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(54) **Ultrasonic receiving apparatus and ultrasonic diagnosing apparatus using the same**

(57) An ultrasonic receiving apparatus in which ultrasonic wave signals can be detected in a two-dimensional manner without necessities of electric-wiring works to a large number of very fine elements, and without increase of crosstalk and impedance. The ultrasonic receiving apparatus can be manufactured in low cost. This ultrasonic receiving apparatus includes an ultrasonic detecting element 20 having a reception plane ca-

pable of receiving ultrasonic waves, for modulating light on the basis of ultrasonic waves applied to the respective positions of the reception plane; and a photodetector 16 having a plurality of pixels, for detecting light output from corresponding positions of the ultrasonic detecting element.



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摘要(译)

一种超声波接收装置，其中可以以二维方式检测超声波信号，而不需要电线，可以对大量非常精细的元件起作用，并且不会增加串扰和阻抗。超声波接收装置可以低成本制造。该超声波接收装置包括超声波检测元件20，该超声波检测元件20具有能够接收超声波的接收平面，用于基于施加到接收平面的各个位置的超声波来调制光。光电探测器16具有多个像素，用于检测从超声波探测元件的相应位置输出的光。

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