sheets of 8½"×11" paper, separated by dividers **18** and **20**. Video display device **12** includes a flat panel display **22** disposed within a housing **24**. Housing **24** further includes a speaker **26** for audibly reproducing any sounds which may accompany the video sequence to be stored and played back using device **12**.

[**0030**] With continued reference to **FIG. 1**, it will be seen that housing **24** is actually configured as two, discrete, detachable sections, indicated generally at **24***a* and **24***b*. As will be described in greater detail shortly, section **24***a* houses the operative components of the display device **12** including, inter alia, flat panel display **22** and speaker **26**, while section **24***b* defines a series of apertures intended to accommodate the integration of video display device **12** within a bound hybrid document such as hybrid document **10**. It is contemplated by the inventor herein that a wide variety of binding situations may be encountered by the user of the video display system in accordance with this embodiment of the invention. As such section **24***b* may define one or more aperture patterns corresponding to any number of specific binding techniques. In addition to the embodiment of **FIG. 1**, in which two- and three-hole punch accommodations are provided by apertures **28** along the major axis of video display device **12**, many other configurations are possible. A few non-limiting examples of these are shown in FIGS. **2**A-**2**C, in which like numerals refer to like elements.

[**0031**] In **FIG. 2**A, for example, there are shown accommodations for velo binding via apertures **32**, **34** along both the major and minor axis of housing **24**, respectively. Similarly, in **FIG. 2B** there are shown accommodations for spiral binding along the major axis of housing **24** via apertures **36** and for two hole-punch binding via apertures **38** along the minor axis of housing **24**. As seen in **FIG. 2**C, techniques of binding involving the use of an adhesive **40** such, for example, as glue, heat tape, or fast back, may also be employed.

[**0032**] Returning briefly to **FIG. 1**, it will be seen that to accommodate the detachable relationship of housing sections **24***a* and **24***b*, an interlocking tongue and groove arrangement may be used. FIGS. **2**A-**2**C show various groove configurations, with **FIGS. 2A and 2C** employing a dovetail groove **42** along interior surface **44** of housing section **24***b* and **FIG. 2B** employing a circular groove **46**. A rectangular groove **48** is provided in interior surface **50** along the minor axis of housing section **24***b*. Of course, it will be readily appreciated by those skilled in the art that resort may be had to a wide variety of conventional joining techniques suitable for securing detachable sections as **24***a* and **24***b*. It should be borne in mind, however, that a two-piece housing configuration such as the type depicted in FIGS. **1**-**2**C is suggested merely in the interest of economic convenience, and it should not be regarded as a prerequisite for practicing the applicant's invention.

[**0033**] Although a three color active matrix type screen is preferred, it is also contemplated that less costly screen types, as for example, a mono-color liquid crystal display screen, may be also be employed. As best seen in **FIG. 1**, video display housing **24** is thin and flat—in the range of five to fourteen inches wide and preferably eight inches wide, and in the range of five to eighteen inches long and preferably eleven inches long, with a thickness in the range of 0.1 to 1.0 inches being preferred and a thickness of between 0.25 and 0.5 inches being especially preferred. The ratio of width and length to thickness is at least 5:1 and preferably in the range of 17:1 to 34:1. The video display document does not have an image taking lens, such as a zoom lens, or an image to data or signal transducer, such as a charge coupled device (CCD).

[**0034**] Turning now to **FIG. 3**, there is shown in block diagram form an illustrative configuration of the electronic processing system employed by video display device **12** in accordance with the present invention. As seen in **FIG. 3**, the electronic processing system **70** of video display device **12** of **FIG. 1** comprises a single touch-sensitive display screen **22** mounted within housing section **24***a* (**FIG. 1**), display controller **52**, touch screen controller **54**, a microprocessor and memory module **56**, a communication interface such as RS-**232** port **58**, an updateable memory storage unit **60** for storing input video sequence data, and an internal power unit **62** with battery, all configured into a handheld, portable unit.

[**0035**] Updateable video memory storage unit **60** serves to store video sequence data which, in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention, is received and stored as an avi or MPEG-2 encoded data file, with microprocessor system **56** being configured with appropriate software to function as an MPEG-2 or avi file decoder. Illustratively, the updateable ROM **60** memory storage device may comprise 500 to 1,000 megabytes or more of memory such as provided by PCMCIA memory storage cards, solid state EEPROMs, flash memory devices, bubble memory, a compact, large-capacity, miniature hard disk drive, or the like, depending upon the actual amount of information to be stored on the device By way of illustrative example, with a ROM memory storage device of approximately 300 megabytes, the video display device **12** of the present invention will have sufficient storage to store up to twenty minutes of compressed video data (and accompanying audio) in its entirety. In an especially preferred form of the invention, however, the updateable video or ROM memory storage **60** is permanently mounted within housing **24**.

[**0036**] The electronic processing system of the illustrative embodiment of **FIG. 3** controls and monitors the operations of the video display device **12** in accordance with user requests and under software control, the system comprising touch screen controller **54**, display controller **52**, microcomputer system **56** with random access memory (RAM), and security circuit **64**. Microcomputer system **56** comprises the CPU which is controlled by the proprietary operating system embedded in a solid-state device, the BIOS ROM, and random access memory (RA) that provides the primary memory space to write, store and retrieve information and program instructions used by the CPU. The microcomputer system **56** comprises a general-purpose microprocessor with supporting circuitry such as a logic board with an Intel 486DX2/66MHz processor or better, or with a Pentium processor, a PowerPC processor with supporting circuitry such as a 100 MHz 603e processor; a RISC (reduced instruction set configuration) chip with supporting circuitry; or the like.

[**0037**] The video display device is powered from the power unit **62** that comprises one or more rechargeable batteries and power and charging circuits. These power and