

[0065] FIG. 13U illustrates another preferred embodiment of the docking station shown in FIGS. 13Q-13S.

[0066] FIGS. 13V-13W illustrate another preferred embodiment of a display docking system.

[0067] FIG. 13X is a functional block diagram of a preferred docking station with cellular telephone according to the invention.

[0068] FIGS. 14A-14C illustrates the use of a microdisplay rear projection system for a telephone video conferencing station.

[0069] FIGS. 15A-C are side cross-sectional, front, and front cross-sectional views of a hand held rear projection display system in accordance with the invention.

[0070] FIGS. 16A-16B illustrate a body worn, hand operated display system in accordance with the invention.

[0071] FIGS. 16C-16D illustrate the use of a microdisplay as a viewfinder for a camcorder in another preferred embodiment of the invention.

[0072] FIGS. 16E-16F illustrate the use of a microdisplay as a viewfinder for a digital still camera in another preferred embodiment of the invention.

[0073] FIG. 16G illustrates a display control circuit for a camera.

[0074] FIGS. 16H and 16I illustrate cameras with moving mirrors for through the lens viewing.

[0075] FIGS. 16J and 16K illustrate a camera/imager with a microdisplay as a viewfinder.

[0076] FIGS. 17A-17C illustrate the use of a microdisplay in a card reader system in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the invention.

[0077] FIG. 18 is a schematic circuit diagram for a portable card reader system.

[0078] FIG. 19A illustrates another preferred embodiment of a card reader system.

[0079] FIG. 19B shows another preferred embodiment of a card reader system.

[0080] FIGS. 19C-19Cb is a schematic circuit diagram of a memory card for a card reader or imager.

[0081] FIGS. 19D, 19Ea and 19Eb is a schematic circuit diagram of the controller within the reader or imager

[0082] FIG. 19F is a schematic circuit diagram of an alternative embodiment of a switcher in the controller.

[0083] FIG. 20A is a perspective view of a head-mounted display system of the invention.

[0084] FIG. 20B is a partial schematic perspective view of the system of FIG. 20A emphasizing additional features of the invention.

[0085] FIG. 20C is a schematic perspective view of the system of FIG. 20A which emphasizes certain aspects of the invention.

[0086] FIG. 20D is a schematic perspective view of the headband and pads of FIG. 20C.

[0087] FIG. 20E is a partial schematic side view of the system of FIG. 20A.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0088] High Resolution Active Matrix Microdisplay

[0089] A preferred embodiment of the invention utilizes a process of making a plurality of flat panel displays 10 in which a large number of active matrix arrays 14 are fabricated on a single wafer 12 as illustrated in connection with FIG. 1. The number of displays fabricated on a single wafer depends upon the size of the wafer and the size of each display. A preferred embodiment of the invention, for example, uses a high resolution display having an imaging area of the display with a diagonal of 0.5 inches (12.7 mm) or less. For a four inch wafer, forty separate displays can be fabricated on a single four inch wafer. Where each display has a diagonal of about 0.25 inches (6.35 mm), 80 displays can be fabricated on a single wafer, over 120 displays can be fabricated on a five inch wafer, over 180 displays on a six inch wafer, and 400 displays can be fabricated on an 8 inch wafer.

[0090] By fabricating a large number of small high resolution displays on a single wafer the manufacturing yield can be substantially increased and the cost per display can be substantially reduced.

[0091] To obtain monochrome resolutions of at least 75,000 pixels (e.g. a 320×240 array) suitable for displaying an NTSC television signal on a 0.25 inch diagonal display the pixel electrodes are preferably on the order of about 15 microns in width or less. To obtain a monochrome resolution of at least 300,000 pixels (e.g. 640×480 array) on a 0.25 inch diagonal display the pixel electrodes preferably have a width of about 8-10 microns.

[0092] These small high resolution displays require magnification such that when held in a user's hand within the range of 0.5 inches to 10 inches of the user's eye, a clear image is provided.

[0093] Referring now to FIG. 2A, an integrated circuit active matrix display die is shown schematically which has been diced from a single wafer along with selected number of replicated circuits. Incorporated into the circuit 100 are scanner circuits 42a, 42b, 42c, 42d, along with pixel driven circuits 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, select scanner circuits 46a, 46b and a display matrix circuit 90.

[0094] Further details regarding the fabrication of each die on a wafer can use the methods described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,256,562, the contents of which incorporated herein its entirety by reference. Additional details regarding the fabrication of the active matrix and use within communication systems is described in U.S. patent application Ser. No. _____, filed Oct. 31, 1997 of Matthew Zavracky and titled "Color Display with Thin Gap Liquid Crystal" the contents of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

[0095] By fabricating a selected number of circuits 100 on a single wafer, the circuit yield from a single wafer is greatly enhanced at the expense of reduced display area. However, this area disadvantage is overcome by magnifying and projecting the display image as will be described herein.