

continuous sheet of ITO (500 ohm). Together, glass subassembly 442 through PET film subassembly 406, and any intervening layers, can form the touchscreen.

[0051] FPC 404 can be bonded using ACF (0.003 after bonding) to the back side of glass subassembly 442. Conductive tape 412 can also be bonded using ACF to PET subassembly 406 to ground the continuous sheet of ITO. Substantially transparent PSA 414 of 0.125 thickness can be used to bond PET film subassembly 406 to LCD module 410, which can include a 0.2 polarizer layer 415 and liquid crystals 417. The complete assembly can then be mounted into window 416 in housing 418. Note that when the complete assembly is mounted in housing 418, glass subassembly 442 can be either even with or slightly recessed (0.3 Z step) from the top of the window.

[0052] Chip on glass 446 can be connected to metal border traces, rows and column traces on glass subassembly 442. Chip on glass 446 can be supported in a hole or cutout on PET film subassembly 406, and can contain one or more components of a sensor panel subsystem, including one or more processors, drivers, analog channels, and the like. The polarizer may also have a hole or cutout to allow the presence of the chip on glass. Chip on glass 446 can enable only a very small flex connector to be attached to the touchscreen to communicate with the system processor, because now most of the circuitry can be contained on the touchscreen.

[0053] FIG. 4b is similar to FIG. 4a, except that PET film subassembly 406 is not fully laminated to LCD module 410. Instead, air gap 420 can be formed between them, and a ring of Poron 422 can be formed around the perimeter of the touchscreen. AR coating can also be used to minimize losses.

[0054] FIG. 4c is similar to FIG. 4b in that it includes air gap 420, but it is mounted into clear PC housing 424 having overhanging bezel. A sealing ring of Poron 422 can be formed between the bezel and glass subassembly 442.

[0055] FIG. 4d is a hybrid of FIGS. 4a and 4c, wherein an overhanging bezel can allow the blackmask on glass subassembly 442 to be eliminated, and full lamination can be used (see full layer of PSA 414).

[0056] FIGS. 5a and 5b illustrate various exemplary touchscreen sensor panel stackups with columns that can be formed on the back side of a cover glass and rows that can be formed on the bottom side of a separate PET film according to one embodiment of this invention.

[0057] FIG. 5a shows window 516 that can be formed in 0.8 to 1.0 PC housing 518. Within window 516 can be a stack-up in which the column traces can be formed on the back side of a cover glass and row traces can be formed on the bottom side of a separate PET film. Substantially transparent glass subassembly 534 can have a stackup of layers that can include, in order from top to bottom, substantially transparent AG coating 513 (shown as a dashed line at the top of the subassembly), substantially transparent 0.7 borosilicate or aluminum silicate glass, black mask (in limited areas), and substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (15 ohm max, with 0.3 lines and 0.030 spaces) formed as columns. Note that the patterned ITO layer is symbolically illustrated in FIG. 5a as a dashed line representing patterning 550. Substantially transparent PET subassembly 536 can be bonded to glass subassembly 534 using substantially transparent PSA 508. One purpose of PET subassembly 536 can be to support a 0.188 layer of substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (150 ohm max, with 5.0 lines and 0.050 spaces) formed as rows, and also to provide a

low capacitive layer between the rows and columns. The two layers of patterned substantially transparent conductive material can be of the same or different composition. Chip on glass 546 can be connected to column traces on glass subassembly 534, and to row traces on PET film subassembly 536. Chip on glass 546 can be supported in a hole on PET film subassembly 536, and can contain one or more components of a sensor panel subsystem, including one or more processors, drivers, analog channels, and the like. Together, glass subassembly 534 through PET film subassembly 536, chip on glass 546 and any intervening layers, can form the touchscreen.

[0058] FPC 504 can be bonded using 0.125 thick (max) ACF to the back side of glass subassembly 534. FPC can also be bonded using ACF to the rows formed on the bottom of PET subassembly 536. Substantially transparent PSA 514 of 0.125 thickness can be used to bond PET film subassembly 536 to LCD module 510, which can include a 0.2 polarizer layer 515 and liquid crystals 517. The complete assembly can then be mounted into window 516 in housing 518. Note that when the complete assembly is mounted in housing 518, glass subassembly 534 can be either even with or slightly recessed (0.3 Z step) from the top of the window.

[0059] FIG. 5b is similar to FIG. 5a, except that PET film subassembly 536 is not fully laminated to LCD module 510. Instead, air gap 520 can be formed between them, and a ring of Poron 522 can be formed around the perimeter of the touchscreen.

[0060] FIGS. 6a and 6b illustrate various exemplary touchscreen sensor panel stackups with columns that can be formed on the back side of a cover glass and rows that can be formed on the bottom side of a separate PET film according to one embodiment of this invention.

[0061] FIG. 6a shows PC housing 624 having an overhanging bezel. A sealing ring of Poron 622 can be formed between the bezel and substantially transparent glass subassembly 652. Glass subassembly 652 can be part of a stack-up in which the column traces can be formed on the back side of the glass subassembly and row traces can be formed on the bottom side of a separate PET film. Glass subassembly 652 has a stackup of layers that can include, in order from top to bottom, substantially transparent AG coating 613 (shown as a dashed line at the top of the subassembly), substantially transparent 0.7 borosilicate or aluminum silicate glass, black mask (in limited areas), substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (15 ohm max, with 0.3 lines and 0.030 spaces) formed as columns, and patterned metal (0.025 ohm max, with 0.030 lines and 0.030 spaces). Note that the patterned ITO and metal layer is symbolically illustrated in FIG. 6a as a dashed line representing patterning 654. Substantially transparent PET subassembly 636 can be bonded to glass subassembly 652 using substantially transparent PSA 608. One purpose of PET subassembly 636 can be to support a 0.188 layer of substantially transparent conductive material such as patterned ITO (150 ohm max, with 5.0 lines and 0.050 spaces) formed as rows, and also to provide a low capacitive layer between the rows and columns. The two layers of patterned substantially transparent conductive material can be of the same or different composition. Chip on glass 646 can be connected to column traces on glass subassembly 652, and to row traces on PET film subassembly 636. Chip on glass 646 can be supported in a hole on PET film subassembly 636, and can contain one or more components of a sensor panel subsystem, including one or more processors, drivers, analog channels, and the like. Together, glass subassembly 652