

- m. providing a plurality of sensors spaced apart and affixed generally below the dielectric layer, the combination of the deformable touch layer, sensors and compliant layer forming a three dimensional assembly having x and y axes correlating with the length and width, and a z axis generally perpendicular to the x and y axes;
- n. sensing the presence of an object generally in the x and y axes by evaluating one or more sensors to determine which one or more sensors are closest to the object; and
- o. sensing the presence of an object in the z axis by evaluating one or more sensors to determine the relative position of a sensor with respect to the closest portion of the sense object layer.
- 19.** The method of claim 18 wherein the sensors are capacitive in nature and the sense object layer is electrically conductive.
- 20.** The method of claim 18 wherein the top surface is not planar.

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