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#### EMBEDDED FINGERPRINT SCANNER

### Background of the Invention

[0001] This invention is directed to a fingerprint scanner embedded in a portion of an electronic device.

## 5 Brief Description of the Drawings

[0002] The above and other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent upon consideration of the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which

10 like reference characters refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

[0003] FIG. 1 is a schematic view of an electronic device with an embedded fingerprint scanner in accordance with one embodiment of the invention; and [0004] FIG. 2 is a schematic view of another

[0004] FIG. 2 is a schematic view of another electronic device with an embedded fingerprint scanner in accordance with one embodiment of the invention.

### Detailed Description

[0005] To prevent unauthorized access to an
20 electronic device, the electronic device may include
one or more authentication measures that must be



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satisfied prior to providing access to the electronic device. For example, the electronic device may require a user to enter a password to access the electronic device features. As another example, the electronic device may be coupled to a separate authentication system, which may enable the electronic device when correct authentication information is provided. Such an implementation may include, for example, an electronic device coupled to a separate fingerprint scanner, retina scanner, or other authentication system.

[0006] In some embodiments, an authentication system, such as a fingerprint scanner, retina scanner, 35 or other biometric authentication system, may be incorporated in the electronic device. Although the following discussion will describe the authentication system in the context of a fingerprint scanner, it will be understood that any suitable authentication system may be used. FIG. 1 is a schematic view of an 40 electronic device with an embedded fingerprint scanner in accordance with one embodiment of the invention. Electronic device 100 may be any suitable electronic device, including for example an iPod or iPhone from Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, California. 45 Electronic device 100 may include screen 102 operative to display content (e.g., media) to a user. In some embodiments, screen 102 may be operative to receive inputs from the user (e.g., a touch screen).

50 [0007] To limit access to electronic device functions, electronic device 100 may include fingerprint scanner 110 embedded in, below, or on the surface of screen 102. As the user moves a finger on screen 102 (e.g., slides a finger along screen 102 to



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