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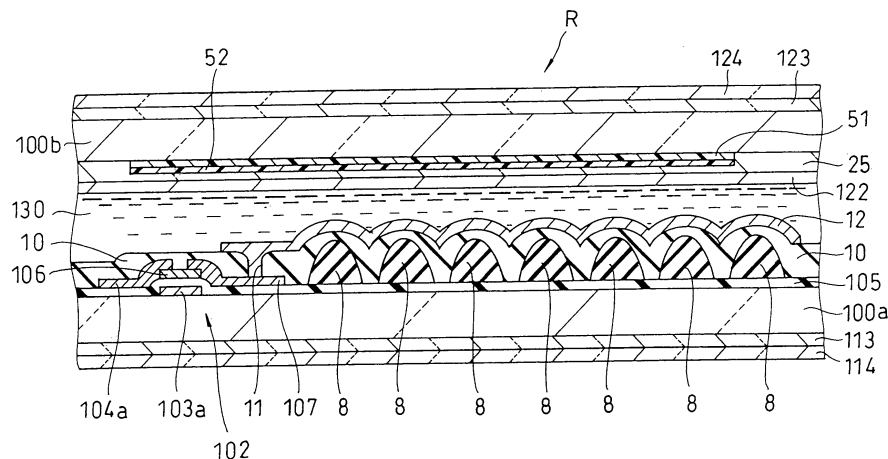
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(54) **Color liquid crystal panel, method for manufacturing the same, and color liquid crystal display device employing the same**

(57) A color liquid crystal panel comprising a thin film transistor formed in each pixel, a reflective electrode connected to said thin film transistor, and a transparent electrode. The color liquid crystal panel is further constructed such that a display surface of said color liquid crystal panel allows a light emitted from a backlight to exit from said display surface through said transparent electrode (9) and another light inputted to said display surface to exit from said display surface after being reflected by said

reflective electrode (12). The color liquid crystal panel further comprises a color filter (51) and a transparent film (52) formed between said color filter and a transparent substrate (100b) while varying a volume thereof depending on a color to be displayed. Color reproduction ranges of the light exiting from the display surface through the transparent electrode and the another light exiting from the display surface after being reflected by the reflective electrode (12) substantially coincide with each other.

FIG. 14



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1. claims: 1-3, 7

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A color liquid crystal panel comprising: a thin film transistor formed in each pixel; a reflective electrode connected to said thin film transistor; and a transparent electrode, characterized in that, said color liquid crystal panel being further constructed such that a display surface of said color liquid crystal panel allows a light emitted from a backlight to exit from said display surface through said transparent electrode (9) and another light inputted to said display surface to exit from said display surface after being reflected by said reflective electrode (12), said color liquid crystal panel being further comprising a color filter (51) and a transparent film (52) formed between said color filter and a transparent substrate (100b) while varying a volume thereof depending on a color to be displayed, wherein color reproduction ranges of said light exiting from said display surface through said transparent electrode (9) and said another light exiting from said display surface after being reflected by said reflective electrode (12) substantially coincide with each other.

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2. claims: 4-6

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A color liquid crystal panel comprising: a thin film transistor formed in each pixel; a reflective electrode connected to said thin film transistor; and a transparent electrode, characterized in that, said color liquid crystal panel being further constructed such that a display surface of said color liquid crystal panel allows a light emitted from a backlight to exit from said display surface through said transparent electrode and another light inputted to said display surface to exit from said display surface after being reflected by said reflective electrode, characterized in that, said method for manufacturing said color liquid crystal panel, comprising the steps of: preparing photomasks in such a manner that said photomasks each are formed corresponding to a color to be displayed to have a pattern therein corresponding to a pattern of transparent film (52); coating a raw material film that constitutes a transparent film (52) on a transparent substrate (100b); forming an associated pattern in the raw material film using said photomask to form a transparent film (52) on said transparent substrate (100b); coating



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another raw material film that constitutes a color filter (51) on said transparent substrate (100b); and exposing and developing said another raw material film to form said color filter (51) so as to have a flat surface thereof corresponding to a color to be displayed.

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