

[54] AUTOMATIC CALIBRATION OF A CAPACITIVE TOUCH SCREEN USED WITH A FIXED ELEMENT FLAT SCREEN DISPLAY PANEL

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[57] ABSTRACT

A touch screen display is automatically calibrated during periods of active use or extended periods of non-use. Calibration contacts are cemented or embedded to the surface of a touch sensitive panel, and electrically connected to a reference during calibration. The reference is either electrical ground or a resistive, capacitive, or inductive load.

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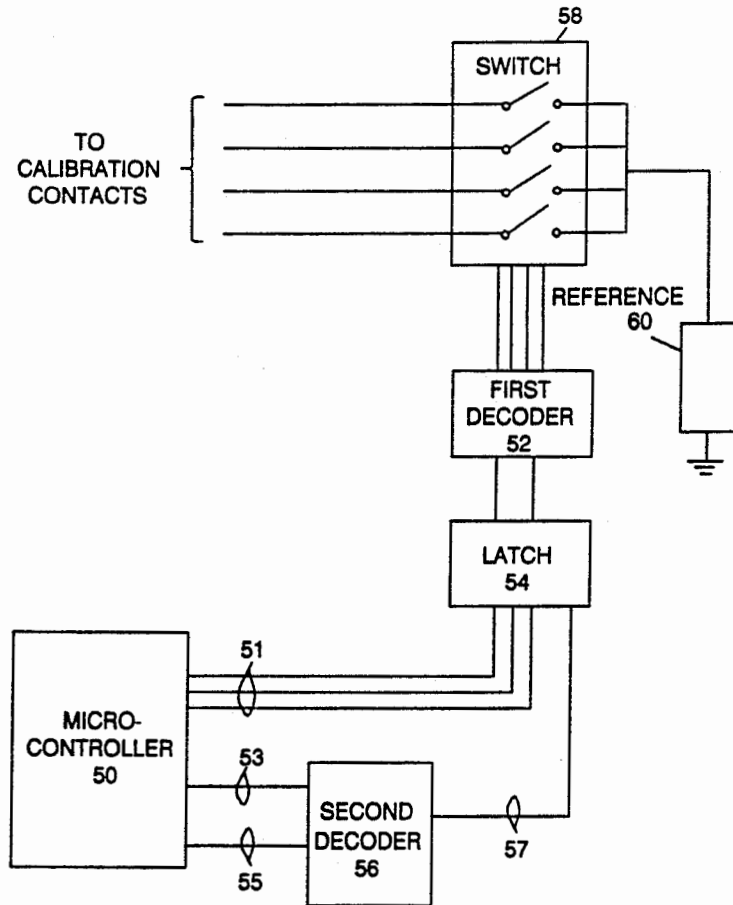


FIG. 1

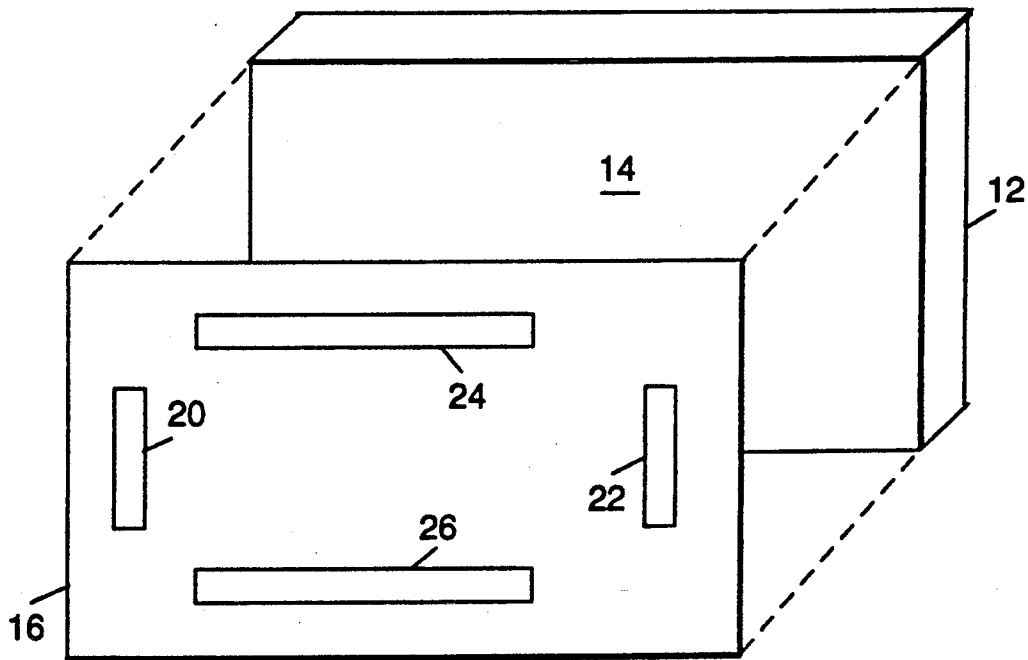


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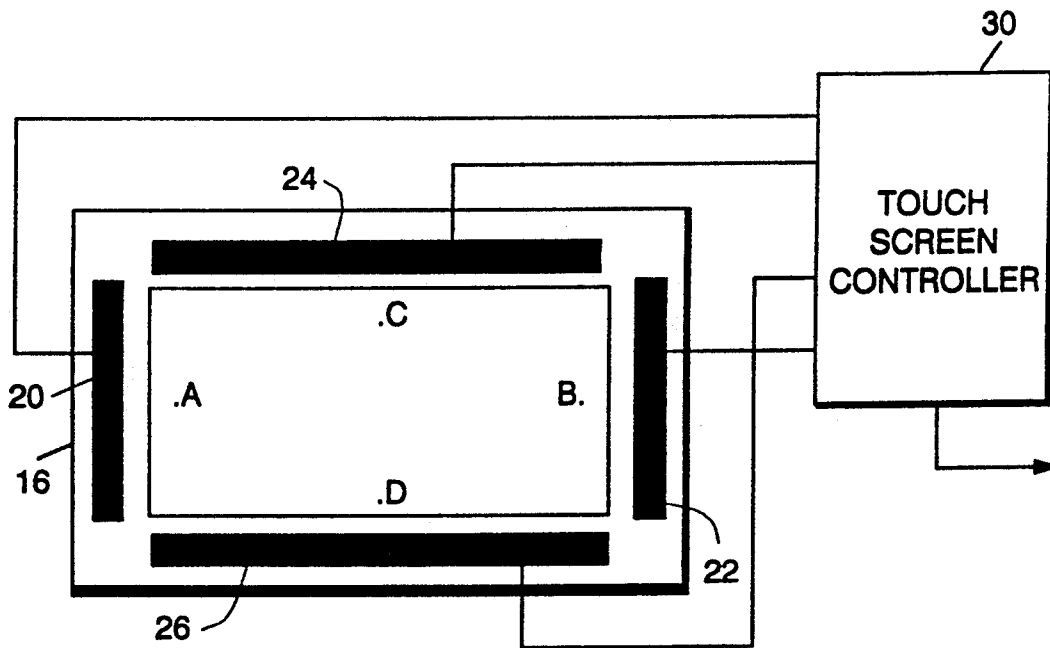


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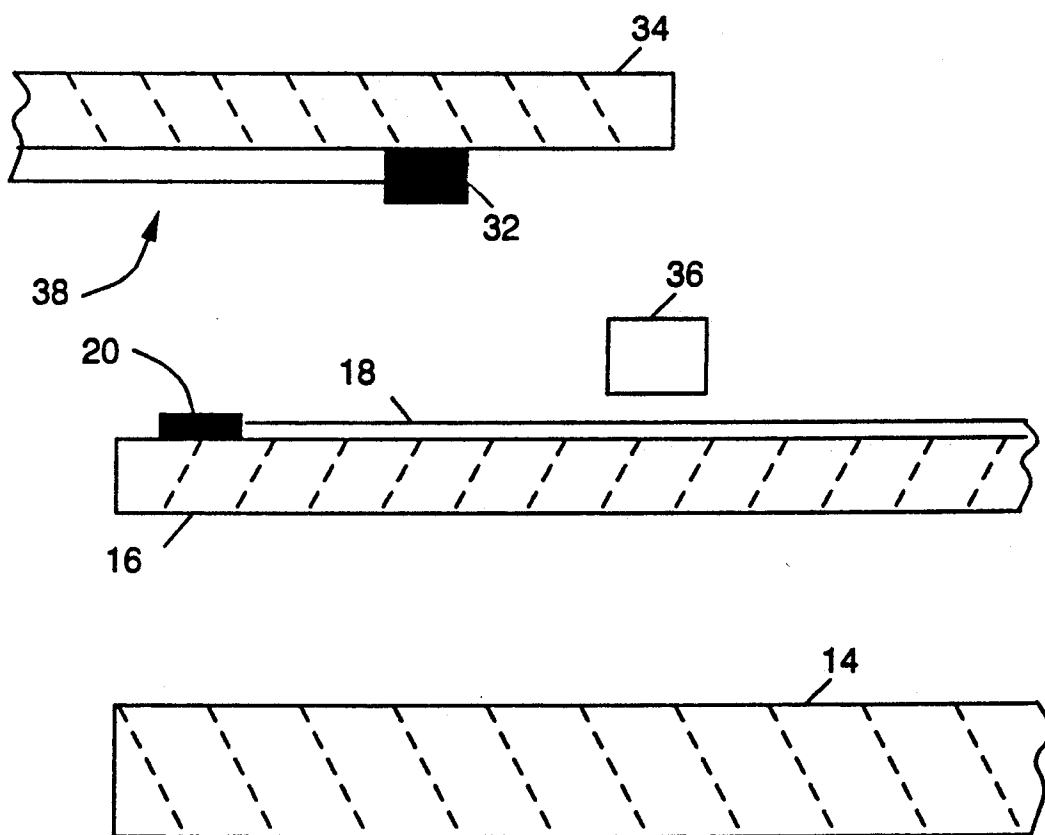
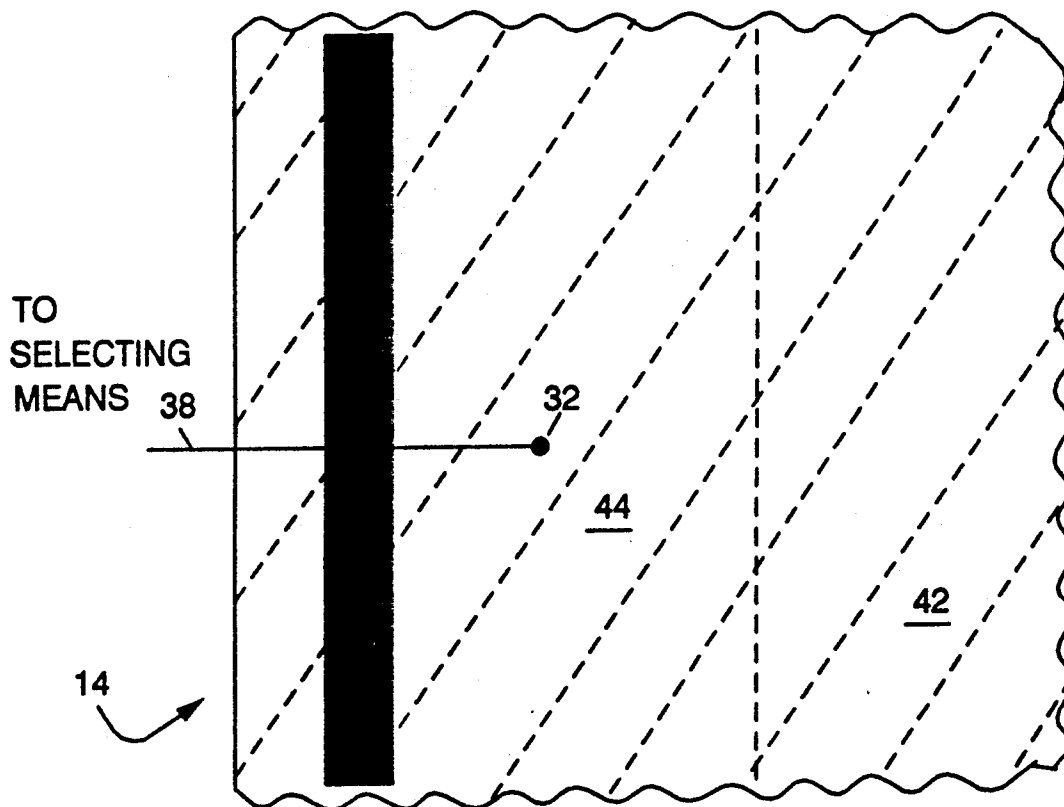


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