

sponding to an identified area of the display visible through the general purpose input board such that said actuator identity signal for providing said predetermined command is generated when the actuator is moved to make a physical contact with the general purpose input board in said position corresponding to the identified area of the display.

21. The electronic device of claim 19, wherein said actuator is a stylus with at least a tip made of a flexible conductive material and said tip of the stylus, when in the physical contact with said general purpose input board, provides an electrical short between one or more conductive lines out of said N conductive lines to one or more further conductive lines out of said K further conductive lines.

22. The electronic device of claim 19, wherein said actuator is a stylus made of a conductive material with a tip made of a flexible insulating material, and said tip of the stylus, when in the physical contact with said general purpose input board, provides a capacitive connection between one or more conductive lines out of said N conductive lines with one or more further conductive lines out of said K further conductive lines.

23. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said general purpose input board is covered by an electrically insulating material and said actuator is a stylus with at least a tip made of a flexible conductive material and said tip of the stylus, when in the physical contact with said electrically insulating material, provides a capacitive connection between one or more conductive lines out of said N conductive lines with one or more further conductive lines out of said K further conductive lines.

24. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said electronic device is a wireless portable device, a mobile communication device or a mobile phone.

25. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein the manipulation signal is applied by a user of the electronic device by a way of a mechanical touch using a stylus or a finger.

26. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said actuator is made of a flexible conductive material and attached to an insulating cover, and said manipulation signal is applied to said flexible conducting material of said actuator through said insulating cover.

27. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said N conducting lines are equally spaced, said K conducting lines are equally spaced and said N-1 contacts are also equally spaced, wherein each of said N-1 contacts has an equal distance to said any two adjacent parallel conducting lines out of said N conducting lines.

28. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said actuator is made of a conductive material and said actuator, when in the physical contact with said general purpose input board, provides an electrical short between one or more conductive lines out of said N conductive lines to one or more further conductive lines out of said K further conductive lines.

29. The electronic device of claim 28, wherein said location on the surface of said general purpose input board in a direction parallel to said N conducting lines is determined by applying a different bias voltage to each of said K further conducting lines and by monitoring a voltage generated in any of the N conducting lines as a result of making said physical contact.

30. The electronic device of claim 28, wherein said location on the surface of said general purpose input board

in a direction perpendicular to said N conducting lines is determined by applying a different bias voltage to each of said N further conducting lines and monitoring a voltage generated in any of the K further conducting lines as a result of making said physical contact.

31. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said actuator is made of a conductive material and an electrically insulating membrane or a keymat is laid over said surface of said general purpose input board, and said actuator, when in the physical contact with said general purpose input board, provides a capacitive connection between one or more conductive lines out of said N conductive lines with one or more further conductive lines out of said K further conductive lines.

32. The electronic device of claim 18, wherein said actuation is provided using a resistive method, a capacitive method, a digital switch method, an optical detection method or an inductive method.

33. A general purpose input board for providing an actuator identity signal, comprising:

N conducting lines on the surface of said general purpose input board, said N conducting lines being parallel to each other and electrically isolated from each other; and

K further conducting lines beneath the surface of said general purpose input board, said K further conducting lines being parallel to each other and electrically isolated from each other and from said N conducting lines, said K further conducting lines being perpendicular to said N conducting lines, and each of said K further conducting lines has N-1 contacts extending to the surface of said general purpose input board having one such contact of said N-1 contacts between any two of said N parallel conducting lines, wherein N and K are integers of at least a value of two, wherein said actuator identity signal is indicative of a location of an actuator on a surface of said general purpose input board and optionally indicative of a force imposed by said actuator on said general purpose input board.

34. The general purpose input board of claim 33, wherein said N conducting lines are equally spaced, said K conducting lines are equally spaced and said N-1 contacts are also equally spaced, wherein each of said N-1 contacts has an equal distance to said any two adjacent parallel conducting lines out of said N conducting lines.

35. The general purpose input board of claim 33, wherein said actuator is made of a conductive material and said actuator, when in the physical contact with said general purpose input board, provides an electrical short between one or more conductive lines out of said N conductive lines to one or more further conductive lines out of said K further conductive lines.

36. The general purpose input board of claim 35, wherein said location on the surface of said general purpose input board in a direction parallel to said N conducting lines is determined by applying a different bias voltage to each of said K further conducting lines and by monitoring a voltage generated in any of the N conducting lines as a result of making said physical contact.

37. The general purpose input board of claim 35, wherein said location on the surface of said general purpose input board in a further direction perpendicular to said N conducting lines is determined by applying a different bias