

[0018] FIG. 3 is a schematic cross section drawing of yet another touch panel consistent with the principles of the present invention.

[0019] FIG. 4 is a schematic cross section drawing of a typical conventional touch panel.

[0020] In the figures, elements that are repeatedly illustrated are consistently identified by a single reference numeral.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0021] The following table provides a key to the reference numerals and elements depicted in the drawings:

10	Touch panel
12	Film substrate
14	Touch panel film
16	Anchor layer
18a	Transparent electrode film
18b	Transparent electrode film
20	Touch panel substrate
22	Housing part
24	Display
26	Coating layer

[0022] Embodiments of the present invention are described below with reference to the drawings. FIG. 1 shows a first embodiment of the present invention wherein a touch panel 10 is provided with a touch panel film 14 comprising a film substrate 12 made of PET or the like and having a thickness of approximately 180 to 200 μm , for example. A transparent electrode 18a made of ITO film or the like is formed in a predetermined pattern on the rear surface of the touch panel film 14 with an anchor layer 16 disposed therebetween. The touch panel film 14 is affixed to the film substrate 12, which faces a touch panel substrate 20 on which a transparent electrode 18a and an opposing transparent electrode 18b are formed with a small gap therebetween. Then, the touch panel substrate 20 is affixed to the display surface of a liquid crystal or other display 22 formed from glass or transparent resin.

[0023] The film substrate 12 of the touch panel film 14 may be formed, for example, of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), or a transparent polymer such as a polyester polymer, a polycarbonate polymer, diacetyl cellulose, an acrylic polymer and so on. Moreover, a styrene polymer such as polystyrene, polyethylene, an olefin polymer such as polypropylene, a polyvinyl chloride polymer, or an amid polymer typified by nylon or aromatic polyimide and the like having excellent transparency may also be used. Additionally, an imide polymer, a sulfone polymer, a vinyl alcohol polymer, a vinylidene chloride polymer, an arylate polymer, and the like having excellent appropriate transparency may be used according to the application.

[0024] The transparent electrode 18 is formed by vacuum-based thin film formation technology such as sputtering, and the anchor layer 16 is coated with a material and formation method similar to that of a curing resin 25 of a coating layer 24, as further described herein below.

[0025] On the rear surface of the film substrate 12 of the touch panel film 14 is formed a coating layer 24, and in the coating layer 24 is dispersed a filler 26 of particles that are distributed and aligned substantially uniformly in a layer within the curing resin 25. The filler 26 has an average particle size of 0.1 μm to 0.01 μm , and the arithmetic particle roughness Ra of the coating layer is 0.1 μm to 0.01 μm . Addition-

ally, the Ra of the coating layer 24 is 1/2000th to 1/4000th of the pixel pitch of the display 22 to which the touch panel is attached.

[0026] As examples of the curing resin 25 of the coating layer 24, a UV curing resin is preferable, and monofunctional acrylate or multifunctional acrylate is used.

[0027] For the filler 26 in the curing resin 25 of the coating layer 24, a substance comprising a metallic oxide or a metallic fluoride such as Al_2O_3 , Bi_2O_3 , CeO_2 , In_2O_3 , $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3\cdot\text{SnO}_2$, MgF_2 , Sb_2O_5 , $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_5\cdot\text{SnO}_2$, SiO_2 , SnO_2 , TiO_2 , Y_2O_3 , ZnO , or ZrO_2 may be used. Moreover, two or more substances comprising a metallic oxide or a metallic fluoride may be combined to produce the filler 26.

[0028] The coating layer 24 may be formed using, for example, a roll coater, doctor knife, bar coater, gravure roll coater, curtain coater, spin coater or the like. Conventional spray or dipping methods or the like may also be used.

[0029] Antiglare processing is performed on the touch panel 10 of this embodiment to form a roughness finer than the corresponding pixel pitch of the display 22, so that even when using an ultra-high resolution display 22 having a pixel pitch of 0.2 mm or smaller, glare from extraneous light and reflections is suppressed, display glare and color separation do not occur, and the visibility is good.

[0030] Next, a second embodiment of the touch panel of the present invention is explained with reference to FIG. 2. Configurations that are the same as in the above-described first embodiment are assigned the same reference numerals, and their descriptions are omitted herein.

[0031] A touch panel 30 is provided with a touch panel film 34 comprising a film substrate 32 made of PET or the like, and having a thickness of approximately 180 to 200 μm , for example. An anchor layer 36 is provided on the touch panel substrate side surface of the film substrate 32, and a transparent electrode 38a is formed in a predetermined pattern on the front surface of the anchor layer 36. A filler 37 of particles are distributed and aligned substantially uniformly in a layer of curing resin 39 of the anchor layer 36. The filler has an average particle size of 0.1 μm to 0.01 μm , and an Ra of the anchor layer 36 is 0.1 μm to 0.01 μm . Additionally, the Ra of the anchor layer 36 is 1/2000th to 1/4000th of the pixel pitch of the display to which the touch panel is attached. The curing resin 39 of the anchor layer 36 may comprise the same material as the curing resin 25 of the coating layer 24.

[0032] A third embodiment of the touch panel of the present invention is explained with reference to FIG. 3. Configurations that are the same as in the above-described embodiments are assigned the same reference numerals, and their descriptions are omitted herein. A touch panel 40 is provided with a touch panel film 44 comprising a film substrate 42 made of PET or the like, and having a thickness of approximately 180 to 200 μm , for example. A surface having an Ra of 0.1 μm to 0.01 μm is formed on a side of the touch panel film 44 opposite that on which a transparent electrode 38a similar to that of the above-described second embodiment is formed. The surface of the touch panel film 44 is formed by heating and then pressing thereto a mold 43 of metal or the like having a surface on which is formed a pattern having an Ra of 0.1 μm to 0.01 μm . The surface of the mold 43 may be treated, for example, with a TEFLON treatment or other mold release process.

[0033] Similar to the second embodiment, an anchor layer 36 is also provided on the surface of the film substrate 42 on the touch panel side, and a transparent electrode 38a is