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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a touch sensor that includes a first layer movable toward a second layer in response to a touch input, the location of the touch input being determinable from signals detected due to the movement of the first layer. The first and second layers are bonded together through a plurality of spacers distributed over the touch sensitive area of the sensor. The present invention also provides methods for bonding spacers to the first and second layers to make a touch sensor.

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