

5. The portable electronic display device of claim 3, wherein at least one of said at least one horizontal controls is a touch sensor and not a mechanical control and at least one of said at least one vertical controls is a touch sensor and not a mechanical control.

6. The portable electronic display device of claim 2, further comprising:

at least one control operable to horizontally move content displayed by the active surface of said display; and

at least one control operable to vertically move content displayed by the active surface of said display, said at least one vertical control operating substantially independent of said at least one horizontal control.

7. The portable electronic display device of claim 6, wherein at least one of said at least one vertical control is disposed at a right or left edge of said enclosure, and at least one of said at least one horizontal control is disposed at a bottom edge of said enclosure.

8. The portable electronic display device of claim 6, wherein at least one of said at least one horizontal or vertical controls is a touch sensor and not a mechanical control.

9. The portable electronic display device of claim 1, wherein the effective pixel count in the first dimension is inclusively between 520 and 720 effective pixels, and the effective pixel count in the second dimension is inclusively between 360 and 440 effective pixels, and the effective pixel density is inclusively between 130 and 162 effective ppi, and the enclosure is effectively sized to be at most 5.0 inches in the first dimension and at most 3.5 inches in the second dimension, the enclosure being further sized, substantially in the plane of the active surface, such that there is no more than 0.45 inches between an outer edge of the enclosure and an outer edge of the active surface.

10. The portable electronic display device of claim 1, wherein the effective pixel count in the first dimension is inclusively between 600 and 640 effective pixels, and the effective pixel count in the second dimension is inclusively between 360 and 440 effective pixels, and the effective pixel density is inclusively between 140 and 148 effective ppi, and the enclosure is effectively sized to be at most 4.75 inches in the first dimension and at most 3.25 inches in the second dimension and at most 1.5 inches in a third dimension, the enclosure being further sized, substantially in the plane of the active surface, such that there is no more than 0.33 inches between an outer edge of the enclosure and an outer edge of the active surface.

11. A portable electronic device for displaying information, the device comprising:

an enclosure, which is effectively sized to be inclusively within a plus or minus 15% range of 4.6 inches in the first dimension and inclusively within a plus or minus 15% range of 3.1 inches in the second dimension; and

a display joined to said enclosure such that an active surface of said display is visible, said display having an effective pixel count in a first dimension inclusively within a plus or minus 15% range of 600 effective pixels, and an effective pixel count in a second dimension inclusively within a plus or minus 15% range of 400 effective pixels, and an effective pixel density inclusively within a plus or minus 15% range of 144 effective ppi.

12. A portable electronic display device for displaying information, the display device comprising:

a. an enclosure;

b. a display comprised in the enclosure such that an active surface of the display is visible, the active surface being capable of displaying information content;

c. at least one touch sensitive area disposed along an edge of the enclosure, said touch sensitive area being responsive to external touch; and

d. a portable electronic display device controller unit that is in communication with said touch sensitive area, said device controller unit being configured to receive at least one pattern of touch and respond by either controlling a first function of the portable electronic display device or by changing the content displayed in said display.

13. The portable electronic display device of claim 12, wherein said at least one touch sensitive area comprises at least two substantially independent elongated touch sensitive areas positioned along at least two edges of said enclosure, said elongated touch sensitive areas being responsive to the external touch of a human finger on a surface thereof.

14. The portable electronic display device of claim 13, wherein the pattern of touch is sliding touch along at least a portion of a first and second of said independent touch sensitive surface areas, whereby said sliding touch on said first independent touch sensitive surface area correspondingly moves the content displayed in said display horizontally, and said sliding touch on said second independent touch sensitive surface area correspondingly moves the content displayed in said display vertically.

15. The portable electronic display device of claim 13, wherein the pattern of touch is the human finger tapping a portion of at least one of said touch sensitive surface areas, whereby said portable electronic display device controller unit responds by controlling said first function of the portable electronic display device.

16. The portable electronic display device of claim 12, wherein said display is a touch screen display, whereby said portable electronic display device controller unit responds to the touching of an exposed portion of said touch screen display by controlling a second function of the portable electronic display device, said second function being different than said first function.

17. The portable electronic display device of claim 16, wherein said first function is a scrolling function and said second function is a selection function.

18. The portable electronic display device of claim 12, wherein no mechanical control components are included.

19. The portable electronic display device of claim 12, further comprising a single mechanical control component.

20. The portable electronic display device of claim 13, wherein said touch sensitive areas comprise a first and second touch sensors disposed at a bottom edge of said enclosure, and a third touch sensor disposed at a left edge of said enclosure, and a fourth touch sensor disposed at a right edge of said enclosure.

21. The portable electronic display device of claim 20, wherein said touch sensitive areas further comprise a fifth and sixth touch sensors disposed at a top edge of said enclosure.