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(54) ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

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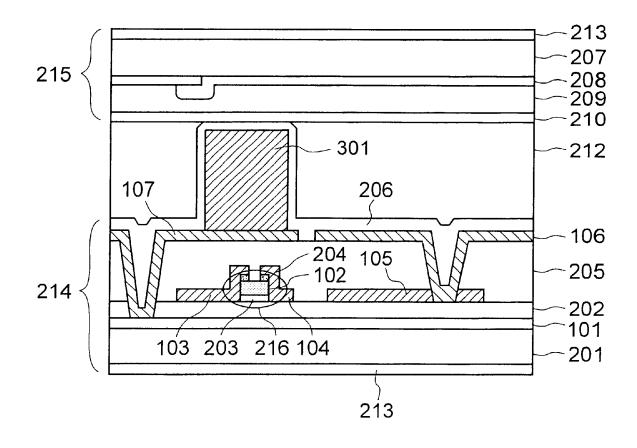
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(57) ABSTRACT

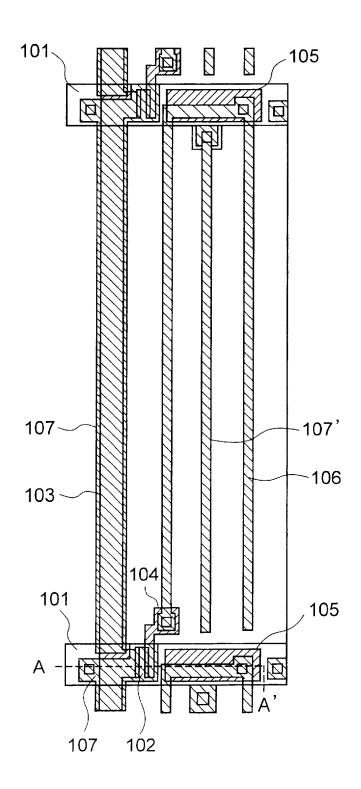
An active matrix liquid crystal display device is provided for realizing a high uniformity of display luminance with lower power consumption, a higher contrast, and a wider viewing angle. In a common wire eliminated (common-less) IPStype active matrix liquid crystal display device, an opposing electrode **107** is arranged above a signal wire **104** and a thin film transistor (TFT) through an insulating layer. The opposing electrode **107** and a scanning wire **101** shield the signal wire **104** or the TFT to prevent light from leaking from edge portions of the signal wire **104** as well as the TFT from malfunctioning due to a current generated by leaked light, thereby realizing the elimination of a black matrix (BM), a reduction in size of a black matrix, and planarized substrates, thus resulting in a higher aperture ratio and an improved uniformity of cell gap.

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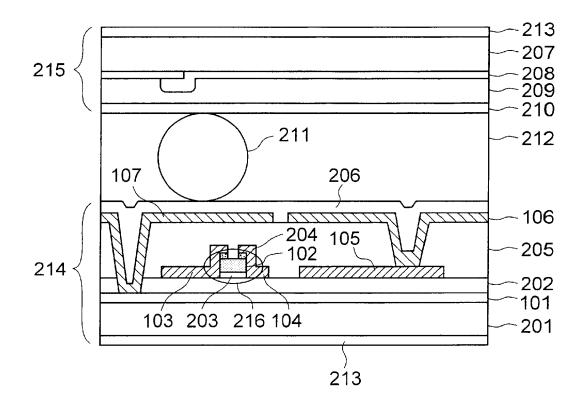


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FIG. I



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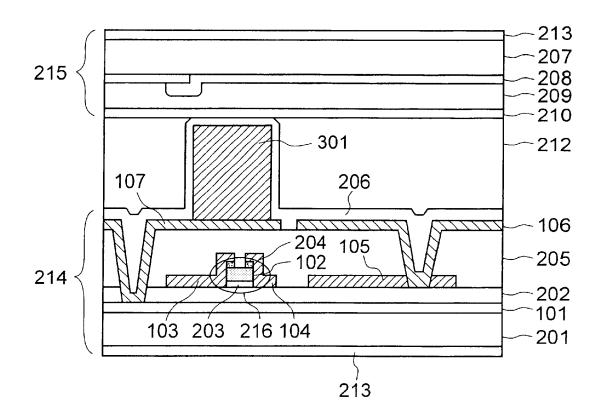
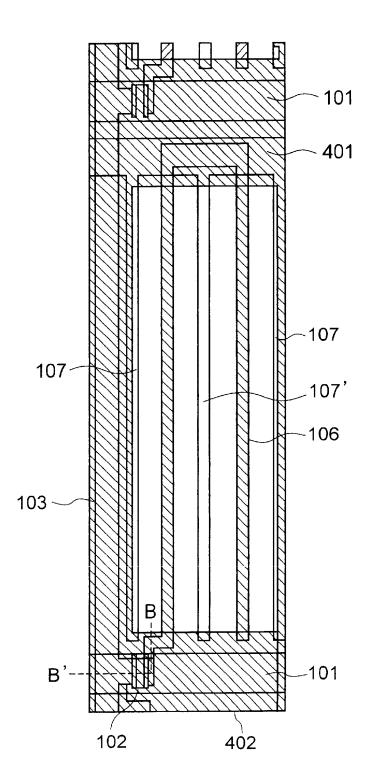


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