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(54) CONVERTIBLE COMPUTER WITH SELECTIVE ACTIVATION OF INPUT DEVICES AND POWER CONSUMPTION LEVEL BASED ON A TABLET OR NOTEBOOK MODE

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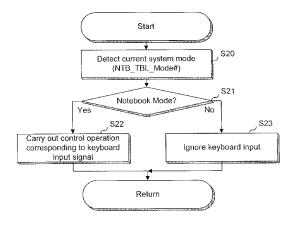
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(57) ABSTRACT

A convertible computer is equipped with a notebook computer function and a tablet computer function. When a system power supply is turned on, a functionality or physical configuration such as rotation state of a display module can be detected, and an environment can be controlled such as an operating system (OS) for a tablet computer or notebook computer is selectively booted. Input signals of input units can also be controlled in an activation or inactivation state according to a system mode. An operation of switch sensing an open/closed state of a liquid crystal display (LCD) can be controlled by a signal generated by the rotation operation of the display module. In a state in which at least one control value necessary for setting a system environment is stored in a memory, the system mode switching operation is monitored and the system environment is set according to the switched system mode.

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FIG. 1 (Prior Art)

Notebook Computer Mode

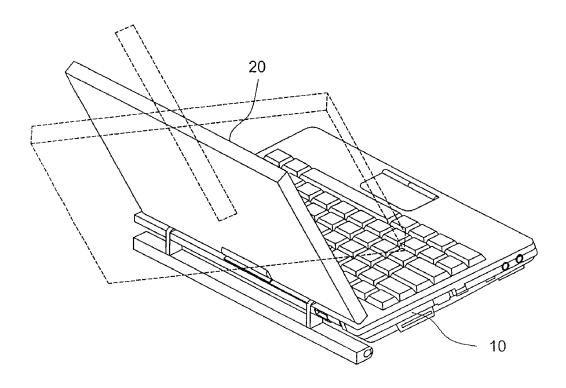
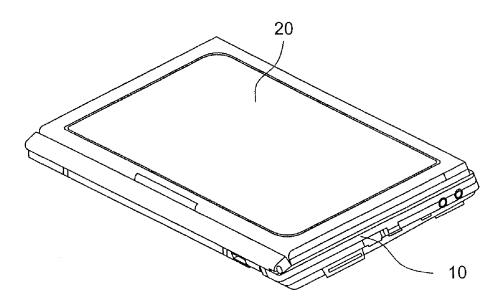
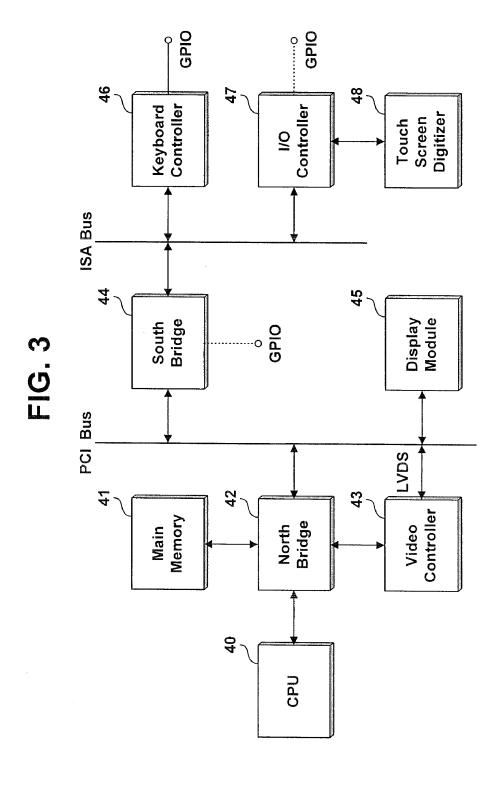


FIG. 2 (Prior Art)

Tablet Computer Mode



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