

between the front and rear surfaces, and wherein the visual indicator is present on the rear surface and an opposed pair of the side and rear surfaces.

40. A cellular telephone according to claim 32 wherein the visual indicator is provided on an external case or other peripheral attachment of the cellular telephone.

41. A cellular telephone according to claim 32 further comprising an audible indicator means for indicating when a call is received by the telephone, and selector means whereby a user may select operation of either the visual indicator means or the audible indicator means when a call is received by the telephone.

42. A cellular telephone according to claim 32 wherein the electro-optic medium comprises an electrophoretic medium.

43. A cellular telephone according to claim 42 wherein the electrophoretic medium is an encapsulated electrophoretic medium.

44. A cellular telephone according to claim 32 wherein the electro-optic medium comprises a rotating bichromal member medium.

45. A cellular telephone according to claim 32 wherein the electro-optic medium comprises an electrochromic medium.

46. A cellular telephone according to claim 45 wherein the electrochromic medium is a nanochromic film comprising

an electrode formed at least in part from a semi-conducting metal oxide and a plurality of dye molecules capable of reversible color change attached to the electrode.

47. An external display for use with a portable electronic device having a data output port, the external display comprising data transmission means for transmitting data from the portable electronic device to the external display, the data transmission means having at least one connector arranged to engage the data output port of the portable electronic device, the external display further comprising an electro-optic medium arranged to display data received by the external display via the data transmission means.

48. An external display according to claim 47 wherein the data transmission means comprises a flexible cable.

49. An external display according to claim 47 provided with at least one manually-operable data input means.

50. An external display according to claim 49 wherein the data input means comprises at least one push button.

51. An external display according to claim 49 wherein the data input means comprises a pointing device.

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