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(54) **DUAL LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A dual liquid crystal display device includes a transmissive liquid crystal display panel; a reflective liquid crystal display panel formed on the same substrate as the transmissive liquid crystal display panel; a first light guide block disposed under the transmissive liquid crystal display panel and having dot patterns formed on a first surface thereof; a second light guide block disposed under the reflective liquid crystal display panel and having V-grooves formed on a first surface thereof; a light source disposed adjacent to the first light guide block; a housing in which the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels, the light source and the light guide blocks are seated, the housing having an opening to correspond to an image display surface of the reflective liquid crystal display panel; a dual brightness enhancement film provided in a region corresponding to the opening of the housing.

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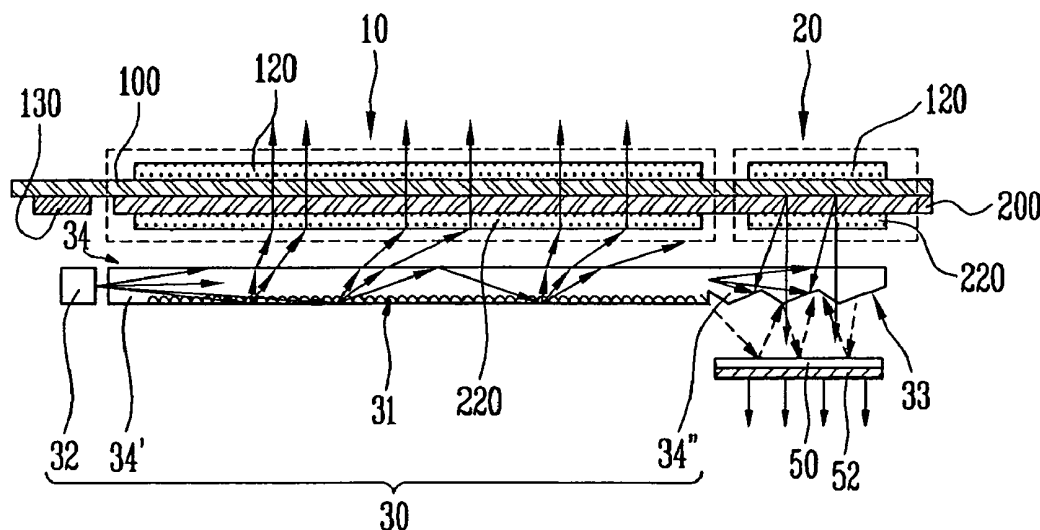


FIG. 1

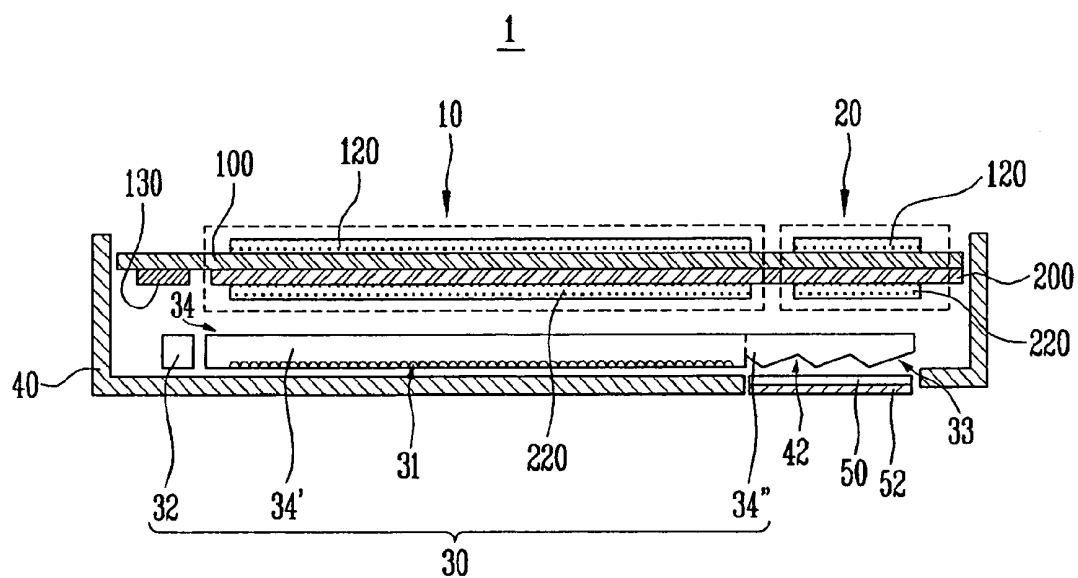


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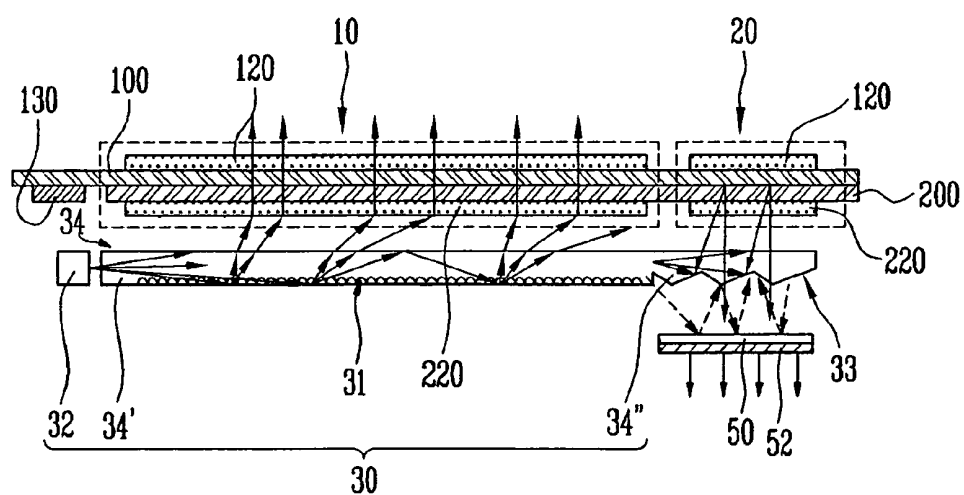


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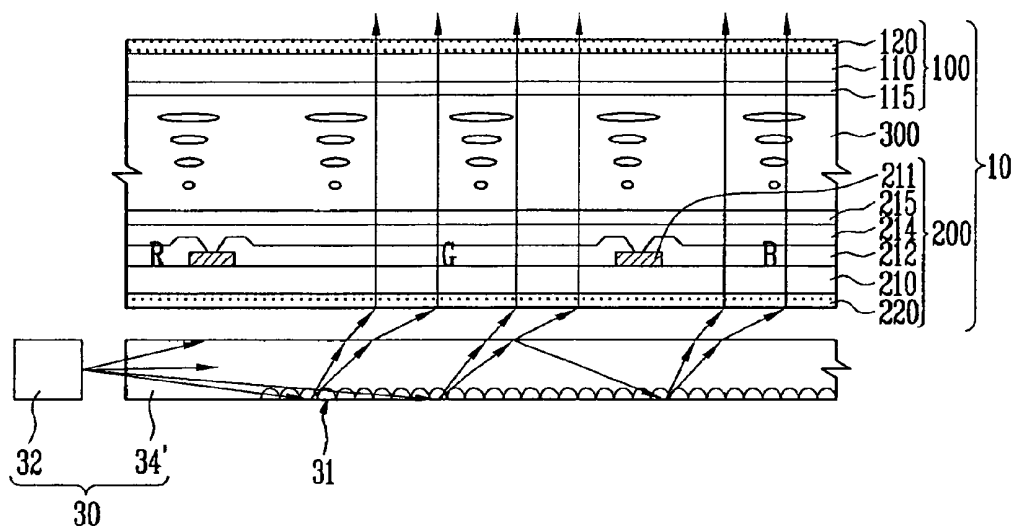


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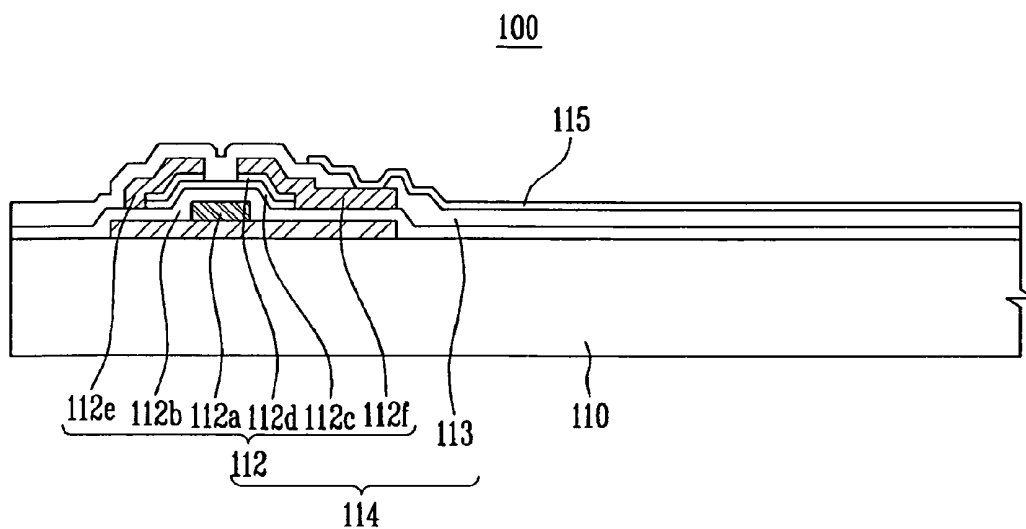


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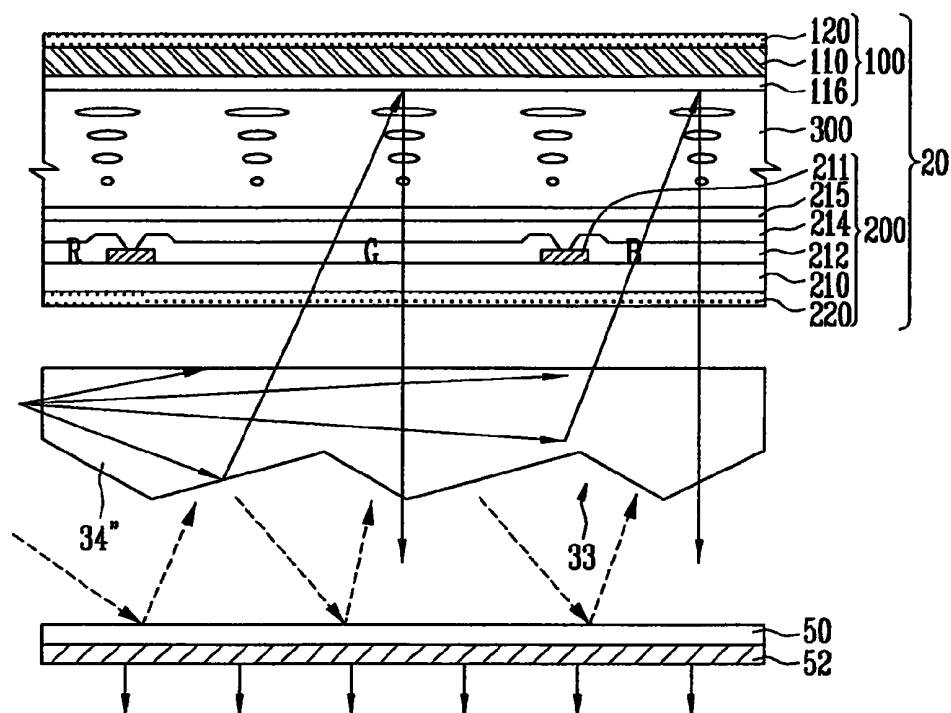
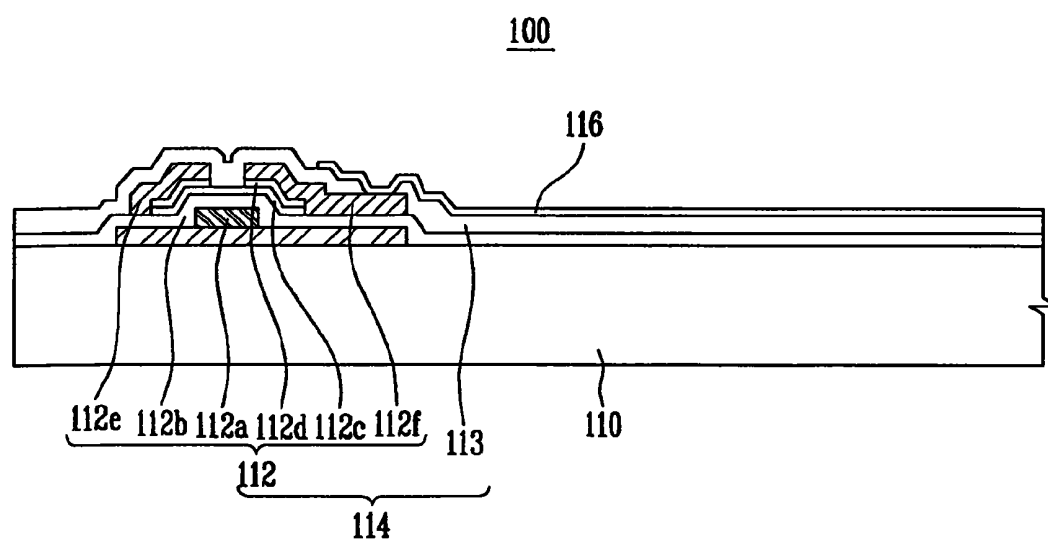


FIG. 6



DUAL LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

This application makes reference to, incorporates the same herein, and claims all benefits accruing under 35 U.S.C. §119 from an application for DUAL LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE earlier filed in the Korean Intellectual Property Office on 24 Jun. 2008 and there duly assigned Serial No. 10-2008-0059657.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display device, and more particularly to a dual liquid crystal display device comprising a first transmissive liquid crystal display panel and a second reflective liquid crystal display panel.

2. Description of the Related Art

A liquid crystal display device is a flat panel display having advantages that it is manufactured in a small and thin scale and driven with low power consumption, and therefore it has been used in portable computers such as notebook PCs, office automation equipments, audio/video equipments, etc. Examples of such devices are as follows:

U.S. Pat. No. 7,193,666 to Jung-Min Choi et al. and entitled DUAL LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE describes an LCD device for performing bi-directional display. The LCD device includes first and second display units, and a light supplying unit. The first display unit includes an LCD panel and a transmissive film that is disposed under the LCD panel and has layers in which first and second layers having different refractivity indexes are alternately stacked. The transmissive film partially reflects and transmits light incident onto the film. The light supplying unit is disposed between the first and second display units, and provide the first and second display units with light generated from a lamp by dividing the light, to thereby regulate a contrast ratio of a luminance between the first and second display units;

U.S. Pat. No. 7,075,597 to Chi-Jain Wen et al. and entitled DUAL-SCREEN LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY discloses a dual-screen liquid crystal display including three substrates. The first substrate has a first surface and a second surface. The first reflector layer, the first liquid crystal layer, the second substrate and the first polarization film are sequentially disposed on the first surface of the first substrate to form the first reflective LCD. The second reflector layer, the second liquid crystal layer, the third substrate and the second polarization film are sequentially disposed on the second surface of the first substrate to form the second reflective LCD; and

U.S. Pat. No. 7,034,799 to Seog-Geun Lee et al. and entitled BACKLIGHTING DEVICE FOR DUAL LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY AND FOLDER-TYPE MOBILE PHONE THEREWITH describes a backlighting device for a dual LCD (Liquid Crystal Display). The backlighting device includes a circuit board with a through hole; a backlighting illumination device situated within the hole for radiating light in a first direction substantially perpendicular to a first face of the circuit board and in a second direction substantially perpendicular to a second face of the circuit board; a main LCD being situated on one face of the backlighting illumination device in the first direction, for displaying first information in the first direction; and a slave LCD being situated on another face of the backlighting illumination device through the through hole in the second direction, for displaying second information in the second direction.

A liquid crystal display device functions to display a picture or an image by controlling an electric field to transmit or cut off light, the electric field being applied to liquid crystal materials having dielectric anisotropy. The liquid crystal display device uses an external light without generating light by itself, unlike display devices, such as an organic light emitting display device (OLED) and a cathode ray tube (CRT), that generate light by itself.

In general, the liquid crystal display devices are mainly divided into transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display devices, depending on the manners of employing light.

That is to say, the liquid crystal display devices are divided into a transmissive liquid crystal display device and a reflective liquid crystal display device, depending on whether it uses a separate backlight unit or reflected external light as its power source, and there has also been an attempt to develop a transmissive liquid crystal display device in which a transmissive liquid crystal display device are combined with a reflective liquid crystal display device.

Also, a dual liquid crystal display device displaying a picture on both sides of a liquid crystal display device has been developed recently. The dual liquid crystal display device display a picture on both sides thereof since it includes a main liquid crystal display panel and a sub liquid crystal display panel, both of which are formed on both sides thereof, respectively.

However, conventional dual liquid crystal display devices have disadvantages that they are thick and heavy, and their power consumption is high since a backlight unit needs to be installed for each of the main liquid crystal display panels and the sub liquid crystal display panels.

This trend runs against small and thin portable devices such as mobile phones using a liquid crystal display device, and therefore the liquid crystal display device has major problems in aspect of slimness and cost efficiency.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention is designed to solve such drawbacks of the prior art, and therefore an object of the present invention is to provide a dual liquid crystal display device including a first transmissive liquid crystal display panel to display an image on a first surface and a second reflective liquid crystal display panel to display an image on a second surface and being able to maximize slimness and cost efficiency by forming the first and second liquid crystal display panels with the same substrate.

Also, another object of the present invention is to provide a dual liquid crystal display device having a light guide formed in lower portions of the first and second liquid crystal display panels, the light guide including a first light guide block corresponding to the first liquid crystal display panel and having dot patterns formed in a predetermined surface thereof, and a second light guide block corresponding to the second liquid crystal display panel and having V-grooves formed in a predetermined surface thereof, and particularly being able to control brightness uniformity, achieve enhanced contrast ratio at night and improve the brightness by forming a dual brightness enhancement film on a corresponding surface of the second light guide block.

One embodiment of the present invention is achieved by providing a dual liquid crystal display device including a first liquid crystal display panel displaying an image on a first surface thereof; a second liquid crystal display panel formed on the same substrate as the first liquid crystal display panel to display an image on a second surface thereof; a light source disposed at an adjacent side under the first liquid crystal

display panel; a light guide disposed under the first and second liquid crystal display panels and including a first light guide block corresponding to the first liquid crystal display panel and having dot patterns formed in a first surface thereof and a second light guide block corresponding to the second liquid crystal display panel and having V-grooves formed on a first surface thereof; a housing settling the first and second liquid crystal display panels, the light source and the light guide and having an opening to correspond to an image display surface of the second liquid crystal display panel; a dual brightness enhancement film provided in a region corresponding to the opening of the housing.

In this case, the first liquid crystal display panel may be realized with a transmissive liquid crystal display panel, and the second liquid crystal display panel may be realized with a reflective liquid crystal display panel.

Also, the first and second liquid crystal display panels may be formed respectively in different regions (a first region and a second region) of first and second substrates that are a pair of the same substrates.

Additionally, a thin film transistor array and a transparent electrode may be formed in a region corresponding to the first region of the first substrate, a thin film transistor array and a reflective electrode may be formed in a region corresponding to the second region of the first substrate, and a common electrode and a color filter pattern may be formed in the first and second regions of the second substrate corresponding to the first and second regions of the first substrate, respectively.

In addition, a drive circuit block driving the first and second liquid crystal display panels may be installed at one side of the first substrate outside the first or second region, and first polarizing plates and second polarizing plates may be formed on upper/lower sides of the first and second liquid crystal display panels, respectively.

Also a polarizing plate may be further formed on a predetermined surface of the dual brightness enhancement film.

Furthermore, the first light guide block may be disposed adjacent to the light source.

According to the present invention as described above, the dual liquid crystal display device is advantageously manufactured to be slim in thickness since it has a dual structure with the same thickness as the conventional single structure liquid crystal display devices. Also, the dual liquid crystal display device according to the present invention has advantages in aspect of cost efficiency in that the manufacturing cost such as the material cost and the processing cost may be significantly reduced by realizing a liquid crystal display device with a dual structure using one sheet of panel.

Also, a light guide is formed under the first and second liquid crystal display panel, the light guide including a first light guide block corresponding to the first liquid crystal display panel and having dot patterns formed on a predetermined surface thereof, and a second light guide block corresponding to the second liquid crystal display panel and having V-grooves formed on a predetermined surface thereof, and particularly being able to control brightness uniformity, achieve enhanced contrast ratio at night and improve the brightness by forming a dual brightness enhancement film on a corresponding surface of the second light guide block.

Also, the dual liquid crystal display device according to the present invention has advantages that its brightness uniformity may be controlled in a more effective manner since the first liquid crystal display panel as the transmissive liquid crystal display panel is disposed adjacent to a light source.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A more complete appreciation of the invention, and many of the attendant advantages thereof, will be readily apparent

as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which like reference symbols indicate the same or similar components, wherein:

FIG. 1 schematically illustrates a configuration of a dual liquid crystal display device according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 schematically illustrates an operation of the dual liquid crystal display device as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing a region corresponding to a first liquid crystal display panel in the dual liquid crystal display device as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view specifically showing a first substrate as shown in FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view showing a region corresponding to a second liquid crystal display panel in the dual liquid crystal display device as shown in FIG. 1 and

FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view specifically showing a first substrate as shown in FIG. 5.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the following detailed description, only certain exemplary embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, simply by way of illustration. As those skilled in the art would realize, the described embodiments may be modified in various different ways, all without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention. Accordingly, the drawings and description are to be regarded as illustrative in nature and not restrictive. In addition, when an element is referred to as being "on" another element, it can be directly on the element or be indirectly on the element with one or more intervening elements interposed therebetween. Also, when an element is referred to as being "connected to" another element, it can be directly connected to the element or be indirectly connected to the element with one or more intervening elements interposed therebetween. Hereinafter, like reference numerals refer to like elements.

FIG. 1 schematically illustrates a configuration of a dual liquid crystal display device according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 2 schematically illustrates an operation of the dual liquid crystal display device as shown in FIG. 1.

Referring to FIG. 1, the dual liquid crystal display device 1 according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes a first liquid crystal display panel 10 displaying an image on a predetermined surface thereof; a second liquid crystal display panel 20 formed on the same substrate as the first liquid crystal display panel 10 to display an image on a predetermined surface thereof, a light guide disposed under the first and second liquid crystal display panels, the light guide 34 including a first light guide block 34' corresponding to the first liquid crystal display panel 10 and having light reflecting dot patterns 31 formed on a predetermined surface thereof, and a second light guide block 34'' corresponding to the second liquid crystal display panel 20 and having V-grooves 33 for reflecting light formed on a predetermined surface thereof; a light source 32 disposed adjacent the first guide block 34', the light source 32 emitting light into the first light guide block 34'; and a housing 40 housing the first and second liquid crystal display panels 10 and 20, the light source 32, the first light guide block 34' and the second light guide block 34'', the housing having opening 42 correspond to the second surface, i.e., image display surface, of the second liquid crystal display panel 20.

In this case, it is characterized in that the first liquid crystal display panel 10 is provided as a transmissive liquid crystal

display panel, and the second liquid crystal display panel **20** is provided as a reflective liquid crystal display panel.

Also, the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels **10** and **20** are formed using a pair of the same substrates. For this purpose, a thin film transistor array (not shown) and a transparent electrode (not shown) are formed in a region corresponding to a first region of the first substrate **100**, and a thin film transistor array (not shown) and a reflective electrode (not shown) are formed in a region corresponding to a second region of the first substrate **100**. Also, a common electrode (not shown) and a color filter pattern (not shown) are formed in a first region and a second region of the second substrate **200** corresponding respectively to the first and second regions of the first substrate **100**. A liquid crystal layer (not shown) is formed between the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200**. Also, first polarizing plates **120** and second polarizing plates **220** are formed on upper and lower sides of both the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels **10** and **20**.

The transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** is formed in the first regions of the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200** via the first polarizing plates **120** and the second polarizing plates **220**, and the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** is formed on the second regions of the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200**.

Also, a drive circuit block **130** to drive the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels **10** and **20** is installed on one side of the first substrate **100** disposed outside the region of the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**.

The backlight unit **30** includes the light source **32** and the light guide **34**, as shown in FIG. 1. In particular, the light guide **34** is disposed in the first region and the second region, that is, in the regions corresponding to the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels **10** and **20**. The light guide **34** includes a light guide block **34'** corresponding to the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** and having dot patterns **31** formed in a predetermined surface thereof, and a light guide block **34''** corresponding to the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** and having V-grooves **33** formed on a predetermined surface thereof. The light guide block **34'** and the light guide block **34''** are used to facilitate the control of the brightness uniformity for the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**, and also to facilitate the control of the quantity of light and other characteristics for the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**.

Also, the exemplary embodiment of the present invention is characterized in that a dual brightness enhancement film (hereinafter, referred to as 'DBEF') **50** is provided in a region corresponding to an image displaying surface of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** and adjacent the second light guide block **34''**.

The DBEF **50** has a stacked structure in which several tens of films are alternately stacked, wherein the films have the same refractive index in respect to a first axis (for example, an X axis) and the different refractive indexes in respect to a second axis (for example, a Y axis). Therefore, the first axis having the same refractive index is referred to as a transmission axis, and functions to transmit light in a linear manner, and the second axis having the different refractive indexes is referred to as a reflection axis, and functions to reflect light in a linear manner.

More particularly, the DBEF **50** has a multi-layered structure in which several hundreds of thin films formed of two different materials are alternately stacked. That is to say, the DBEF **50** is formed by alternatively stacking poly-ethylene naphthalate layers with substantially high birefringence and poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA) layers with an isotropic

structure. A naphthalene group has a flat plane structure. Therefore, when one naphthalene group is disposed adjacent to another naphthalene group, they are easily stacked, and the refractive index in a stacking direction is highly different from the refractive index in other directions. On the contrary, PMMA is an amorphous polymer having the same refractive index in all directions since it has an isotropic orientation. Therefore, the DBEF transmits all the polarization components on the first axis, and reflects all the polarization components on the second axis.

By forming the DBEF **50** on a region corresponding to the image displaying surface of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**, it is possible to overcome problems caused when light transmitted through the light guide **34** directly proceeds towards a user without entering the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**, that is, the disadvantage that a contrast ratio of the dual liquid crystal display device is significantly degraded since an image is unclearly projected by the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**.

Also, the contrast ratio of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** may be further improved by forming additional polarizing plates **52** on a predetermined surface of the DBEF **50**, and the improved high brightness of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** may be achieved due to the presence of characteristics of the DBEF **50** having light recycling properties, as shown in FIG. 1.

Referring to FIG. 2, light generated from the light source **32** enters the second polarizing plate **220** through the light guide block **34'** of the light guide **34**. In this case, the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** operates in a transmissive mode to display an image on an opposite surface to a surface to which light travels, that is, a display surface.

In this case, the present invention is characterized in that a plurality of dot patterns **31** are formed in a predetermined surface of the light guide block **34'**. The dot patterns **31** are formed to control the brightness for the first transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** more uniformly. That is to say, a plurality of the dot patterns **31** perform a back lighting function for the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**.

Also, light, which is transmitted to the light guide block **34''**, coupled to one side of the light guide block **34'**, that is, the light guide block **34''** disposed remotest from the light source **32**, enters the second polarizing plate **220** of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**, and is reflected by a reflective electrode (not shown) formed on the first substrate **100** of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**. Therefore, the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** operates in a reflective mode to display an image on an image displaying surface of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**.

In this case, the present invention is characterized in that a plurality of V-grooves are formed on a predetermined surface of the second light guide block **34**. The V-grooves are formed to facilitate the control of quantity of light and the other characteristics for the second reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**. That is to say, a plurality of the V-grooves **33** perform a front lighting function for the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**.

Also, the DBEF (dual brightness enhancement film) **50** is provided adjacent the second light guide block **34''**. In this manner, it is possible to overcome the problems caused when the light transmitted into the light guide **34** directly proceeds towards a user (dotted arrows) without entering the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**, that is, the disadvantages that the contrast ratio of the dual liquid crystal display device is significantly degraded since an image is unclearly projected by the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**.

The contrast ratio of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** may be further improved by forming the additional polarizing plate **52** on a predetermined surface of the DBEF **50**, and the improved high brightness of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** may be achieved due to the presence of characteristics of the DBEF **50** having light recycling properties.

Therefore, since the light source **32** is disposed adjacent to the transmissive region, it is easy to control the brightness uniformity that is one of important factors in the transmissive liquid crystal display device. Also, it is easy to control the light source **32** and the other characteristics since the excessive light source entering the light guide block **34** is used to control the reflective region.

According to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention as described above, the dual liquid crystal display device is also realized with a pair of the same substrates. Therefore, the dual liquid crystal display device are advantageously manufactured to be slim in thickness since it has a dual structure with the same thickness as a conventional single structure liquid crystal display devices. Also, the dual liquid crystal display device according to the present invention has advantages in aspect of cost efficiency in that the manufacturing cost such as the material cost and the processing cost may be significantly reduced, compared to the conventional single structure liquid crystal display devices.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing a region corresponding to a first liquid crystal display panel **10** in the dual liquid crystal display device as shown in FIG. 1. Also, FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view specifically showing a first substrate as shown in FIG. 3.

Referring to FIG. 3, the light source **32** generating light and the light guide block **34** of the light guide supply light emitted from the light source **32** to the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** and are disposed adjacent the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**. In this case, the light source **32** and the light guide block **34** constitutes a backlight unit **30**.

In this case, the present invention is characterized in that a plurality of dot patterns **31** are formed in a predetermined surface of the light guide block **34**, that is, an opposite surface to a surface which light travels toward transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**. The dot patterns **31** are formed to control the brightness for the first transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** more uniformly. That is to say, a plurality of the dot patterns **31** perform a back lighting function for the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**.

The transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** includes a first substrate **100**, a second substrate **200** disposed spaced apart from the first substrate **100** at a predetermined distance, and a liquid crystal layer **300** interposed between the first and second substrates. Also, the first polarizing plates **120** and the second polarizing plates **220** are formed on opposite sides of the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**.

As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the first substrate **100** includes a transparent substrate **110**, a thin film transistor (hereinafter, referred to as 'TFT') array **114** formed on the transparent substrate **110**, and a pixel electrode **115** formed on the TFT array **114**.

The TFT array **114** is composed of a TFT **112** and a passivation layer **113** to protect the TFT **112**. The TFT **112** includes a gate electrode **112a**, a gate insulator **112b**, an active layer **112c**, an ohmic contact layer **112d**, a source electrode **112e**, and a drain electrode **112f**.

The gate electrode **112a** is provided to correspond to a light shielding layer **211** formed on a transparent substrate **210** of the second substrate **200**, and the gate insulator **112b** is formed on an overall surface of the transparent substrate **110**

on which the gate electrode **112a** is formed. The active layer **112c** and the ohmic contact layer **112d** are formed on the gate insulator **112b** to correspond to the gate electrode **112a**. The source electrode **112e** and the drain electrode **112f** are disposed space apart from each other, and formed on the ohmic contact layer **112d**.

The source and drain electrodes **112e** and **112f** as well as the gate electrode **112a** are also provided in a region on which the light shielding layer **211** is formed. Therefore, the light shielding layer **211** may prevent light entering the second substrate **200** from being reflected by the gate electrode **112a**, the source electrode **112e** and the drain electrode **112f**.

The passivation layer **113** formed on the TFT **112** partially exposes the drain electrode **112f** of the TFT **112**. The pixel electrode **115** is formed on the passivation layer **113** and the exposed drain electrode **112f**, and then electrically coupled to the drain electrode **112f**.

The pixel electrode **115** is composed of transmissive electrodes made of indium tin oxide (ITO), indium zinc oxide (IZO), or the like.

Also, the light shielding layer **211** and a color filter layer **212** are formed on the transparent substrate **210** of the second substrate **200**, and a passivation layer **214** is formed on the light shielding layer **211** and the color filter layer **212**.

The color filter layer **212** is composed of red, green and blue color filters (R, G and B) that are disposed spaced apart at a predetermined distance from each other. The light shielding layers **211** are provided between the color filters (R, G and B), and demarcate the regions on which each color filter is formed, thereby improving the color reproducibility of each of the color filters. The passivation layer **214** made of a photocurable material is formed on the color filter layer **212** to protect the color filter layer **212**.

A common electrode **215** is formed on the passivation layer **214**. The common electrode **215** is made of a transparent conductive material, and formed on the passivation layer **214** to have a uniform thickness.

The transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** as configured thus displays a picture by irradiating light having entered through the light source **32** and the light guide **34** to the outside, that is, a display surface, via the liquid crystal layer **300** and the transmissive electrode **115** of the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**. That is to say, the transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10** operates in a transmissive mode.

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view showing a region corresponding to second liquid crystal display panel **20** in the dual liquid crystal display device as shown in FIG. 1. Also, FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view specifically showing a first substrate as shown in FIG. 5.

Referring to FIG. 5, light transmitted to the light guide block **34** of the light guide disposed adjacent to the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** enters the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** by means of the light guide block **34**.

In this case, it is characterized in that a plurality of V-grooves **33** are formed on a predetermined surface of the light guide block **34**. The V-grooves **33** are formed to facilitate the control the quantity of light and other characteristics for the second reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**. That is to say, a plurality of the V-grooves **33** perform a front lighting function for the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**.

Also, the DBEF (dual brightness enhancement film) **50** is provided adjacent the second light guide block **34**. In this manner, it is possible to overcome problems caused when the light transmitted into the light guide **34** directly proceeds towards a user (dotted line), without entering the reflective

liquid crystal display panel **20**. The disadvantage that the contrast ratio of the dual liquid crystal display device is significantly degraded since an image is unclearly projected by the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** is thus overcome.

Also, the contrast ratio of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** may be further improved by forming an additional polarizing plate **52** on a predetermined surface of the DBEF **50**, and the improved high brightness of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** may be achieved due to the presence of characteristics of the DBEF **50** having light recycling properties.

The reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** includes a first substrate **100**, a second substrate **200** disposed spaced apart from the first substrate **100** at a predetermined distance from, and a liquid crystal layer **300** interposed between the first and second substrates.

In this case, the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200** are defined in the same manner as the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200** of the above-mentioned transmissive liquid crystal display panel **10**. This is why the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels **10** and **20** according to one exemplary embodiment of the present invention are formed in different regions (first and second regions) using a pair of the same substrates (first and second substrates **100** and **200**).

As shown in FIGS. **5** and **6**, the first substrate **100** includes a transparent substrate **110**, a thin film transistor (hereinafter, referred to as "TFT") array **114** formed on the transparent substrate **110**, and a reflective electrode **116** formed on the TFT array **114**.

The TFT array **114** is composed of a TFT **112** and a passivation layer **113** to protect the TFT **112**. The TFT **112** includes a gate electrode **112a**, a gate insulator **112b**, an active layer **112c**, an ohmic contact layer **112d**, a source electrode **112e** and a drain electrode **112f**.

The gate electrode **112a** is provided to correspond to a light shielding layer **211** formed on transparent substrate **210** of the second substrate **200**, and the gate insulator **112b** is formed on an overall surface of the transparent substrate **110** on which the gate electrode **112a** is formed. The active layer **112c** and the ohmic contact layer **112d** are formed on the gate insulator **112b** to correspond to the gate electrode **112a**. The source electrode **112e** and the drain electrode **112f** are disposed space apart from each other, and formed on the ohmic contact layer **112d**.

The source and drain electrodes **112e** and **112f** as well as the gate electrode **112a** are also provided in a region on which the light shielding layer **211** is formed. Therefore, the light shielding layer **211** may prevent light entering the second substrate **200** from being reflected by the gate electrode **112a**, the source electrode **112e** and the drain electrode **112f**.

The passivation layer **113** formed on the TFT **112** partially exposes the drain electrode **112f** of the TFT **112**.

The reflective electrode **116** is formed on the passivation layer **113** and the exposed drain electrode **112f**, and then electrically coupled to the drain electrode **112f**.

The reflective electrode **116** is made of metals such as aluminum-neodymium (AlNd), and preferably patterned to have a shape of a plurality of lens so as to enhance the reflectance of the incident light.

Also, light shielding layer **211** and color filter layer **212** are formed on the transparent substrate **210** of the second substrate **200**, and a passivation layer **214** is formed on the light shielding layer **211** and the color filter layer **212**.

The color filter layer **212** is composed of red, green and blue color filters (R, G and B) that are disposed spaced apart at a predetermined distance from each other. The light shield-

ing layers **211** are provided between the color filters (R, G and B), and demarcate the regions on which each color filter is formed, thereby improving the color reproducibility of each of the color filters. The passivation layer **214** made of a photocurable material is formed on the color filter layer **212** to protect the color filter layer **212**.

A common electrode **215** is formed on the passivation layer **214**. The common electrode **215** is made of a transparent conductive material, and then formed on the passivation layer **214** to have a uniform thickness.

The reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** as thus configured displays a picture on the display surface thereof by allowing light transmitted to the light guide block **34"** to enter the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20**, pass through the liquid crystal layer **300** of the reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** and be reflected by the reflective electrode **116**. That is to say, reflective liquid crystal display panel **20** operates in a reflective mode.

While the present invention has been described in connection with certain exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments, but, on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims, and equivalents thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A dual liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first liquid crystal display panel displaying an image on a display surface thereof;

a second liquid crystal display panel formed on the same substrate as the first liquid crystal display panel to display an image on a display surface thereof;

a light guide disposed under the first and second liquid crystal display panels, said light guide including:

a first light guide block corresponding to the first liquid crystal display panel and having dot patterns formed on a first surface thereof; and

a second light guide block corresponding to the second liquid crystal display panel and having V-grooves formed on a first surface thereof;

a light source disposed at an adjacent side of said first light guide block;

a housing in which the first and second liquid crystal display panels, the light source and the light guide are seated, said housing having an opening corresponding to said display surface of the second liquid crystal display panel;

a dual brightness enhancement film provided in said opening of said housing; and

a first polarizing plate being further formed on a predetermined surface of the dual brightness enhancement film.

2. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first liquid crystal display panel is realized with a transmissive liquid crystal display panel, and the second liquid crystal display panel is realized with a reflective liquid crystal display panel.

3. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second liquid crystal display panels are formed respectively in different regions (a first region and a second region) of first and second substrates that are a pair of the same substrates.

4. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein a thin film transistor array and a transparent electrode are formed in a region corresponding to the first region of the first substrate, a thin film transistor array and a reflective electrode are formed in a region corresponding to the second region of the first substrate, and a common electrode

and a color filter pattern are formed in the first and second regions of the second substrate corresponding to the first and second regions of the first substrate, respectively.

5 5. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein a drive circuit block driving the first and second liquid crystal display panels is installed at one side of the first substrate outside the first or second region.

6. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein second polarizing plates and third polarizing plates are formed on upper/lower sides of the first and second liquid crystal display panels, respectively.

7. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein the light source is disposed adjacent to the drive circuit block.

8. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, said dual brightness enhancement film has a stacked structure in which a plurality of films are alternately stacked, said stacked structure comprising:

films having a same refractive index in respect to a first axis (for example, an X axis) and films having a different refractive index in respect to a second axis.

9. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, said dual brightness enhancement film has a multi-layered structure in which a plurality of thin films formed of two different materials are alternately stacked, said multi-layered structure comprising:

poly-ethylene naphthalate layers with substantially high birefringence and poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA) layers with an isotropic structure.

10. A dual liquid crystal display device capable of displaying images on opposite sides thereof, said dual liquid crystal display device comprising:

a transmissive liquid crystal display panel displaying an image on a display surface thereof;

a reflective liquid crystal display panel formed on the same substrate as the transmissive liquid crystal display panel to display an image on a display surface thereof;

a light guide disposed under the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels, said light guide including: a first light guide block corresponding to the transmissive liquid crystal display panel and having dot patterns formed on a first surface thereof; and

a second light guide block corresponding to the reflective liquid crystal display panel and having V-grooves formed on a first surface thereof;

a light source disposed adjacent to said first light guide block;

a housing in which the transmissive and reflective liquid crystal display panels, the light source and the light guide are seated, said housing having an opening corresponding to said display surface of the reflective liquid crystal display panel;

a dual brightness enhancement film provided in said opening of said housing; and

a first polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the dual brightness enhancement film, an inner surface of the dual brightness enhancement film facing the second light guide block.

11. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, said dual brightness enhancement film has a stacked structure in which a plurality of films are alternately stacked, said stacked structure comprising:

films having a same refractive index in respect to a first axis (for example, an X axis) and films having a different refractive index in respect to a second axis.

12. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, said dual brightness enhancement film has a multi-layered structure in which a plurality of thin films formed of two different materials are alternately stacked, said multi-layered structure comprising:

poly-ethylene naphthalate layers with substantially high birefringence and poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA) layers with an isotropic structure.

13. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, said transmissive liquid crystal display panel comprising:

a thin film transistor array and a transparent electrode formed on said first substrate;

a second substrate having a common electrode and a color filter pattern formed thereon; and

a liquid crystal layer disposed between said substrates.

14. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 13, further comprising:

a second polarizing plate, formed on said first substrate; and

a third polarizing plate, formed on said second substrate, through which the light is transmitted to said transmissive liquid crystal display panel.

15. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, said reflective liquid crystal display panel comprising:

a thin film transistor array and a reflective electrode formed on said first substrate;

a second substrate having a common electrode and a color filter pattern formed thereon; and

a liquid crystal layer disposed between said substrates.

16. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 15, further comprising:

a second polarizing plate formed on said first substrate; and

a third polarizing plate, formed on said second substrate, through which the light is transmitted to said reflective liquid crystal display panel.

17. The dual liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, the first polarizing plate being formed on an outer surface of the dual brightness enhancement film, an inner surface of the dual brightness enhancement film facing the second light guide block.

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双液晶显示装置包括透射型液晶显示板;反射型液晶显示面板,与透射型液晶显示面板形成在同一基板上;第一导光块,设置在透射式液晶显示面板下方,并具有形成在其第一表面上的点图案;第二导光块,设置在反射型液晶显示板下方,并具有形成在其第一表面上的V形槽;光源设置在第一导光块附近;透射和反射液晶显示板,光源和导光块安置的壳体,壳体具有对应于反射型液晶显示板的图像显示表面的开口;双亮度增强膜设置在与壳体的开口对应的区域中。

