

process that can reduce the number of process steps and save on space and yet produce a reliable battery and circuit for an enclosure.

[0218] The above-described method (see FIGS. 1-12) for placing a battery onto a substrate can be used in many different ways in devices to produce a more compact and reliable electronic package having a battery which is capable of being recharged a very large number of times. The batteries and electronics could be placed directly onto an enclosure portion therefore saving space. As a result, the design of the various electronic devices could be smaller than corresponding devices that are currently used.

[0219] FIG. 14A is an exploded perspective view of a portion of an enclosure that includes both a battery 1110, which is deposited directly onto the enclosure portion 1100. The enclosure portion 1100 includes an interior surface 1101 and an exterior surface 1102. In this particular embodiment, the battery 1110 is deposited onto the interior surface 1101 of the enclosure portion 1100. It should be noted that the enclosure portion 1100 resembles the first portion 1101 or the bottom portion, as shown in FIG. 13. The interior 1101 of the enclosure portion 1100 also includes a plurality of traces 1120 for electrically coupling the battery 1110 to various electronic components 1130, 1131, which are attached to sites 1140 and 1141. The sites 1140 and 1141 include the electrical contact pads for electrically connecting the electrical components 1130 and 1131 to the sites 1140 and 1141. The pads associated with the sites 1140, 1141 are also directly deposited onto the interior surface 1101 of the enclosure portion 1100. Advantageously, the battery 1110 can be deposited onto the interior portion 1101 of the enclosure portion 1100 as well as the traces 1120 and the pads associated with the sites 1140 and 1141. Advantageously, in order to complete an electronic circuit, the only process steps that need to be accomplished are to add the electronic components 1130 and 1131. In some instances it also may be possible to produce some of the electronic components during the manufacturing steps required to place the thin film battery 1110 onto the interior portion 1101 of the enclosure 1100. Optionally, a protective layer 1150 may be placed over the battery 1110 or other select portions deposited on the interior surface 1101 of the device enclosure 1100. The optional protective layer is shown in phantom and is referenced by reference numeral 1150.

[0220] FIG. 14B is an exploded perspective view of a portion 1100 of an enclosure for an electronic device according to another embodiment of this invention. The enclosure portion 1100 includes an interior and an exterior surface 1102. In this particular embodiment, the battery 1110 is deposited on the exterior surface 1102 of the enclosure portion 1100. The battery 1110 includes a post 1160 for the cathode and another post 1162 for the anode. The posts 1160 and 1162 terminate or attach to through holes 1161 and 1163. The through holes 1161 and 1163 provide electrical communication to various components located inside the enclosure portion 1100. In essence, the chief difference between the embodiment shown in FIG. 14A and the embodiment shown in this FIG. 14B is that the battery portion 1110 is deposited on the exterior surface 1102 of the enclosure portion 1100. A protective coating 1150 may be placed over the battery portion 1110 and, more specifically, over the battery portion 1110 and the electrical posts 1160 and 1162 and the through holes 1161 and 1163. The protective layer

1150 may be translucent or may be colored to match the exterior surface 1102 of the enclosure portion 1100.

[0221] FIG. 14C is an exploded perspective view of a portion of enclosure 1103 for an electronic device according to yet another embodiment of this invention. The enclosure portion 1103 includes a battery 1110 that is deposited on the interior surface of the enclosure portion 1103. The enclosure portion 1103 includes an interior portion 1101 and an exterior portion 1102. The enclosure portion 1103 corresponds to a top portion including a display that can be viewed by the consumer during use. The battery 1110 is deposited on the interior surface 1101 of the enclosure portion 1103. Also included are traces 1120 as well as electronic components 1130 and 1131. Completing the circuit is an LCD or liquid crystal display 1170. The LCD is positioned near or at an opening in the enclosure device 1103 so that the readable portion of the LCD 1170 can be viewed from the exterior surface 1102 of the enclosure portion 1103. Enclosure portion 1103 roughly corresponds to the second enclosure portion 1102 or on top of the electronic device shown in FIG. 13.

[0222] An addition to depositing a device or a battery device or energy device 1110 onto the surface of an enclosure, another embodiment of this invention is to produce a sheet including multiple cells or batteries 1110. The batteries 1110 are formed on a sheet of flexible or plastic material 1300. It should be noted that the size of the cells 1110 and the placement of the cells or individual batteries 1110 can be varied for producing various different sizes and styles of formed batteries.

[0223] FIGS. 15A through 15E disclose a method whereby the battery is formed into a conformed or conformable sheet having roughly the same shape as either the interior or exterior surface of an electronic device. The conformed sheet can then be placed or adhered directly to the interior surface or exterior surface of an electronic device. The sheet is produced with a number or plurality of cells 1110, as will be discussed later in this application. Once the sheet is formed as described later in this application, the sheet 1300 is diced into individual cells or individual battery portions 1310. In other words, a battery 1110 will be formed on a dice sheet 1310 from the main sheet 1300. The individually diced battery portion 1310 can then be formed into a variety of shapes, as shown by FIGS. 15C, 15D and 15E. These shapes can be any desired shapes. In some embodiments or in most embodiments, the shape of the sheet will conform or will be able to be placed on the interior or exterior surface of an electronic device. FIG. 15C, for example, shows a roughly square battery that has folded up sides or vacuum formed sides 1320. This particular device could be placed on the interior surface of an electronic device such as a garage door opener or any other like device.

[0224] FIG. 15D shows a more rectangular portion or diced sheet which resulted from a more rectangular battery laid down upon a sheet and diced into an individual battery portion 1310. This more rectangular formation may be glued or adhered to the inner surface of an electronic enclosure for a personal data assistant. In the alternative, the form shown in FIG. 15D may also be suitable for placement on the exterior surface of an electronic device, such as a portable data assistant.

[0225] FIG. 15E shows a more formed device that might be found on a cell phone or similar device. FIG. 15E may