

16. A data entry panel comprising

an upper layer of flexible sheet material;

a lower layer of flexible sheet material;

a plurality of electrical traces on the inner surface of at least one of said layers of flexible sheet material;

a pair of contact points on at least one of said layers of flexible sheet material, each said pair of contact points connected to respective said traces, whereby depression of said layers together at a selected pair of contact points will complete a circuit between said contact points; and

a frame for holding said upper and lower layers of sheet material taut and spaced apart from one another.

17. A data entry panel as in claim 16, said panel having both an extended, substantially planar configuration and a collapsed configuration, the surface area of said panel in said collapsed configuration being less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the surface area in said extended configuration.

18. A collapsible keyboard comprising

an upper layer of fabric having a plurality of indicia on its outer surface representing keys, and having a plurality of upper contacts, each said upper contact corresponding to a respective one of said indicia;

a lower layer of fabric having a plurality of contact points corresponding to the contacts of said upper layer;

a plurality of electrical circuits connected to either said upper or lower contacts, each circuit representing a respective one of said keys; and

a resilient, flexible frame between said upper and lower fabric layers at the peripheral margins of layers, said frame holding said upper and lower fabric layers taut and parallel to one another, and said frame being collapsible into a comparatively smaller disk.

19. A data entry panel comprising

an upper layer of flexible sheet material;

a lower layer of flexible sheet material;

a plurality of electrical circuits at least partly between said upper and lower layers of sheet material;

a plurality of switches between said upper and lower layers of sheet material whereby depression of one said layer to the other said layer at a select one of said switches will complete a corresponding one of said electrical circuits; and

said data entry panel having an extended, substantially planar configuration; and

said data entry panel having a collapsed configuration, the surface area of said panel in said collapsed configuration being less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the surface area in said extended configuration.

20. A data entry panel as in claim 19, further comprising a flexible frame around the periphery of said upper and lower panels.

21. A method of collapsing an electronic device, comprising:

providing a substantially planar electronic device comprised of flexible sheet material and a flexible frame;

applying inward force to the respective ends of said device;

twisting the respective ends in opposite directions while applying said inward force; and

collapsing said device to a size that has less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the planar surface area of said device.

22. A method of collapsing an electronic device as in claim 21, wherein said electronic device is a keyboard.

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