each channel frame being mounted onto one of the pair of ledges and having a vertical distance between the upper surface of the upper bend and a lower contact surface of the upper wall is less than a maximum vertical dimension of the ledge. In

further variant, the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the upper surface of the display and a side edge of the display and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between a lower surface of the display and the side edge of the display. In another example, the device further comprises adhesive disposed between the central wall of each channel frame a corresponding side edge of the display.

[0013] In still another embodiment of the present disclosure, a channel frame is provided for use with a mobile device OLED display having an upper substrate with an upper surface, a lower substrate with a lower surface, and an OLED layer sealed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, the channel frame comprising: an upper wall having a lower contact surface; a lower wall having an upper contact surface; and a central wall having an upper bend connected to the upper wall, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend extending between the upper bend and the lower bend; wherein the upper wall, the lower wall and the central wall form an elongated channel having a relaxed state in which a distance between the lower contact surface and the upper contact surface is less than a distance between the upper surface of the upper substrate and the lower surface of the lower substrate; the channel frame being configured such that the upper wall and the lower wall may be flexed apart from one another to permit placement of the channel frame onto a side edge of the display, and released such that the channel frame moves toward the relaxed state and the lower contact surface engages the upper surface of the upper substrate and the upper contact surface engages the lower surface of the lower substrate, thereby clamping the channel frame to the display. In one example, the channel frame further comprises adhesive disposed between the lower wall of the channel frame and a structural component of the device, thereby forming a mechanical connection between the display and the device such that the channel frame carries impact forces imparted to the display when the device is dropped. In another example, the lower contact surface of the upper wall engages the upper surface of the upper substrate at a location vertically above a frit layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, and the upper contact surface of the lower wall engages the lower surface of the lower substrate at a location vertically below the frit layer. In yet another example, a vertical distance between an upper surface of the upper bend and the lower contact surface of the upper wall is less than a vertical dimension of a polarizer adhered to the display. In another example, the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the upper surface of the upper substrate and the side edge of the display and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the lower surface of the lower substrate and the side edge of the display. In still another example, the channel frame further comprises adhesive disposed between the central wall of the channel frame and the side edge of the display.

[0014] Turning now to the drawings, FIG. 1 depicts a mobile device 100 including a lens/display assembly 102 mounted within a housing 104. A pair of side borders 106, 108 are disposed between a viewing area 110 of lens/display assembly 102 and the outermost side edges 112, 114 of device 100.

[0015] FIG. 2 depicts a prior art approach for mounting a lens/display assembly to a mobile device. FIG. 2 is a sectional, end view taken along line A-A of FIG. 1, but depicting this prior art approach. In FIG. 2, the lens/display assembly

200 generally includes an outer, optical lens **202** and an OLED display **204**. A lower surface **206** of lens **202** is bonded to display **204** by a liquid optically-clear adhesive (“LOCA”) layer **208**. Display **204** includes, among other things, a lower substrate **210** (typically glass), an upper substrate **212** (typically glass) and a polarizer **214**. An OLED layer **216** is disposed between lower substrate **210** and upper substrate **212**. OLED layer **216** is sealed between lower substrate **210** and upper substrate **212** by a glass frit border lamination layer **218** according to known principles. Polarizer **214** is bonded to the upper surface **220** of upper substrate **212** over touch panel lines (not shown), thereby protecting them from the environment. The border of the upper surface **220** of upper substrate **212** is not covered by polarizer **214**. Accordingly, an outer ledge **222** (only one shown) is formed on each side of display **204**, bounded from above by LOCA layer **208**, from below by upper surface **220**, and from the side by polarizer **214**. Finally, upper substrate **212** and lower substrate **210** terminate at side edges **224** (only one shown) of display **204**.

[0016] Assembly **200** is attached to mobile device **100** at the perimeter **226** of lens **202**. More specifically, adhesive **228** is provided about the perimeter of lower surface **206** to adhere assembly **200** to ledges **230** (only one shown) formed on the side borders **106**, **108** (only border **108** is shown) of housing **104** of device **100**. In this manner, display **204** of assembly **200** is suspended within housing **104** by lens **202**, which has sufficient structural rigidity at its connections to ledges **230** to withstand shock forces associated with dropping of device **100**.

[0017] Referring now to FIG. 3, portions of the structure of FIG. 2 are shown to indicate changes resulting from a reduction in the width of side borders **106**, **108** of housing **104**. Specifically, the portion of housing **204**, ledge **230** and lens **202** to the left of line B is removed in a reduced-border design. Side border **108** is not shown. The remaining ledge **230** has a reduced area, thereby requiring a reduction in adhesive **228** bonding lens **202** to ledge **230** by an amount that will result in an unacceptably weak structural connection between assembly **300** and housing **104**.

[0018] FIG. 3 also depicts a potential, but unacceptable approach to strengthening this structural connection. In particular, this approach would add adhesive **302** directly to the lower surface **304** of lower substrate **210** of display **204**. Unfortunately, while adhesive **302** will strengthen the mechanical connection between assembly **300** and device **100**, it will also result in the direct transfer of forces to display **204** when device **100** is dropped. Among other problems, this application of force to display **204** may result in de-lamination of frit layer **218**, thereby causing unacceptable damage to display **204**.

[0019] According to one embodiment of the present disclosure as depicted in FIG. 4, instead of direct application of adhesive **302** to lower substrate **210**, a channel frame **400** is attached to one or both side edges **224** of display **204** in a manner further described below, and adhesive **302** is used between channel frame(s) **400** and a structural component of device **100** (i.e., adhesive **302** adheres frame(s) **400** directly or indirectly through other appropriate and suitable structure to housing **104**). In one embodiment of the disclosure, adhesive **302** is approximately 0.10 mm thick, and adhesive **228** is approximately 0.40 mm thick. Adhesive may also be used between channel frame **400** and the side edges **224** of display **204** (i.e., adhesive may be applied inside channel frame **400**) such that channel frame **400** is adhered to display **204** in

addition to being clamped onto display **204** as a result of its partially resilient construction as is further described below. Adhesive **302** and adhesive **228** may be the same or different types of adhesive. In one embodiment, adhesive **228** is a lens foam adhesive such as product number 57140 manufactured by Nitto Denko Corporation and adhesive **302** is a tape adhesive such as product number 57210 manufactured by Nitto Denko Corporation. It should be understood, however, that any of a variety of different adhesives (PSAs or even liquid adhesives) may be used.

[0020] Channel frame **400** is formed as an elongate channel, which, in one embodiment, extends substantially the length of side edge **224** of display **204**. It should be understood, however, that two or more reduced length frames **400** may be used on one or both side edges **224** of display **204**. In one embodiment, channel frame **400** is formed from 0.12 mm stainless steel, and because of its construction, has the characteristic of a semi-resilient spring as is further described below.

[0021] Referring now to FIG. 5, channel frame **400** generally includes an upper wall **502** and a lower wall **504** connected together by a central wall **506**. Upper wall **502** of channel frame **400** includes curved portion **508** extending from an upper bend **510** of central wall **506**. Curved portion **508** includes a lower contact surface **512**, which in use contacts upper surface **220** of upper substrate **212**, and terminates at an outer edge **514**. The curved shape of curved portion **508** results in an upward lift of outer edge **514**. This shape prevents contact between curved portion **508** and the touch panel lines (not shown) disposed on upper surface **220** of upper substrate, permits curved portion **508** to be more easily slid onto side **224** of display **204** during assembly, and provides, in part, the flexing of channel frame **400** described herein to accommodate tolerance stack-ups of the various components of display **204**.

[0022] Upper bend **510** of central wall **506** includes an upper edge **516** and extends into a central bend **518**, which extends into a lower bend **520**. Upper bend **510**, central bend **518**, and lower bend **520** also enable the flexing described herein. Lower wall **504** of channel frame **400** is substantially planar and extends from lower bend **520** of central wall **506**. Lower wall **504** includes an upper contact surface **522**, which in use contacts lower surface **304** of lower substrate **210**, a lower surface **524**, and terminates at an outer edge **526**.

[0023] As indicated above, the construction of channel frame **400** permits a small amount of flexing between upper wall **502** and lower wall **504**. More specifically, when channel frame **400** is in a relaxed state, the distance between upper contact surface **522** of lower wall **504** and lower contact surface **512** of upper wall **502** is less than the distance between the lower surface **304** of lower substrate **210** and the upper surface **220** of upper substrate **212**. When channel frame **400** is attached to display **204**, upper wall **502** and lower wall **504** are flexed away from each other, channel frame **400** is placed onto display **204** as shown in FIG. 4, and the walls **502**, **504** are released. The biasing force of channel frame **400** toward its relaxed state functions to couple channel frame **400** onto display **204** such that lower contact surface **512** remains in contact with upper surface **220** of upper substrate **212** and upper contact surface **522** remains in contact with lower surface **304** of lower substrate **210** during assembly. Additionally, channel frame **400** is formed such that lower contact surface **512** is vertically aligned above frit layer **218** and upper contact surface **522** is vertically aligned below

frit layer 218. In this manner, forces imparted to assembly 300 as a result of dropping device 100 are absorbed by the flexing of channel frame 400 rather than being transferred to the areas of display 204 (i.e., frit layer 218) most likely to delaminate as a result of such forces.

[0024] Referring back to FIG. 4, it should be recognized that upper wall 502 of channel frame 400 and upper bend 510 of central wall 506 do not exceed the vertical dimension of ledge 222, which corresponds to the thickness of polarizer 214. In other words, the vertical distance between the upper edge 516 of upper bend 510 and lower contact surface 512 does not exceed the vertical distance of polarizer 214. This feature of channel frame 400 according to the present disclosure permits access of UV light from the sides of assembly 300 to cure the LOCA layer 208 during assembly.

[0025] It should be further recognized that the shape of channel frame 400 avoids contact with the scribed square edges of upper substrate 212 and lower substrate 210 of display 204. More specifically, upper bend 510 of central wall 506 curves outwardly relative to the squared transition between upper surface 220 of upper substrate 212 and side edge 224 and lower bend 520 of central wall 506 curves outwardly relative to the squared transition between lower surface 304 of lower substrate 210 and side edge 224. In this manner, potential damage to the edges of substrates 210, 212 from a transfer of impact forces from channel frame 400 to display 204 is essentially eliminated.

[0026] With adhesive 302 disposed between lower surface 524 of lower wall 504 and a structural component (such as housing 104) of device 100, in addition to adhesive 228 disposed between lower surface 206 of lens 202 and ledge 230, forces which otherwise would potentially damage display 204 when device 100 is dropped are carried by channel frame 400 and lens 202. The primary path for transmission of such forces is through channel frame 400. The connection between lens 202 and housing 104 through adhesive 228 constitutes a secondary path. In certain embodiments, the primary purpose of adhesive 228 is to prevent dust and other contaminants from reaching assembly 300 and other internal components of device 100.

[0027] Accordingly, the design of the present disclosure permits reduction in side border area (i.e., a reduction of the non-viewing area of device 100) without increasing the potential for damage to display 204 when device 100 is dropped. Moreover, the construction of channel frame 400 permits continued side-curing of LOCA layer 214 and avoids metal-to-glass contact at the squared edges of display 204.

[0028] The foregoing description has been presented for the purposes of illustration and description. It is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the disclosure to the exemplary embodiments disclosed. Many modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teachings. It is intended that the scope of the invention be limited not by this detailed description of examples, but rather by the claims appended hereto.

What is claimed is:

1. A display assembly, comprising:

a display including an edge; and

a channel frame coupled to the edge and including an upper wall, a lower wall, and a central wall connecting the lower wall and the upper wall, the channel frame being constructed such that the upper wall applies an upper

retaining force to an upper surface of the display and the lower wall applies a lower retaining force to a lower surface of the display.

2. The display assembly of claim 1, wherein the upper wall is curved such that only a lower contact surface of the upper wall engages the upper surface of the display.

3. The display assembly of claim 1, wherein the central wall of the channel frame comprises an upper bend connected to the upper wall, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend connected to the upper bend and the lower bend, the bends permitting flexing of the upper wall and the lower wall away from one another such that when the walls are released upon coupling the channel frame to the display edge, the upper wall applies the upper retaining force to the upper surface of the display and the lower wall applies the lower retaining force to the lower surface of the display.

4. The display assembly of claim 3, wherein the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the upper surface of the display and the edge and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the lower surface of the display and the edge.

5. A display assembly for a mobile device, comprising:

a display including an upper substrate, a lower substrate, an OLED layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, and a frit layer disposed about a perimeter of the OLED layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, the display having a pair of side edges; and

a channel frame having an upper wall with a lower contact surface, a lower wall with an upper contact surface, and a central wall connecting the upper wall to the lower wall;

wherein the channel frame is mounted onto a side edge of the display such that the lower contact surface engages the upper substrate and the upper contact surface engages the lower substrate.

6. The assembly of claim 5, further comprising adhesive disposed between the lower wall of the channel frame and a structural component of the device, thereby forming a mechanical connection between the assembly and the device such that the channel frame carries impact forces imparted to the assembly when the device is dropped.

7. The assembly of claim 6, further comprising a lens adhered to the upper substrate, and an adhesive disposed between a lower surface of the lens and a pair of ledges formed by side borders of a housing of the device.

8. The assembly of claim 5, wherein the channel frame is constructed to permit flexing of the upper wall and the lower wall away from one another such that the channel frame may be clamped over a side edge of the display.

9. The assembly of claim 5, wherein the frit layer is disposed between the lower contact surface of the upper wall and the upper contact surface of the lower wall.

10. The assembly of claim 5, wherein the central wall includes an upper bend connected to the upper wall and having an upper surface, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend connected to the upper bend and the lower bend.

11. The assembly of claim 10, further comprising a polarizer connected to an upper surface of the upper substrate, wherein a vertical distance between the upper surface of the upper bend and the lower contact surface of the upper wall is less than a vertical dimension of the polarizer.

12. The assembly of claim 10, wherein the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between an upper surface of the upper substrate and a side edge of the display and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between a lower surface of the lower substrate and the side edge of the display.

13. The assembly of claim 5, further comprising adhesive disposed between the central wall of the channel frame and a side edge of the display.

14. A mobile device, comprising:
a housing; and

a display assembly including a pair of side edges, and a pair of channel frames mounted onto the side edges of the display, each channel frame including a lower wall, an upper wall, and a central wall connecting the lower wall and the upper wall;

wherein the display assembly is mechanically connected to the housing by adhesive between the lower walls of the channel frames and at least one structural component of the housing.

15. The device of claim 14, further comprising a lens attached to the display by a liquid optically-clear adhesive, and an adhesive disposed between a lower surface of the lens and a pair of ledges formed by side borders of the housing.

16. The device of claim 14, wherein each channel frame is constructed as an elongated channel that permits flexing of the upper wall and the lower wall away from one another such that the channel frame may be clamped over a side edge of the display.

17. The device of claim 14, wherein the display includes an upper substrate having an upper surface, a lower substrate having a lower surface, and an OLED layer sealed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate by a frit layer disposed around a perimeter of the OLED layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, the upper wall of each channel frame including a lower contact surface that engages the upper surface of the upper substrate, and the lower wall of each channel frame including an upper contact surface that engages the lower surface of the lower substrate.

18. The device of claim 17, wherein the frit layer is disposed vertically between the lower contact surface of the upper wall and the upper contact surface of the lower wall of each channel frame.

19. The device of claim 14, wherein the central wall of each channel frame includes an upper bend connected to the upper wall and having an upper surface, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend connected to the upper bend and the lower bend.

20. The device of claim 19, wherein the display assembly further comprises a polarizer connected to an upper surface of the display, and defining a pair of ledges therewith, the upper wall of each channel frame being mounted onto one of the pair of ledges and having a vertical distance between the upper surface of the upper bend and a lower contact surface of the upper wall is less than a maximum vertical dimension of the ledge.

21. The device of claim 20, wherein the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the upper surface of the display and a side edge of the display and

the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between a lower surface of the display and the side edge of the display.

22. The device of claim 14, further comprising adhesive disposed between the central wall of each channel frame a corresponding side edge of the display.

23. A channel frame for use with a mobile device OLED display having an upper substrate with an upper surface, a lower substrate with a lower surface, and an OLED layer sealed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, the channel frame comprising:

an upper wall having a lower contact surface;

a lower wall having an upper contact surface; and

a central wall having an upper bend connected to the upper wall, a lower bend connected to the lower wall, and a central bend extending between the upper bend and the lower bend;

wherein the upper wall, the lower wall and the central wall form an elongated channel having a relaxed state in which a distance between the lower contact surface and the upper contact surface is less than a distance between the upper surface of the upper substrate and the lower surface of the lower substrate;

the channel frame being configured such that the upper wall and the lower wall may be flexed apart from one another to permit placement of the channel frame onto a side edge of the display, and released such that the channel frame moves toward the relaxed state and the lower contact surface engages the upper surface of the upper substrate and the upper contact surface engages the lower surface of the lower substrate, thereby clamping the channel frame to the display.

24. The channel frame of claim 23, further comprising adhesive disposed between the lower wall of the channel frame and a structural component of the device, thereby forming a mechanical connection between the display and the device such that the channel frame carries impact forces imparted to the display when the device is dropped.

25. The channel frame of claim 23, wherein the lower contact surface of the upper wall engages the upper surface of the upper substrate at a location vertically above a frit layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate, and the upper contact surface of the lower wall engages the lower surface of the lower substrate at a location vertically below the frit layer.

26. The channel frame of claim 23, wherein a vertical distance between an upper surface of the upper bend and the lower contact surface of the upper wall is less than a vertical dimension of a polarizer adhered to the display.

27. The channel frame of claim 23, wherein the upper bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the upper surface of the upper substrate and the side edge of the display and the lower bend is formed to avoid contact with a squared transition between the lower surface of the lower substrate and the side edge of the display.

28. The channel frame of claim 23, further comprising adhesive disposed between the central wall of the channel frame and the side edge of the display.

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摘要(译)

公开了一种通道框架 (400) , 用于具有上基板 (212) 的移动设备显示器 (204) , 其具有上表面 (220) , 具有下表面 (304) 的下基板 (210) 和OLED层 (216) b) 密封在上基板 (212) 和下基板 (210) 之间。通道框架 (400) 包括具有下接触表面 (512) 的上壁 (502) , 下壁 (504) 具有上接触表面 (522) , 并且中心壁 (506) 连接在上壁之间 (502) 和下壁 (504) 。通道框架 (400) 形成具有松弛状态的细长通道, 上壁 (502) 和下壁 (504) 可以弯曲以允许通道框 (400) 耦合到显示器的侧边缘 (204) 。当通道框架 (400) 粘附到移动设备的结构组件 (100) 时, 它会承受因设备掉落而产生的冲击力 (100)) 从而保护显示器 (204) 免受损坏。

