

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

IC DISPLAY SYSTEMS LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

ACER INC., and ACER AMERICA
CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. _____

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff IC Display Systems LLC (“ICDS” or “Plaintiff”), for its Complaint against Defendant Acer Inc. and Acer America Corporation, (“Acer U.S.A.”) (individually each a “Defendant” and collectively “Defendants” or “Acer”) alleges the following:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with a place of business at 717 North Union Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805.

3. Upon information and belief, Acer Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of South Korea, with a place of business at 7F-5, No.369 Fuxing North Road Minfu Li, Songshan District, Taipei, 105, Taiwan. Upon information and belief, Acer Inc. sells and offers to sell products and services throughout the United States, including in this judicial district, and introduces products and services that into the stream of commerce and that incorporate infringing

technology knowing that they would be sold in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States.

4. Upon information and belief, Acer U.S.A. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California, with a place of business at 333 West San Carlos Street, Suite 1500, San Jose, California 95110, and can be served through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, 818 W. 7th Street, Suite 930, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Upon information and belief, Acer U.S.A. sells and offers to sell products and services throughout the United States, including in this judicial district, and introduces products and services that into the stream of commerce and that incorporate infringing technology knowing that they would be sold in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

7. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c), (d) and/or 1400(b). On information and belief, each Defendant conducts business in this District, the claims alleged in this Complaint arise in this District, and the acts of infringement have taken place and are continuing to take place in this District.

8. On information and belief, each Defendant is subject to this Court's general and specific personal jurisdiction because each Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts within the State of Delaware, pursuant to due process and/or the Del. Code. Ann. Tit. 3, § 3104 because each Defendant purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Delaware, because each Defendant regularly conducts and solicits business within the State of

Delaware, and because Plaintiff's causes of action arise directly from each of Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of Delaware.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,892,561

9. The allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs 1 through 8 are incorporated into this First Claim for Relief.

10. On April 6, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 5,892,561 ("the '561 patent"), entitled "LC Panel with Reduced Defects Having Adhesive Smoothing Layer on an Exterior Surface of the Substrate(s)," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '561 patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

11. Plaintiff is the assignee and owner of the right, title and interest in and to the '561 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patents and the right to any remedies for infringement of them.

12. Upon information and belief, each Defendant has and continues to directly infringe at least claims 1-3 of the '561 patent by making, using, selling, importing and/or providing and causing to be used liquid crystal panels that fall within the scope of claims 1-3 of the '561 patent, including, but not limited to, the products with the following designations or trade names: Acer® GN276HL bid Gaming Monitor, Acer® G276HL GBMID 27-inch Monitor, Acer® 35" Predator Gaming Monitor - Z35 BMIPHZ, Acer® 24" Predator Gaming Monitor - XB241H, Acer® P244W 27" Gaming Monitor - XG270HU, Acer® P244W, Acer® P235H, Acer® P224W, Acer® P215H, Acer® P205H, Acer® P191W, Acer® H243H, Acer® H235H, Acer® H233H, Acer® H213H, Acer® X233H, Acer® X213H, Acer® X203H, Acer® X183H, Acer® B273HU, Acer® B243H, Acer® B243W, Acer® B233HU, Acer® B223W, Acer® B223W D (2-lamp), Acer® B193 (2-lamp), Acer® B193W, Acer® V233H, Acer® V223W, Acer® V223W B (2-lamp), Acer® V203H A (2-lamp), Acer® V203W, Acer® V193, Acer®

V193 (2-lamp), Acer® V193W, Acer® V173, Acer® V173 B (2-lamp), Acer® D240H, Acer® G245H Special Edition, Acer® G205H Special Edition, Aspire® One Cloudbook - AO1-431-C7F9, Aspire® E Laptop - E5-772-748V, Aspire® One 751h - 11.6", Aspire® One P531h - 10.1", Aspire® One 531h - 10.1", Aspire® One D250 - 10.1", Aspire® One D150 - 10.1", Aspire® One A150 - 8.9", TravelMate® 8571 Timeline, TravelMate® 8471 Timeline, TravelMate® 8371 Timeline, TravelMate® 6593, TravelMate® 6493, TravelMate® 6293, TravelMate® 5730, TravelMate® 5530, TravelMate® 4730, Aspire® 8940, Aspire® 8920, Aspire® 8735, Aspire® 8730, Aspire® 7738, Aspire® 7736, Aspire® 7540, Aspire® 7535, Aspire® 6935, Aspire® 6930, Aspire® 6920, Aspire® 5810 Timeline, Aspire® 5739, Aspire® 5738, Aspire® 5735, Aspire® 5732, Aspire® 5542, Aspire® 5538, Aspire® 5536, Aspire® 5535, Aspire® 5534, Aspire® 5532, Aspire® 5520, Aspire® 5517, Aspire® 5516, Aspire® 5515, Aspire® 5335, Aspire® 4810 Timeline, Aspire® 4736, Aspire® 4730, Aspire® 4535, Aspire® 3935, Aspire® 3810 Timeline, Aspire® 1810 Timeline, Aspire® 1410, Extensa® 5635, Extensa® 5430, Extensa® 5230, Gateway® HX2000, Gateway® FHD2102, Gateway® HD2201, Gateway® FHX2300, Gateway® FHD2302, Gateway® FHD2401, Gateway® FHD2402, Gateway® LT2021u, Gateway® LT2022u, Gateway® LT2106u, Gateway® LT2108u, Gateway® LT2110u, Gateway® LT2005u, Gateway® LT2023u, Gateway® LT2024u, Gateway® LT2113u, Gateway® LT2114u, Gateway® LT2115u, Gateway® LT2030u, Gateway® LT2032u, Gateway® LT2033u, Gateway® LT2036u, Gateway® LT2118u, Gateway® LT2119u, Gateway® LT2120u, Gateway® LT2041u, Gateway® LT2044u, Gateway® LT3117u, Gateway® LT3118u, Gateway® EC1409u, Gateway® EC1410u, Gateway® EC1433u, Gateway® EC1440u, Gateway® EC1435u, Gateway® EC1436u, Gateway® EC1430u, Gateway® EC1437u, Gateway® EC1456u, Gateway®

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Netbook PC, eMachines® D620-5777 14.1" Notebook PC, eMachines® D620-5150 14.1"

Notebook PC, eMachines® W4605 15.4" Notebook PC, eMachines® N10 / Gateway W340UA

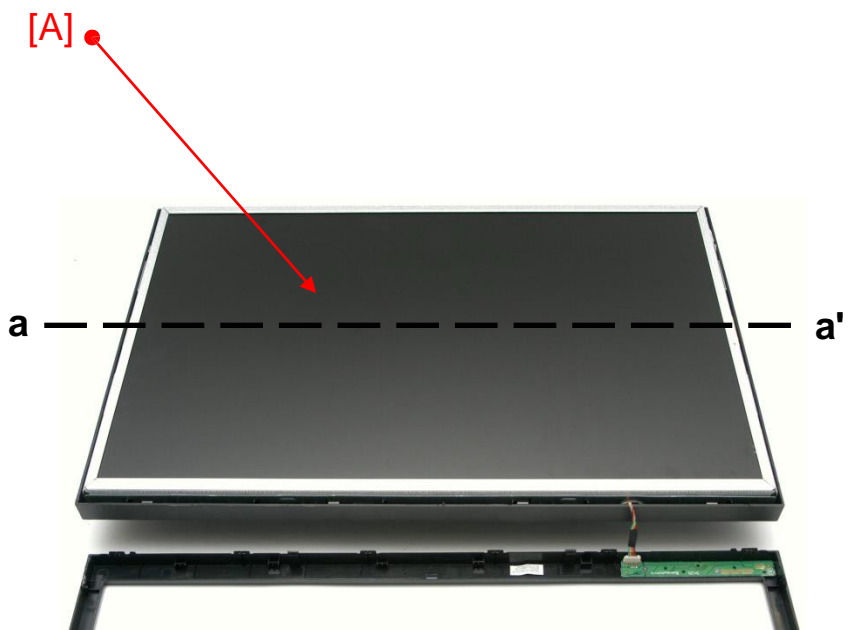
Notebook PC (the "Infringing Instrumentalities"). Exemplary images of the Infringing

Instrumentalities are provided below:

[A]



Acer V223W bd 22" Widescreen TFT LCD



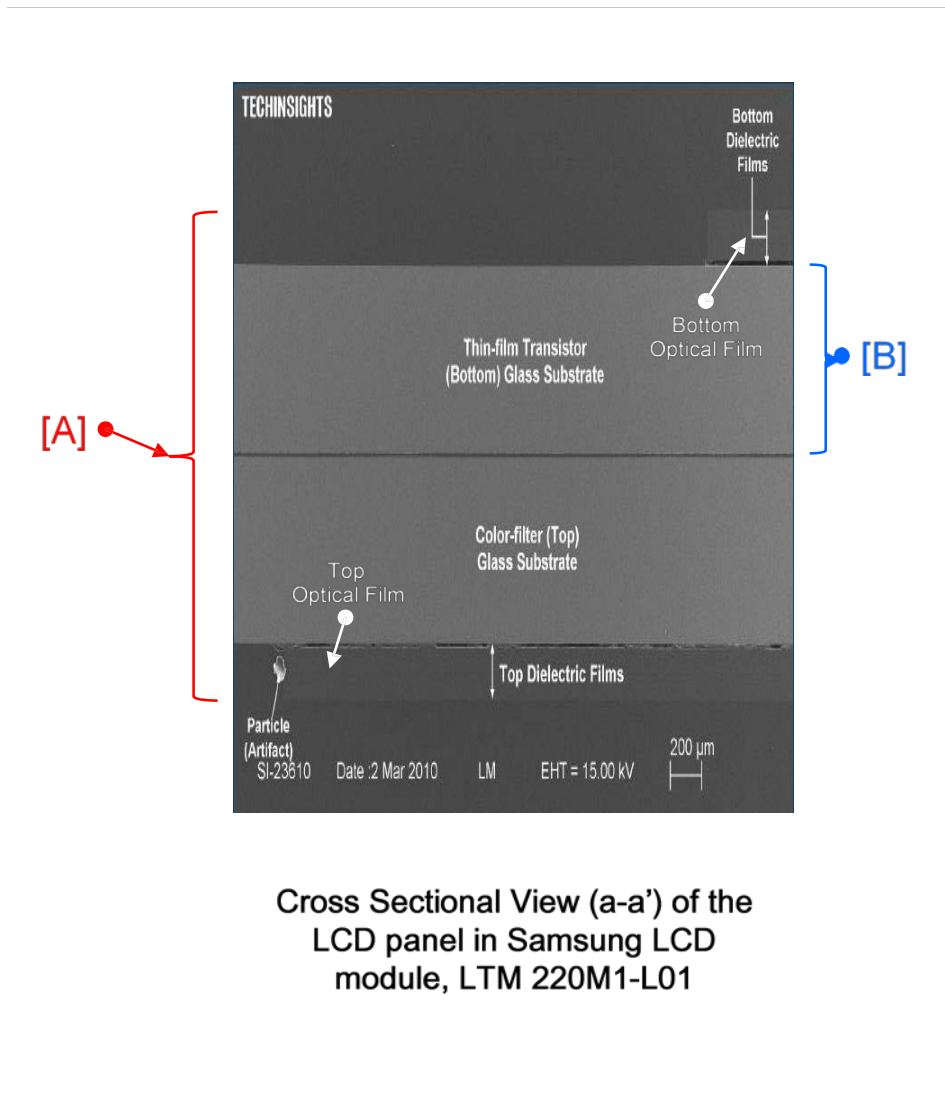
Samsung 22" LCD module, LTM 220M1-L01, used in Acer V223W bd 22" Widescreen TFT LCD Monitor



13. Claim 1 of the '561 patent generally recites a liquid crystal panel, comprising: a first transparent substrate having a first principal surface and a second principal surface opposite to the first principal surface; a second transparent substrate having a third principal surface and a fourth principal surface opposite to the third principal surface, the second transparent substrate being disposed such that the third principal surface faces the second principal surface of the first transparent substrate, with a gap formed between them; a liquid crystal layer interposed between the second principal surface and the third principal surface so as to fill the gap; at least one transparent film provided on at least one of the first and fourth principal surfaces; an adhesive layer interposed between the transparent film and at least one of the first and fourth principal surfaces on which the transparent film is provided, wherein the adhesive layer substantially smooths out minor defects on the principal surface associated therewith; and a dielectric multilayer film provided on the transparent film.

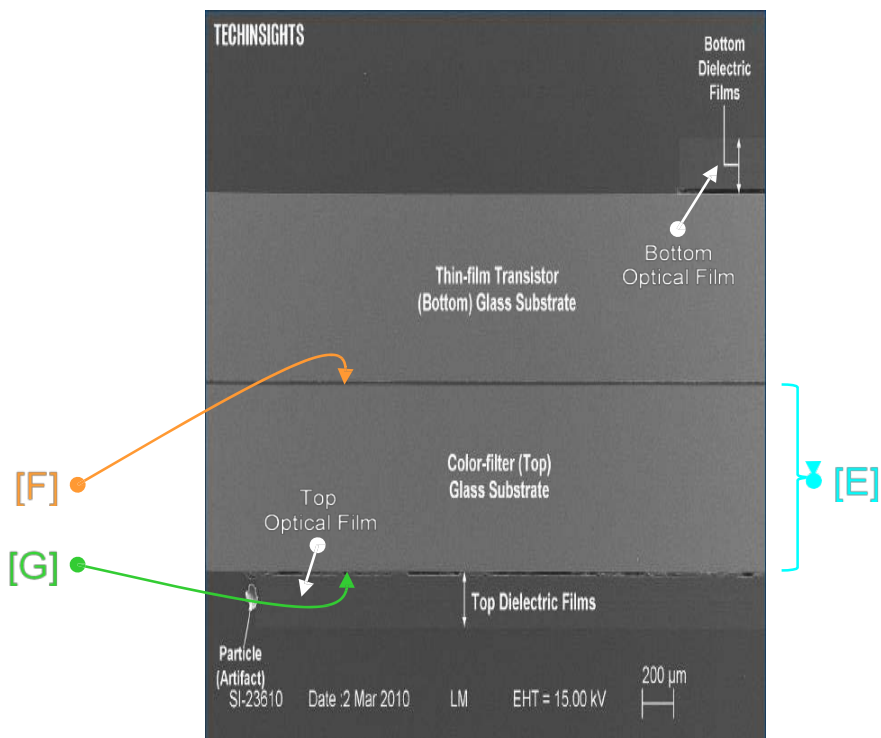
14. On information and belief, and as demonstrated in the exemplary images below, the Infringing Instrumentalities infringe claim 1 of the '561 patent because they comprise a liquid crystal panel (designated [A] below), comprising: a first transparent substrate (designated [B] below) having a first principal surface (designated [C] below) and a second principal surface (designated [D] below) opposite to the first principal surface; a second transparent substrate (designated [E] below) having a third principal surface (designated [F] below) and a fourth principal surface (designated [G] below) opposite to the third principal surface, the second transparent substrate being disposed such that the third principal surface faces the second principal surface of the first transparent substrate, with a gap formed between them (designated [H] below); a liquid crystal layer (designated [I] below) interposed between the second principal surface and the third principal surface so as to fill the gap; at least one transparent film

(designated [J] below) provided on at least one of the first and fourth principal surfaces; an adhesive layer (designated [K] below) interposed between the transparent film and at least one of the first and fourth principal surfaces on which the transparent film is provided, wherein the adhesive layer substantially smooths out minor defects on the principal surface associated therewith; and a dielectric multilayer film (designated [L] below) provided on the transparent film.

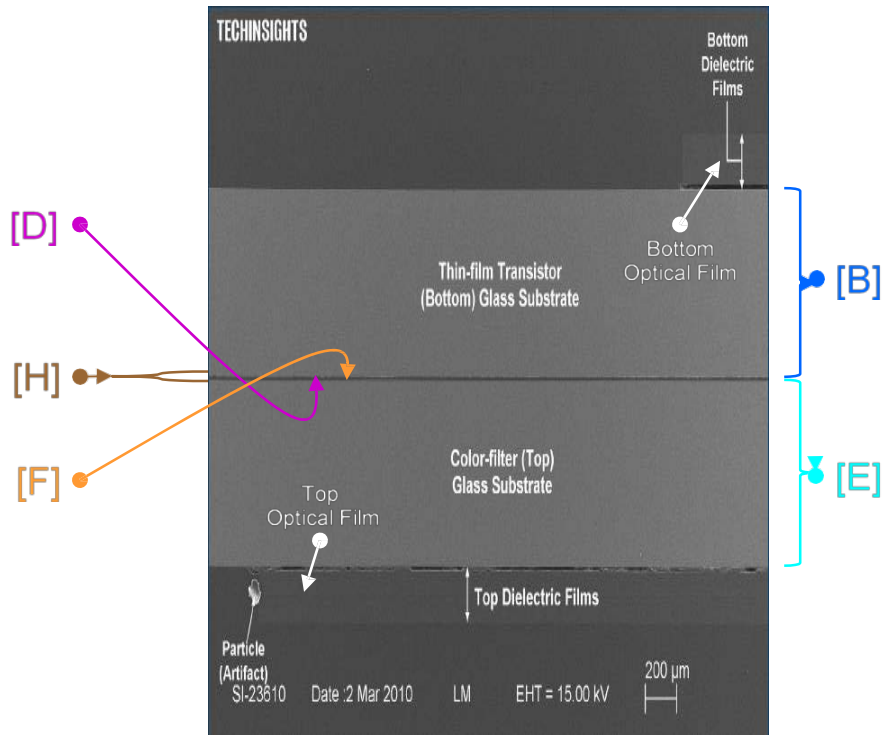




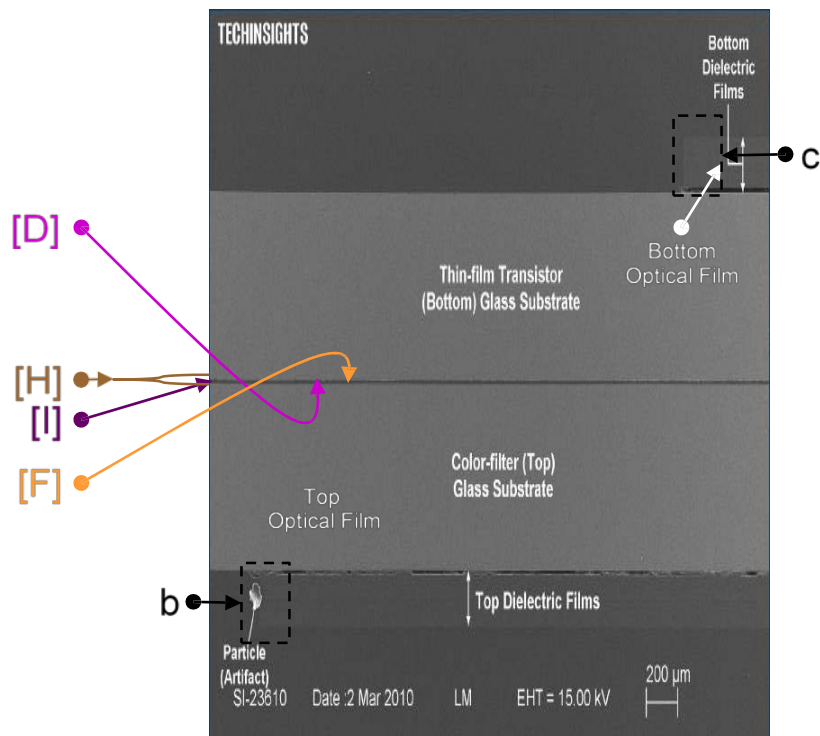
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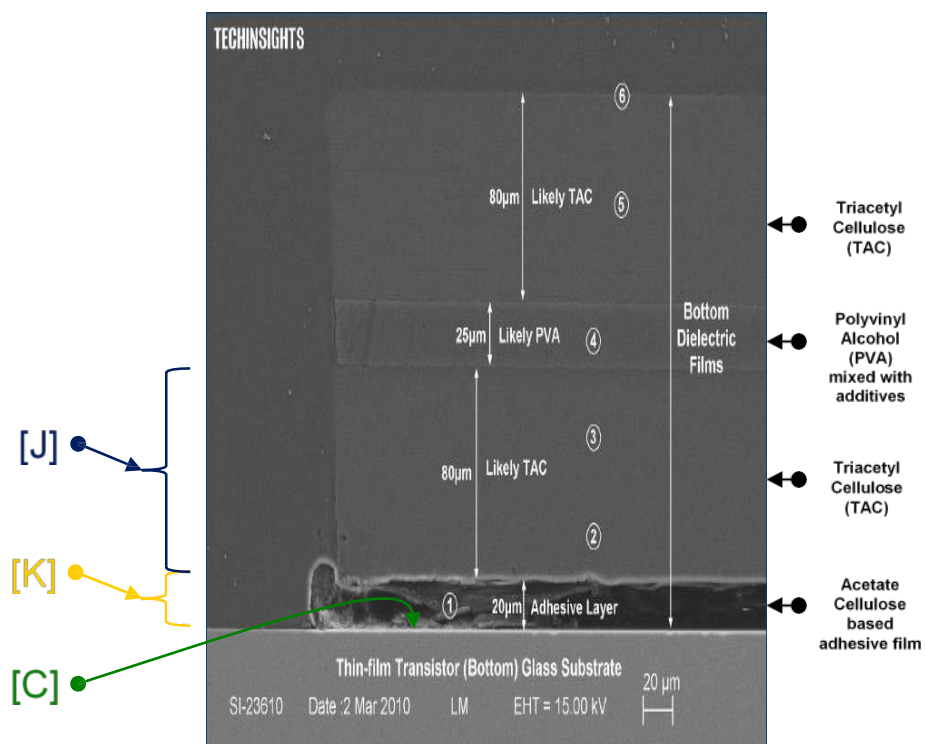
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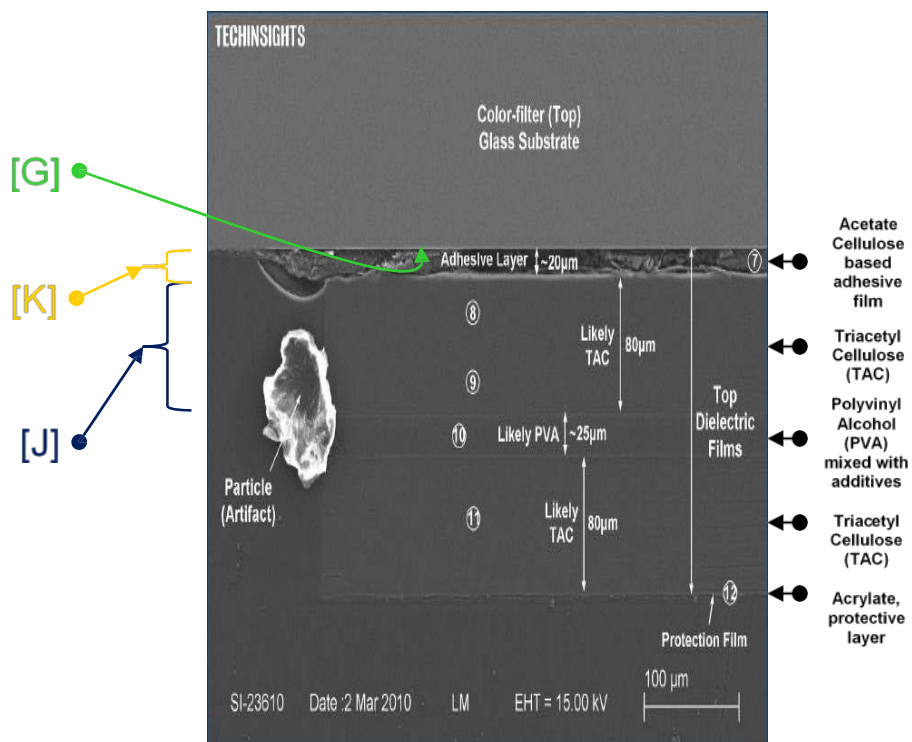
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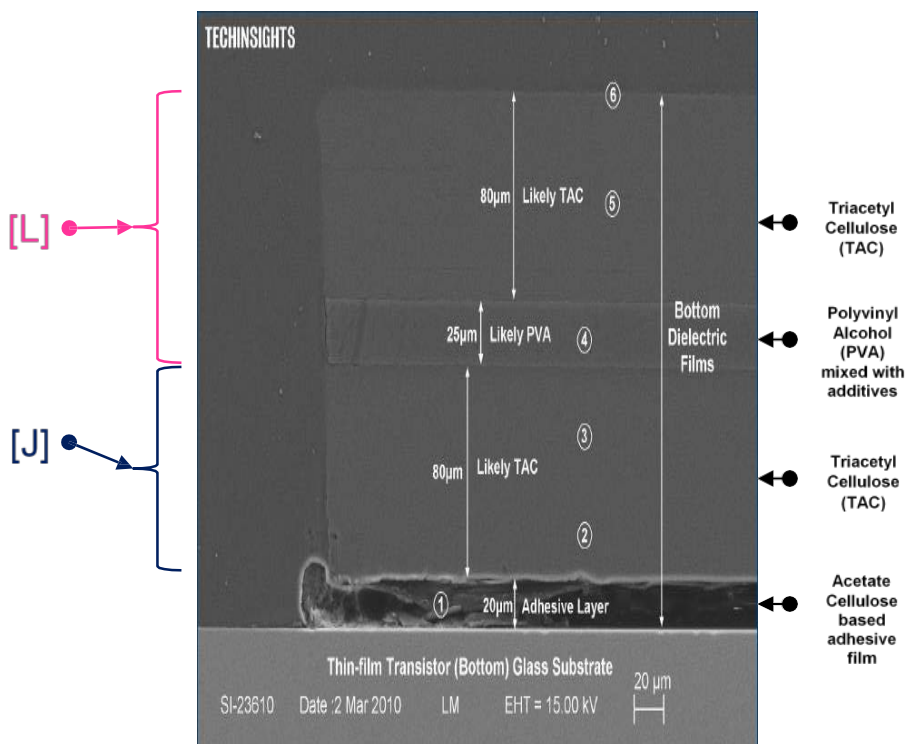
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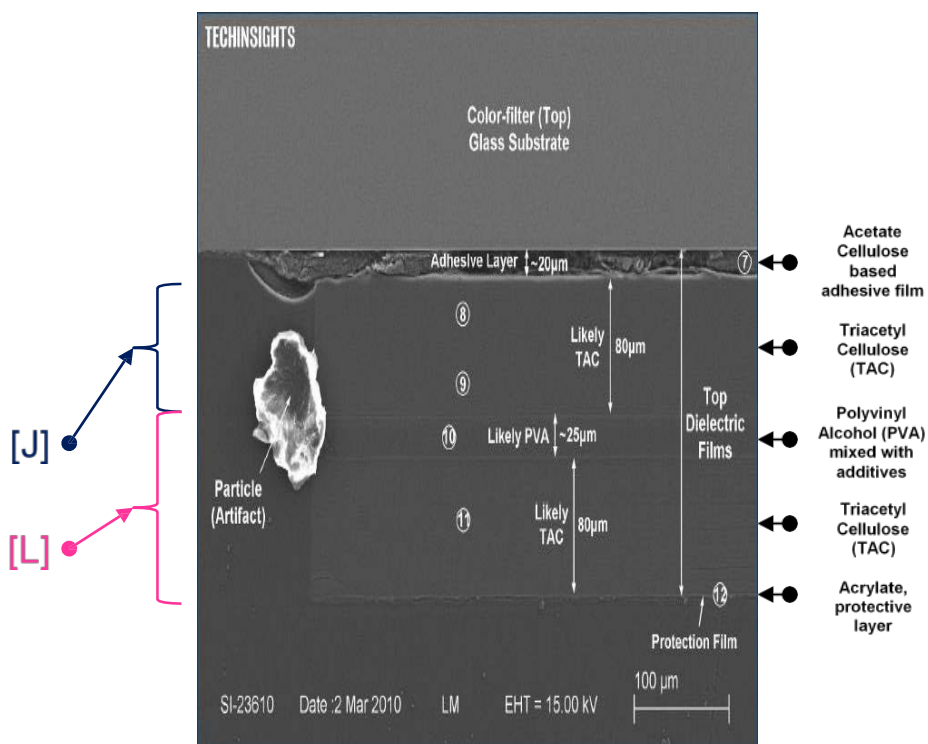
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Bottom Optical Film



Magnified View of b,
Top Optical Film



**Magnified View of c,
Bottom Optical Film**

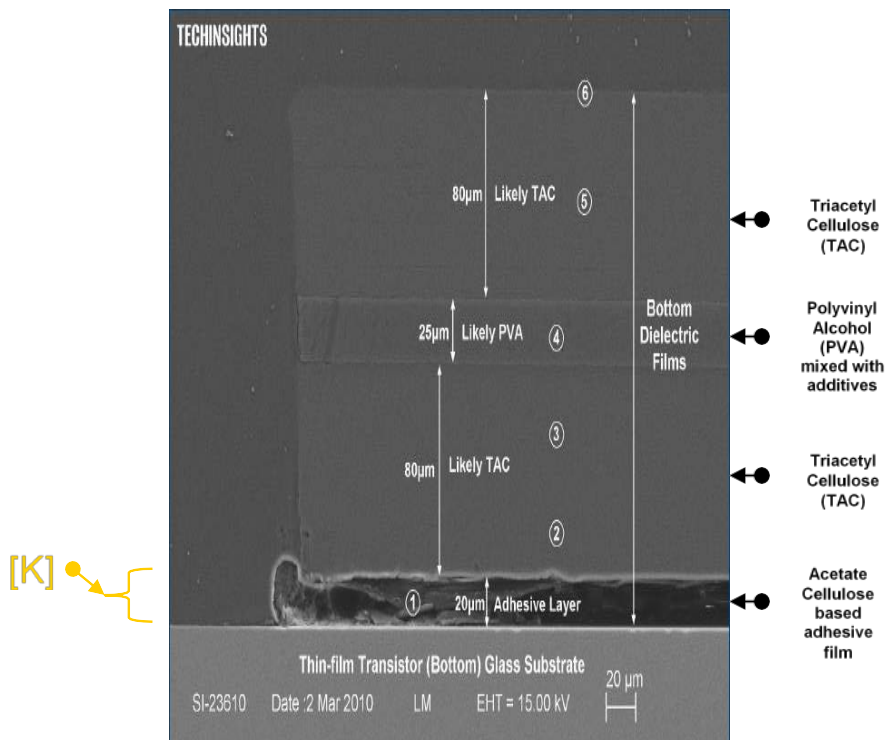


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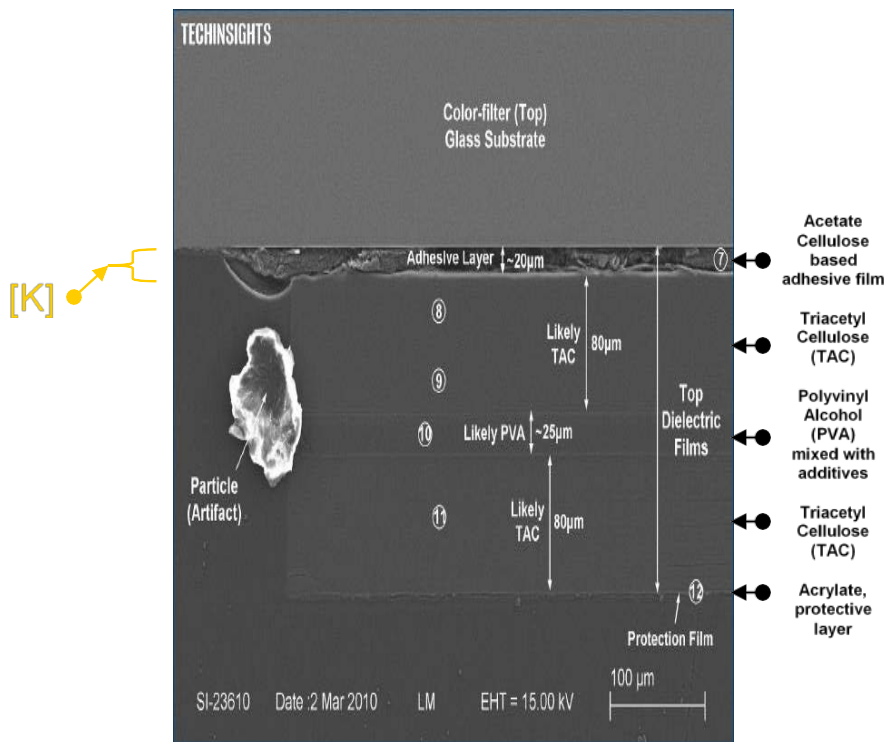
15. Claim 2 of the '561 patent generally recites a liquid crystal panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer has a refractive index within a range of ± 0.2 from a refractive index of said first and second substrates.

16. On information and belief, and as demonstrated in the exemplary images above and below, the Infringing Instrumentalities infringe claim 2 of the '561 patent because they comprise a liquid crystal panel as claimed in claim 1 (as shown in paragraph 14 above), and that liquid crystal panel contains an adhesive layer [K] with a refractive index (designated [M]

below) within a range of ± 0.2 (designated [N] below) from a refractive index of said first and second substrates (designated [O] below).



Magnified View of c, Bottom Optical Film



Magnified View of b, Top Optical Film

**Corning® EAGLE XG™
AMLCD Glass Substrates
Material Information**

Optical Wavelength	Refractive Index
435.8 nm	1.5198
467.8 nm	1.5169
480 nm	1.5160
508.6 nm	1.5141
546.1 nm	1.5119
589.3 nm	1.5099
643.8 nm	1.5078

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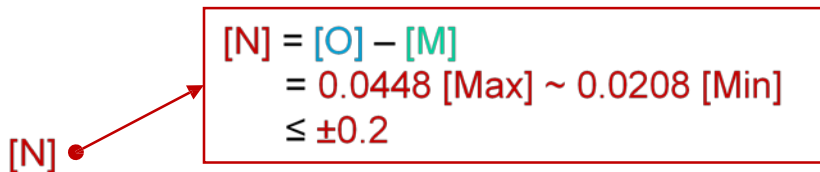
3M™ Optically Clear Adhesive

Product Number	Adhesive Thickness (mil)	Peel Adhesion to Glass (oz/in)	PET Release Film	Refractive Index	Haze (%)	Coating/Processing Environment	Typical Applications
8171	1	42	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.475	0.6	Cleanroom	PC/PMMA Substrate
8172	2	45	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.474	0.8		
8173D ²	3	41	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.474	1		
8211	1	54	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.473	0.1		General Purpose
8212	2	65	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.475	0.6		
8213 ¹	3	69	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.473	0.4		
8214 ¹	4	67	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.474	1.2		
8215 ¹	5	69	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.473	0.8		
8271	1	47	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.485	0.3		
8271S	2	46	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.489	1.0		
8272	2	57	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.485	0.3		
8273 ¹	3	67	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.487	0.3		
8273D ^{1,2}	3	60	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.489	1.4		
8274 ¹	4	80	2.0 mil/2.0 mil	1.487	0.1		
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¹ Made to order. Longer lead time required.
² D—Double coated OCA



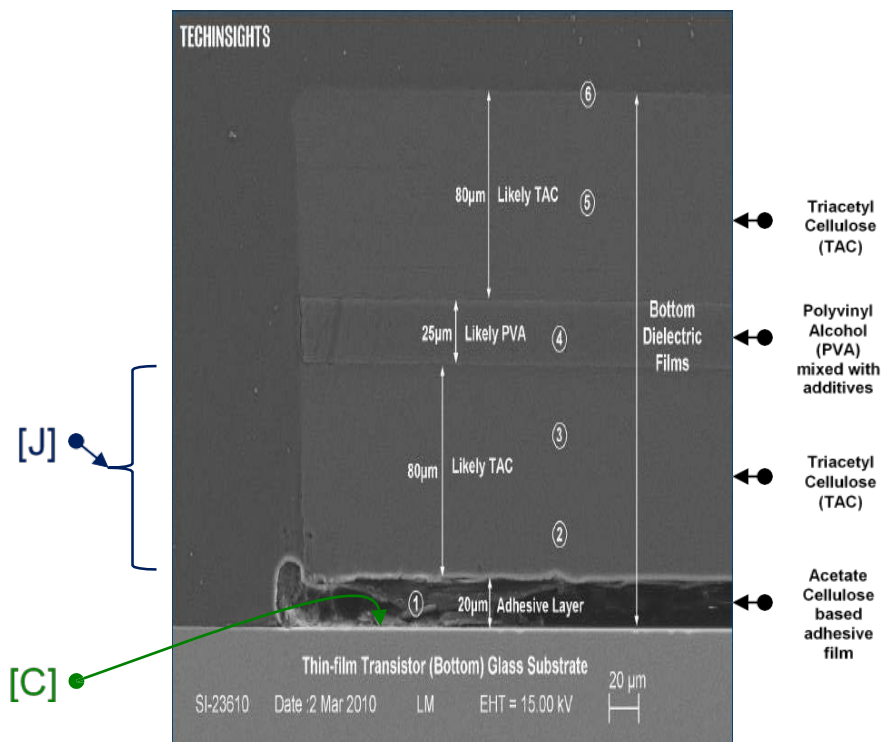
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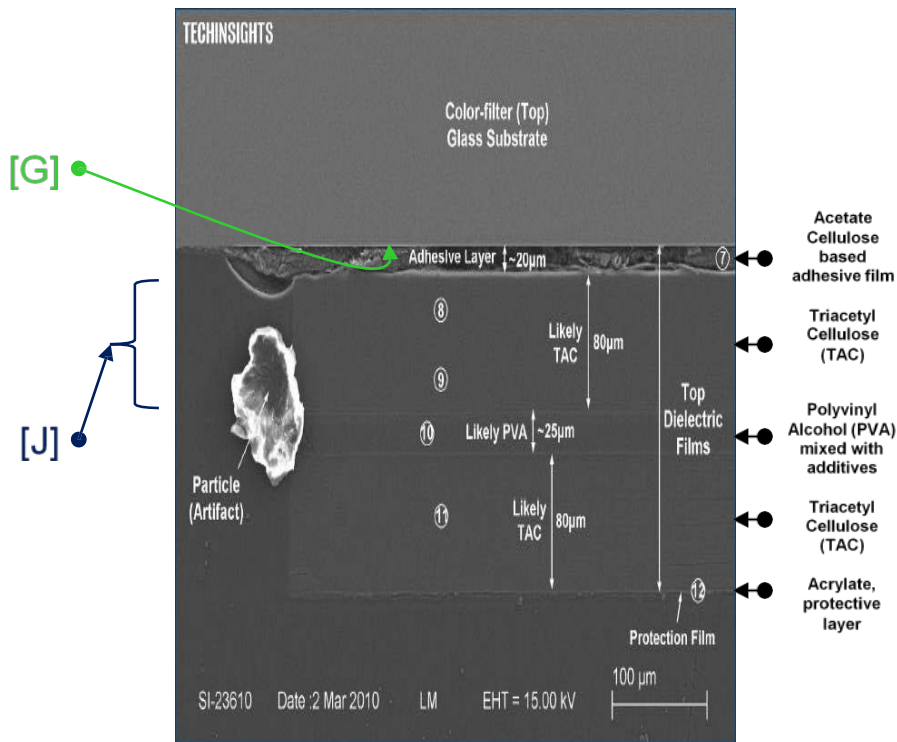
$[N] = [O] - [M]$
 $= 0.0448 \text{ [Max]} \sim 0.0208 \text{ [Min]}$
 $\leq \pm 0.2$

17. Claim 3 of the '561 patent generally recites a liquid crystal panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transparent film is provided on both said first and fourth principal surfaces.

18. On information and belief, and as demonstrated in the exemplary images above and below, the Infringing Instrumentalities infringe claim 3 of the '561 patent because they comprise a liquid crystal panel as claimed in claim 1 that includes a transparent film [J] on both the first [C] and fourth principal surfaces [G].



Magnified View of c, Bottom Optical Film



Magnified View of b, Top Optical Film

19. Plaintiff has been harmed by Defendants’ infringing activities.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues triable as such.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment for itself and against Defendants as follows:

- A. An adjudication that each Defendant has infringed the ’561 patent;
- B. An award of damages to be paid by Defendants adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendants’ past infringement of the ’561 patent, and any continuing or future infringement

through the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs, expenses and an accounting of all infringing acts including, but not limited to, those acts not presented at trial;

C. A declaration that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285, and an award of Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees; and

D. An award to Plaintiff of such further relief at law or in equity as the Court deems just and proper.

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