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(54) **TRANSMISSIVE AND REFLECTIVE TYPE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed is a transmissive and reflective type LCD. In the LCD, a second substrate faces a first substrate. A liquid crystal layer is formed between the first substrate and the second substrate. A first polarizing plate is formed on an outer surface of the first substrate. A second polarizing plate is formed on an outer surface of the second substrate. A backlight is arranged for irradiating incident light onto the polarizing plate. A transparent transflective film is arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight for partially reflecting and partially transmitting the incident light. The transparent transflective film includes at least a first layer and a second layer, the first and second layers having different refractivity indexes from each other and are alternatively stacked. By a restoring process occurring between the transflective film and the backlight, a predetermined amount of the incident light is transmitted through the transflective film repeatedly, so that transmissivity and light efficiency are enhanced.

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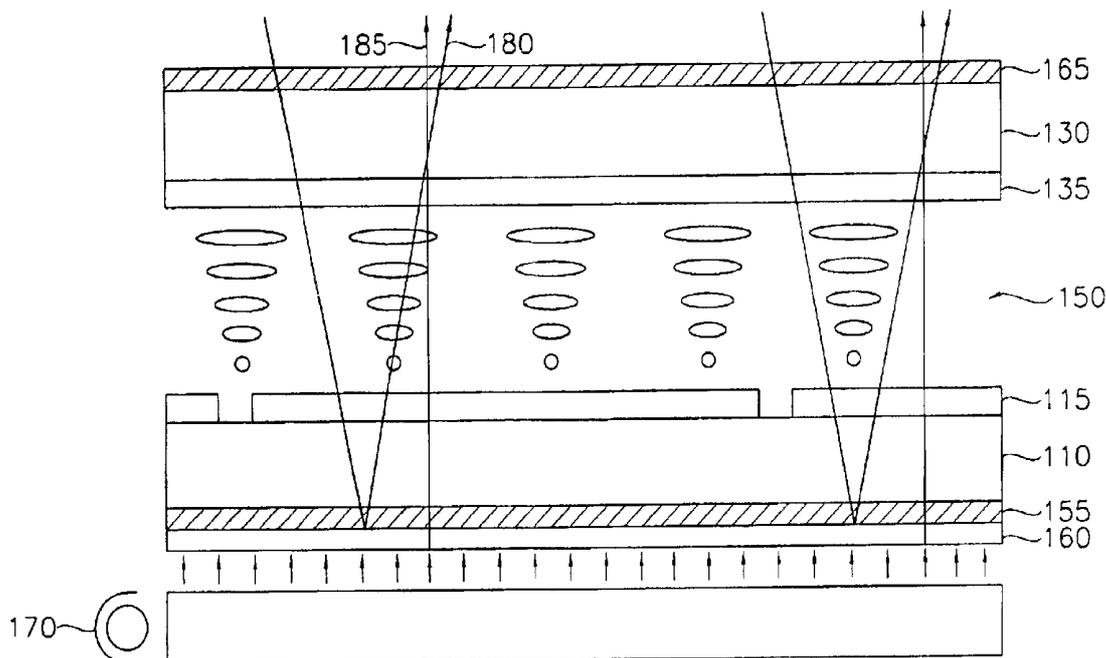


FIG. 1  
(PRIOR ART)

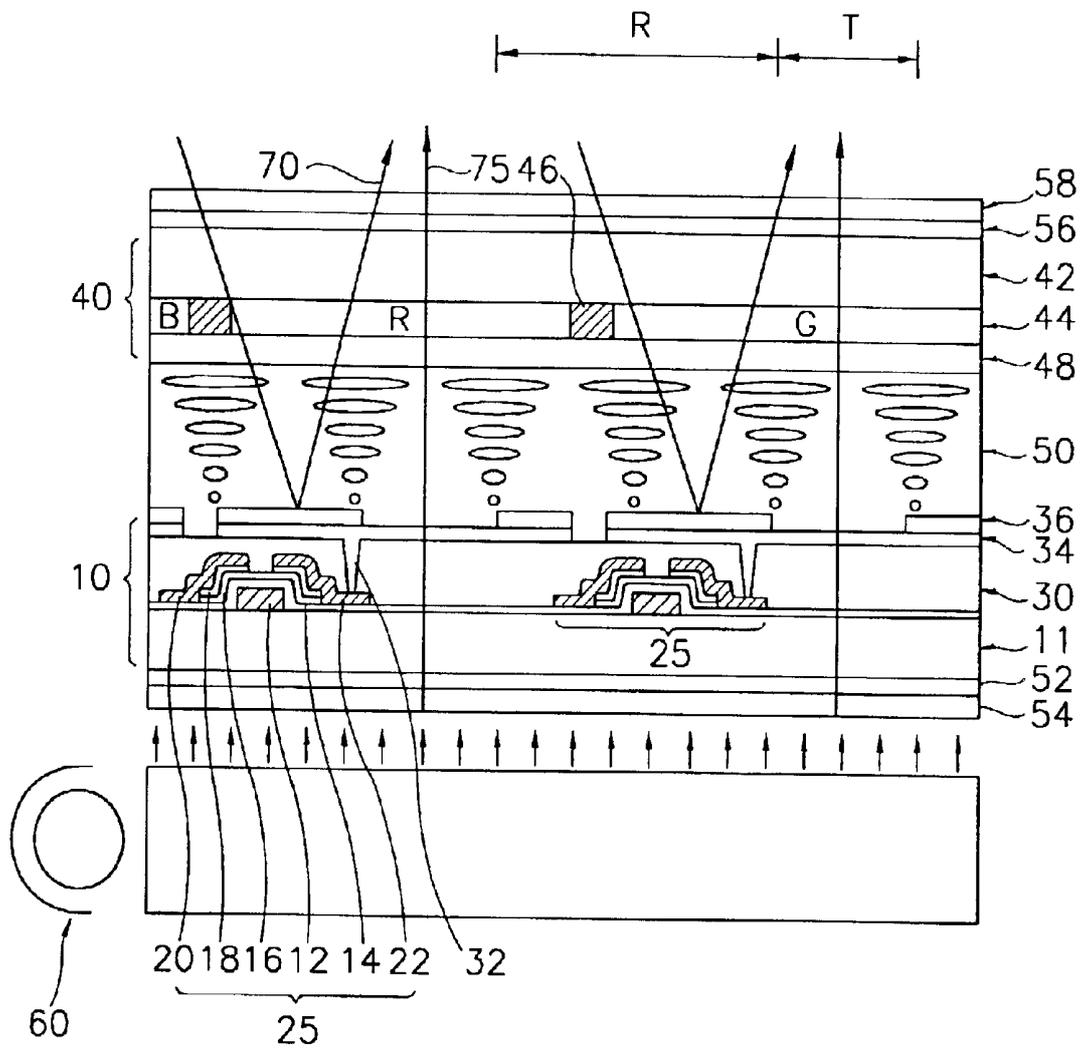


FIG. 2A  
(PRIOR ART)

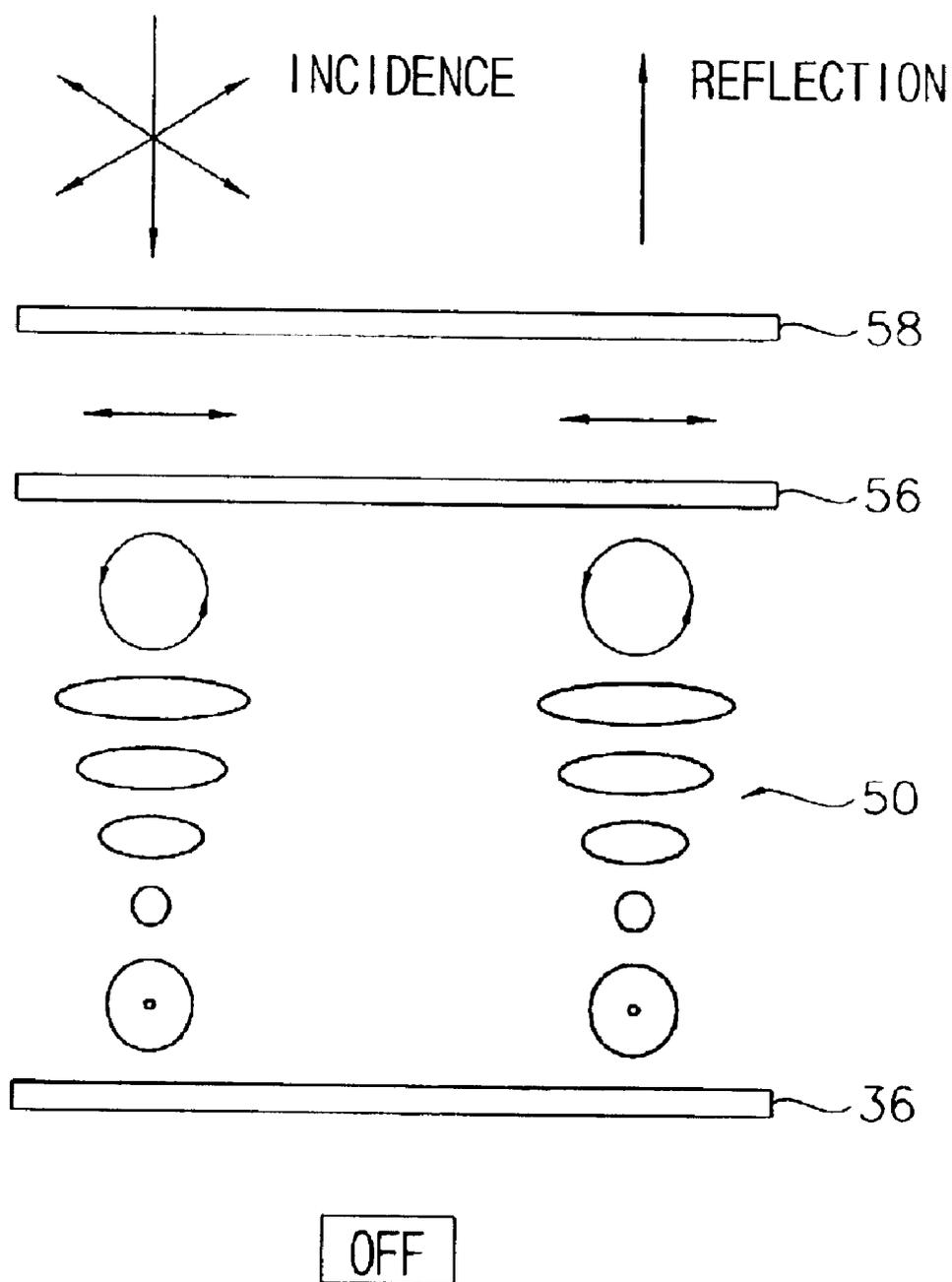
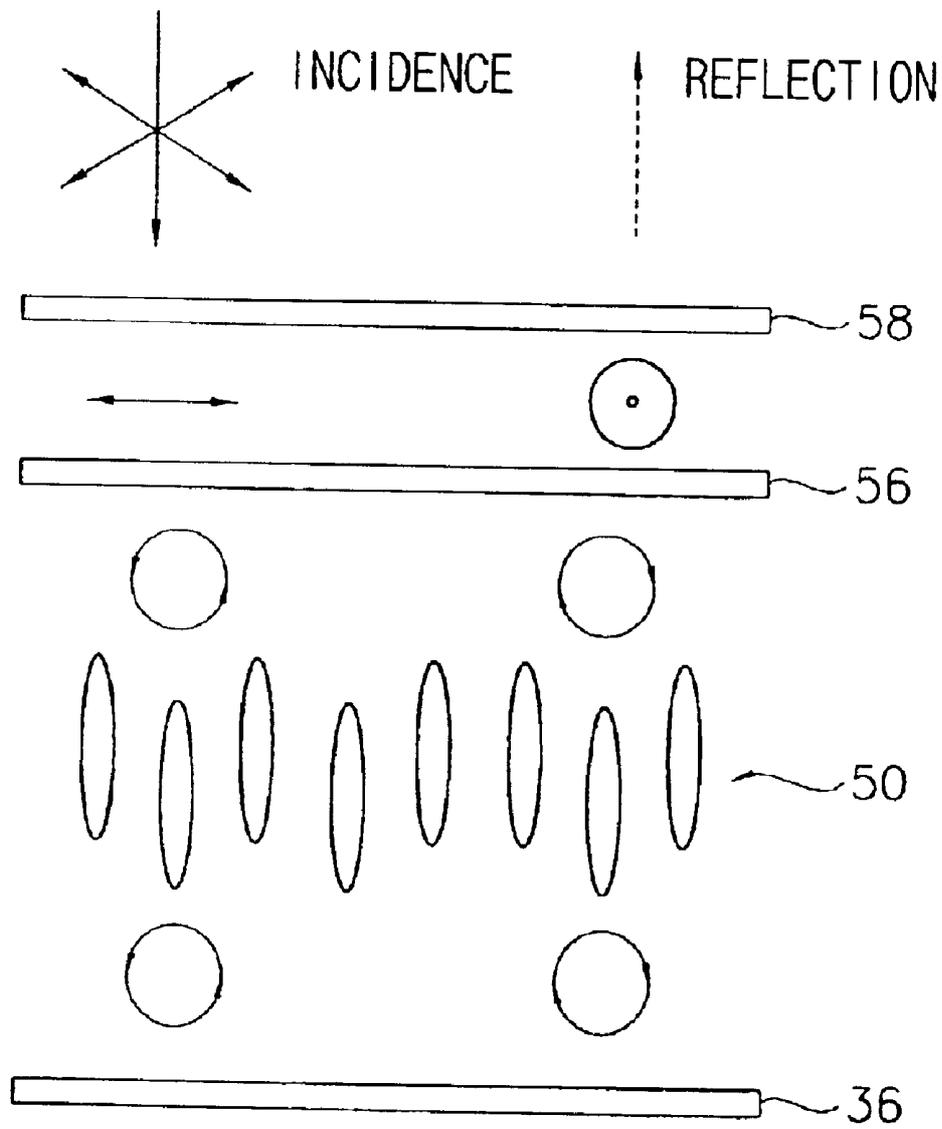


FIG. 2B  
(PRIOR ART)



ON

FIG. 3A  
(PRIOR ART)

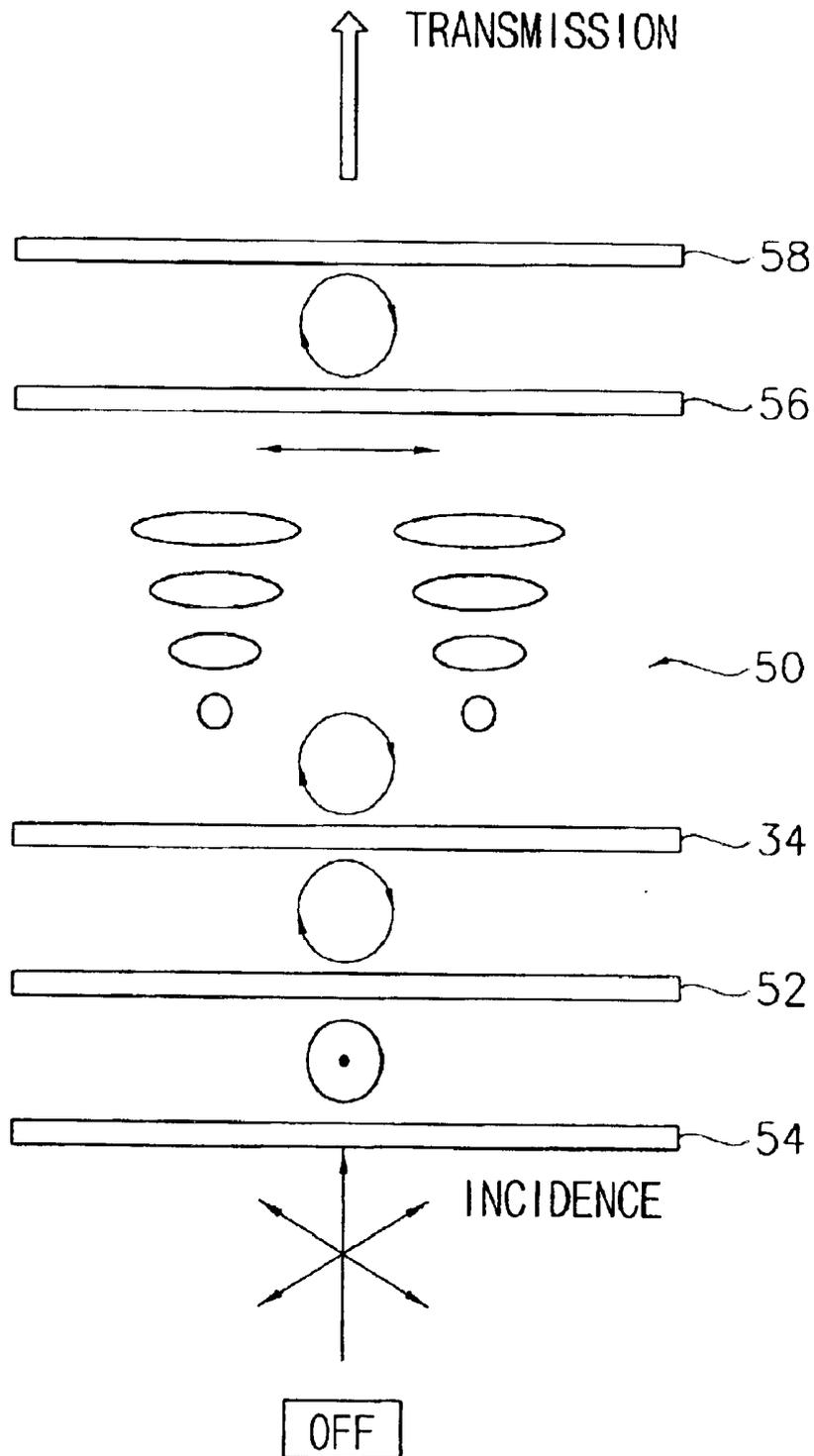


FIG. 3B  
(PRIOR ART)

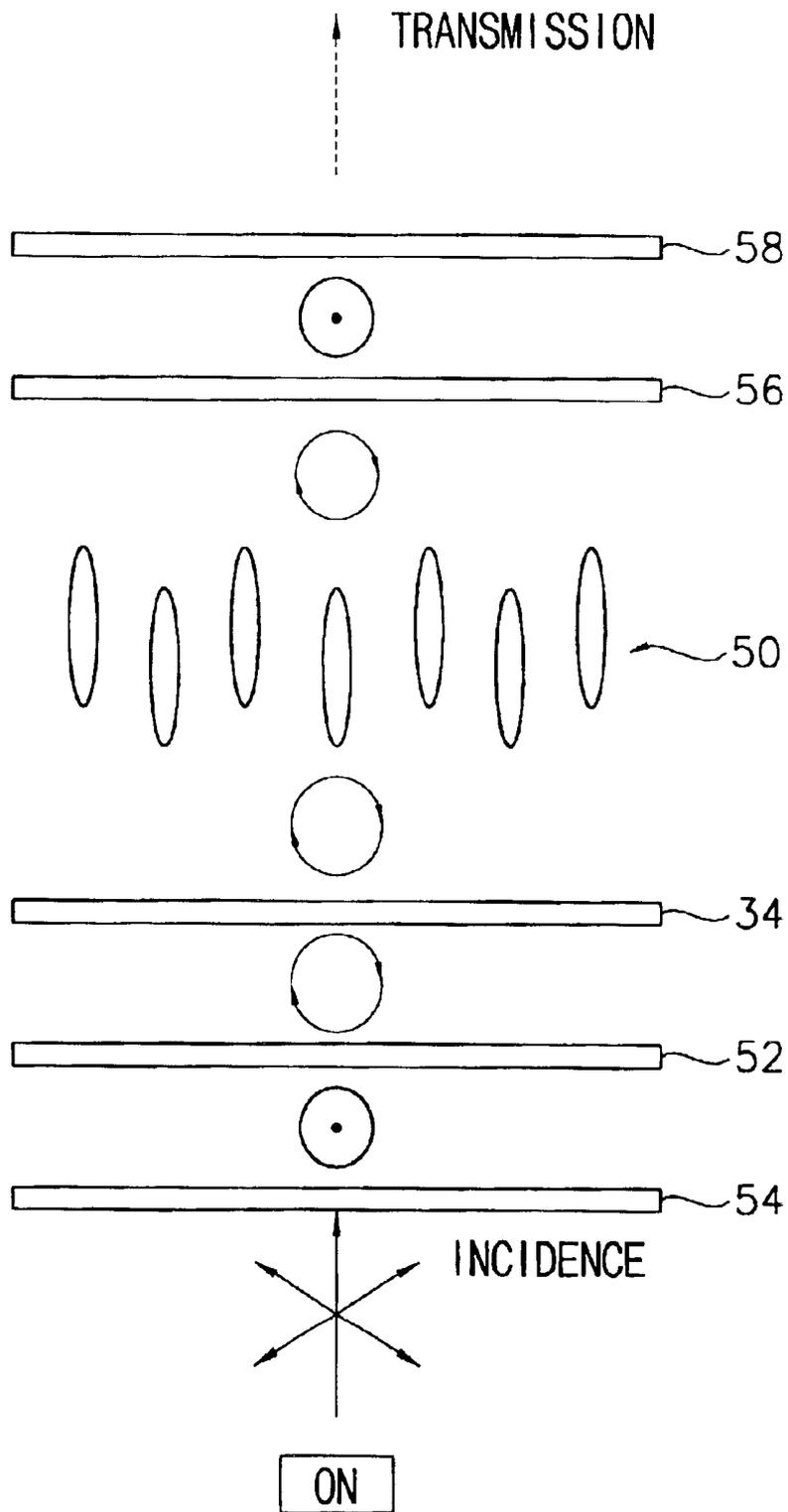


FIG. 4

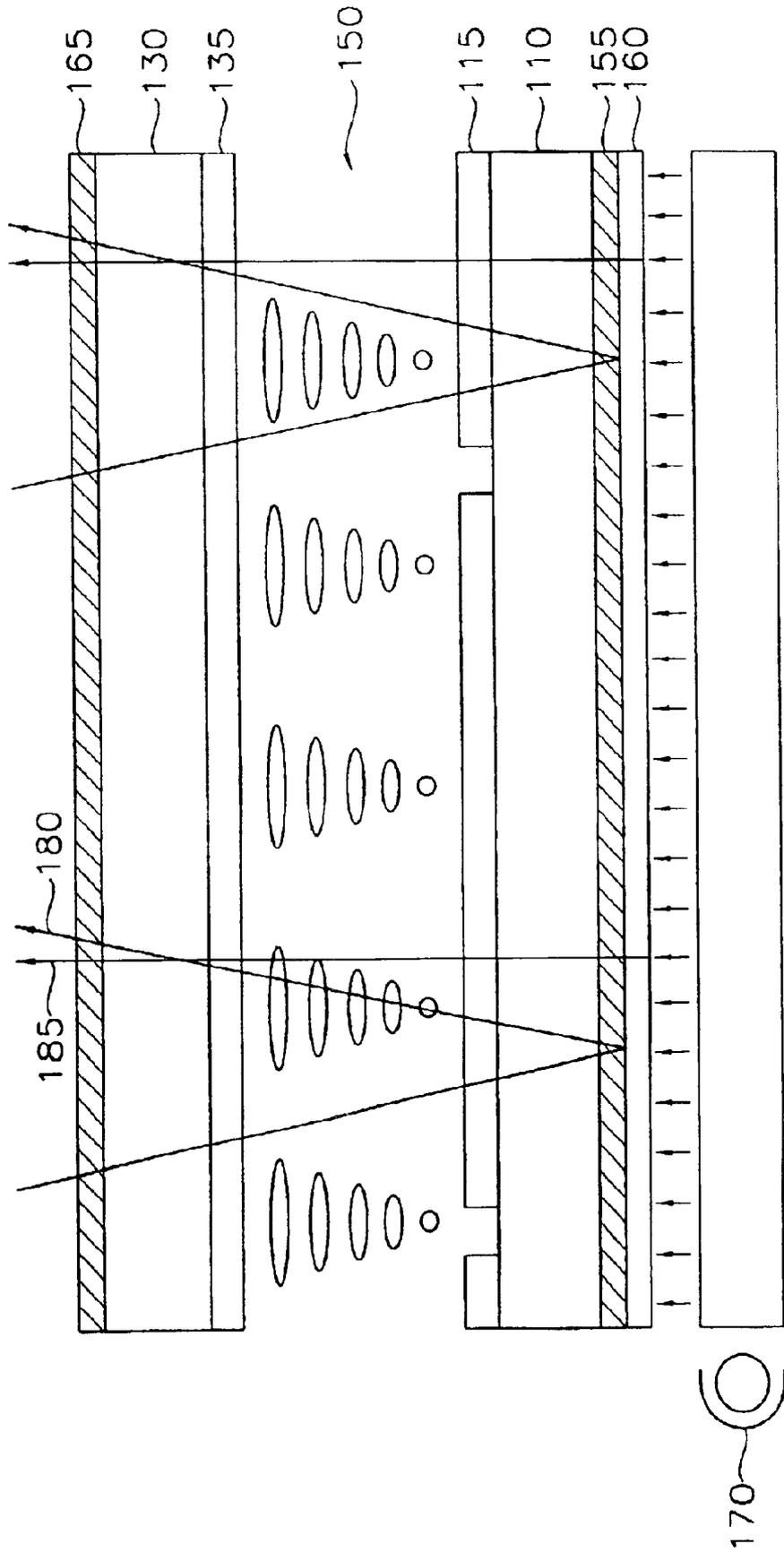


FIG. 5

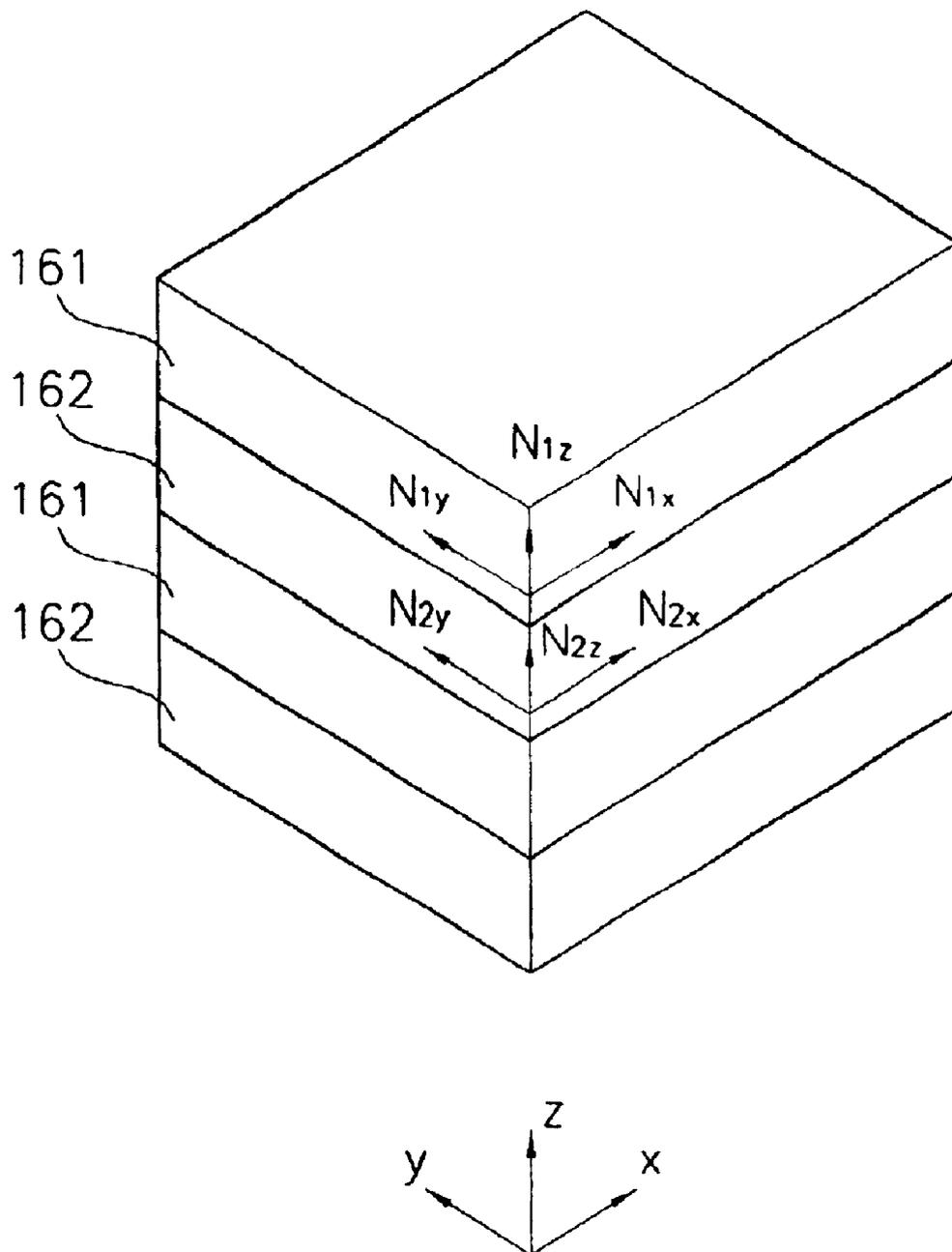


FIG. 6A

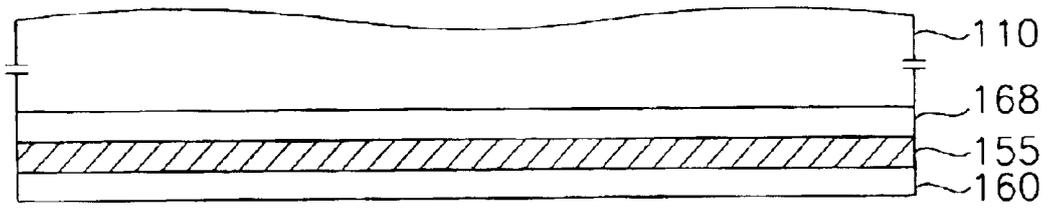


FIG. 6B

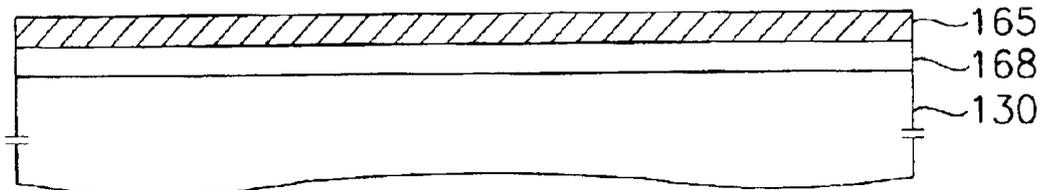


FIG. 7A

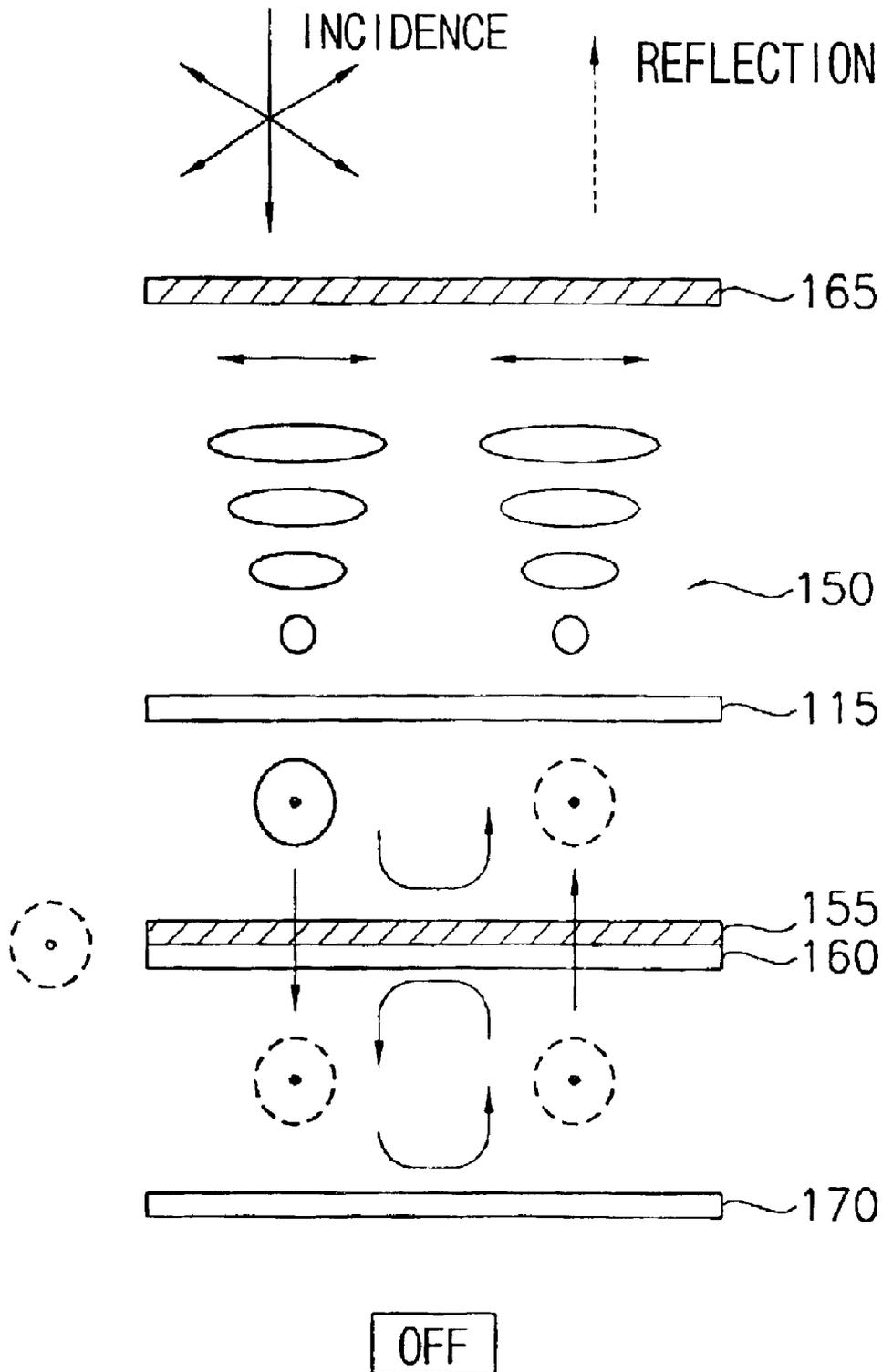


FIG. 7B

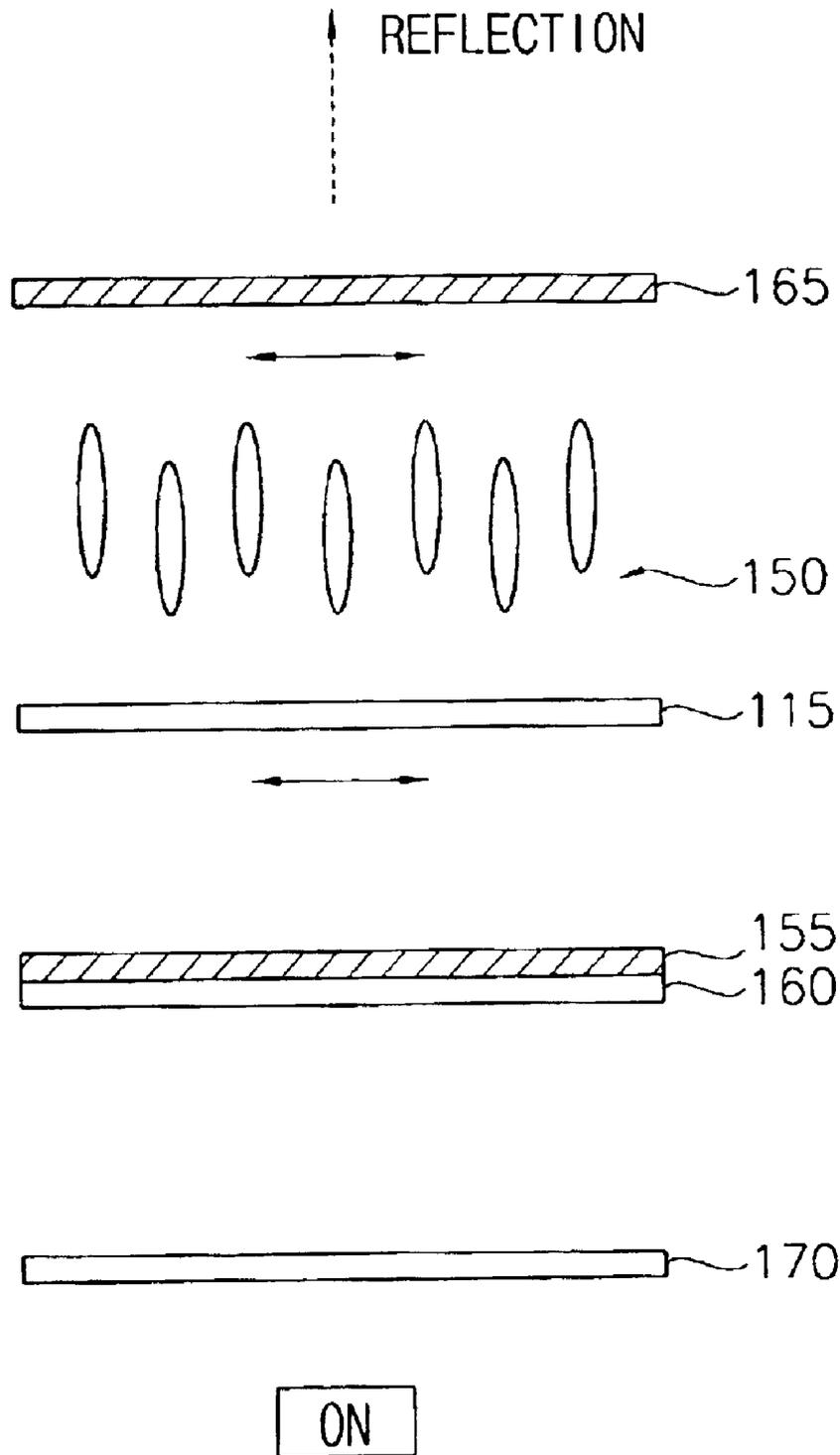


FIG. 8A

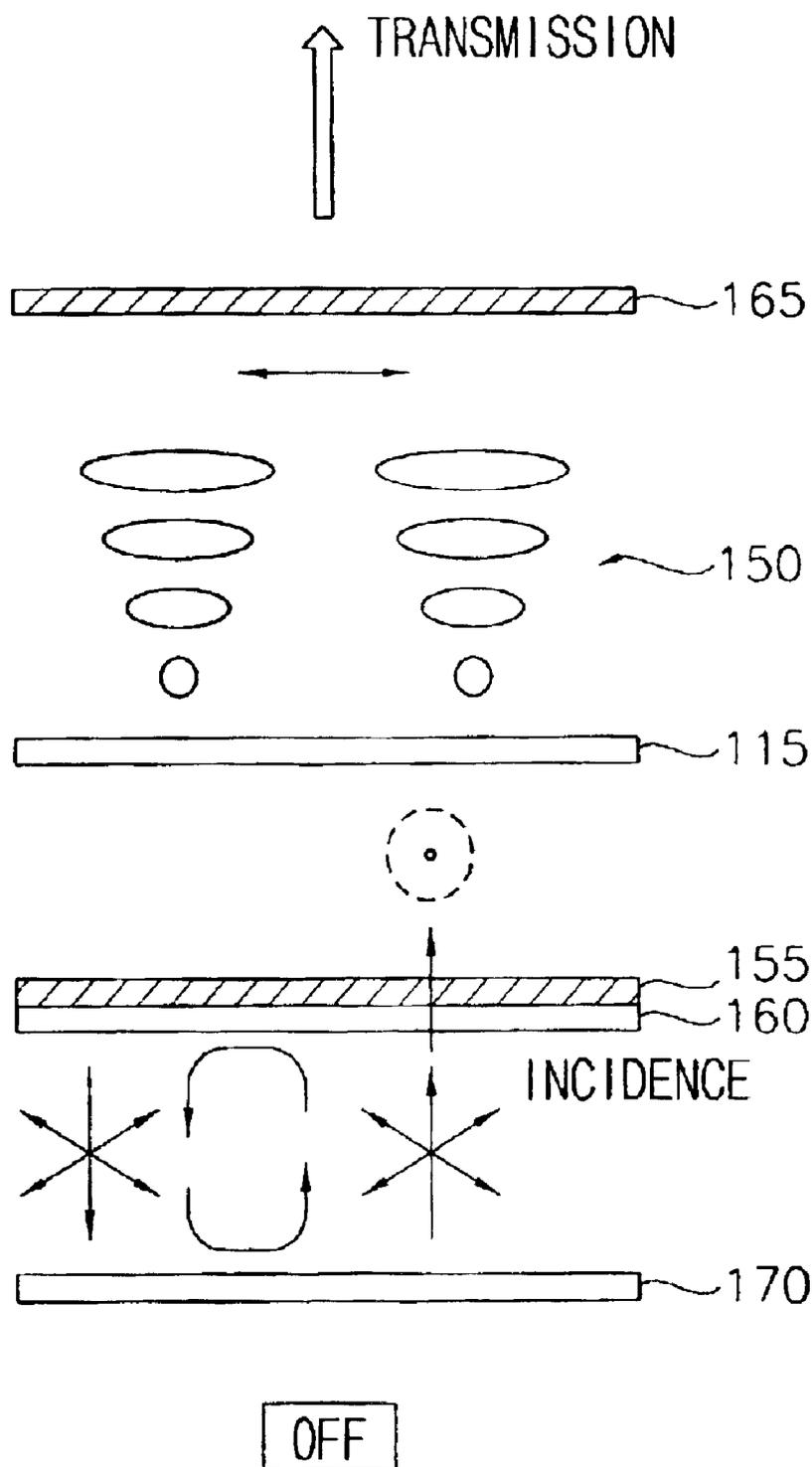


FIG. 8B

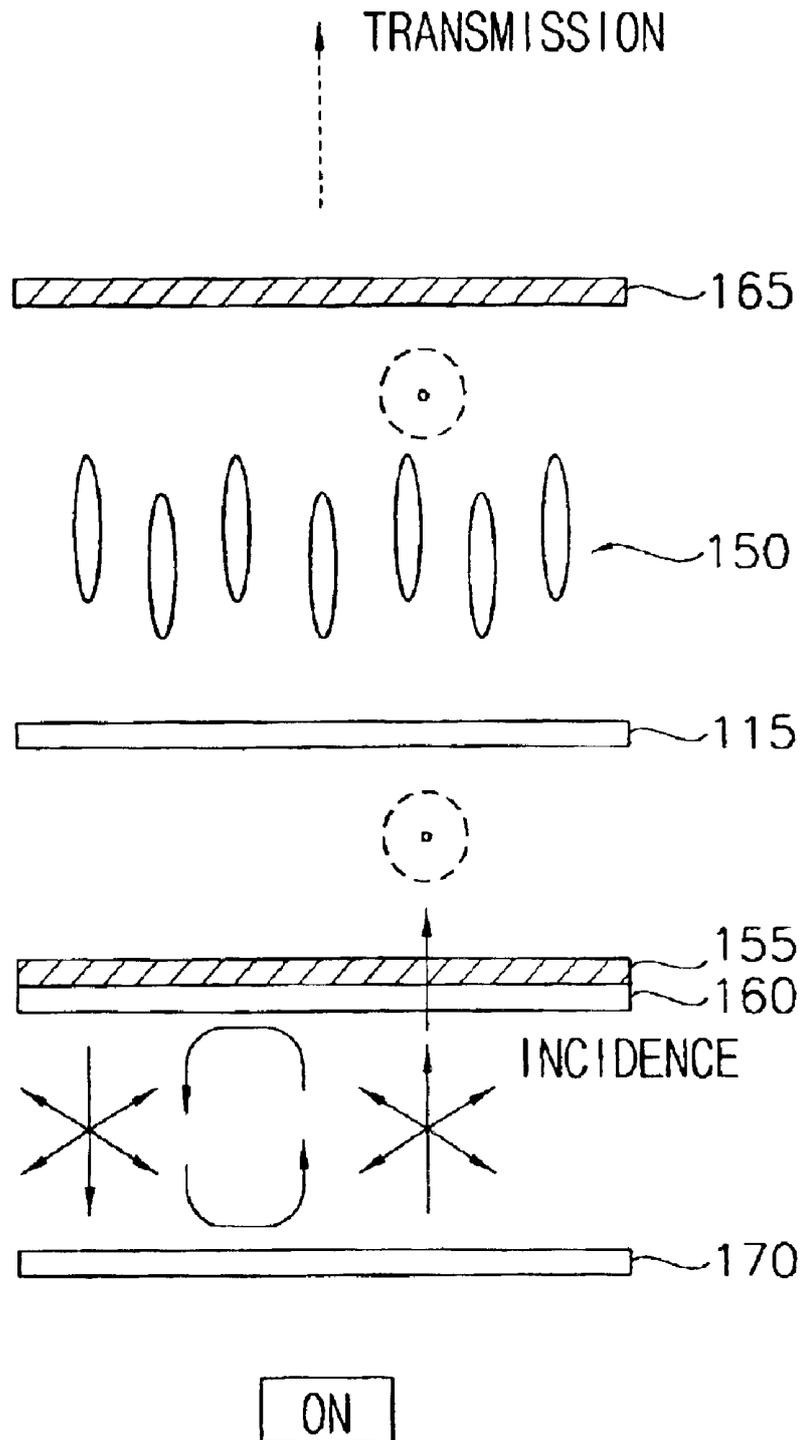


FIG. 9A

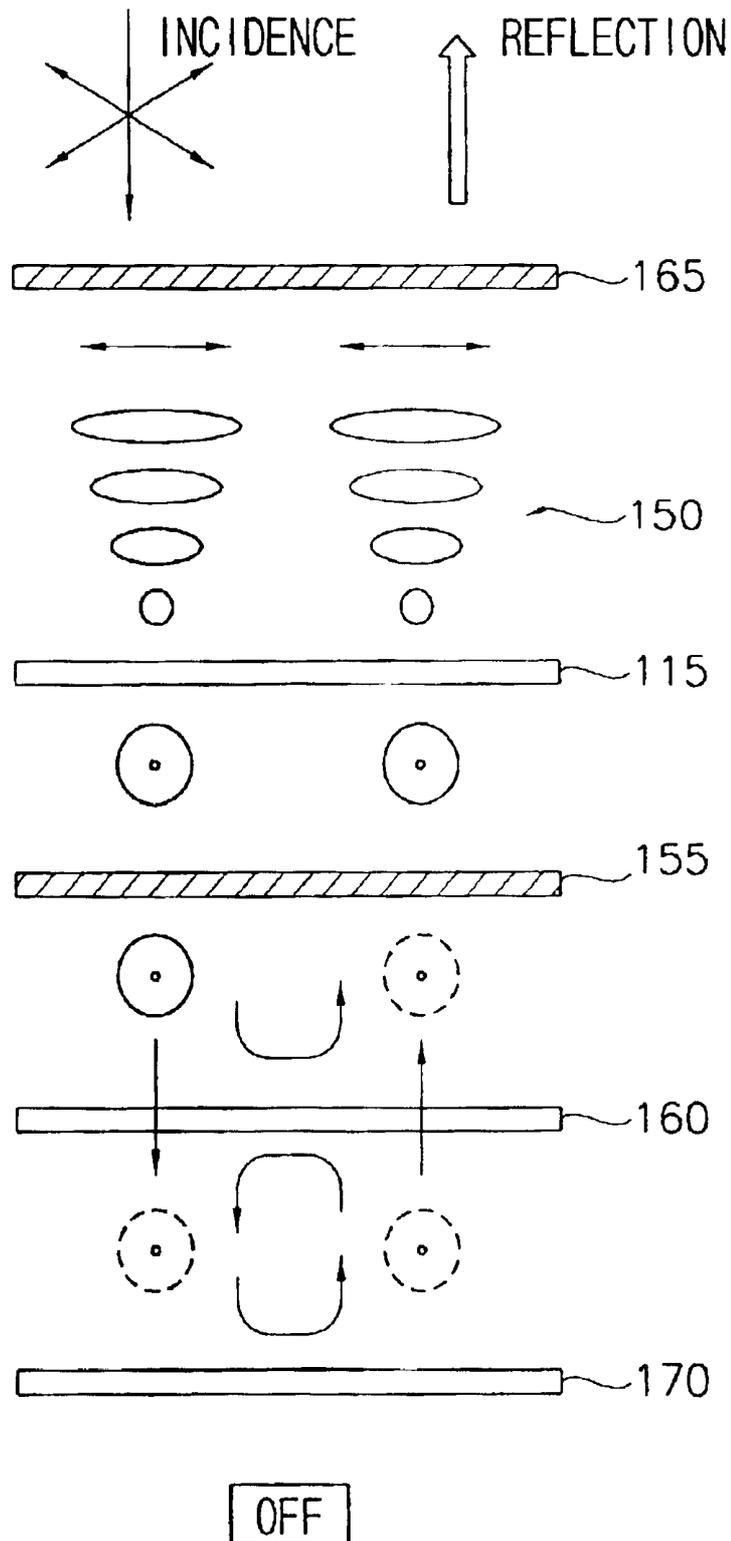


FIG. 9B

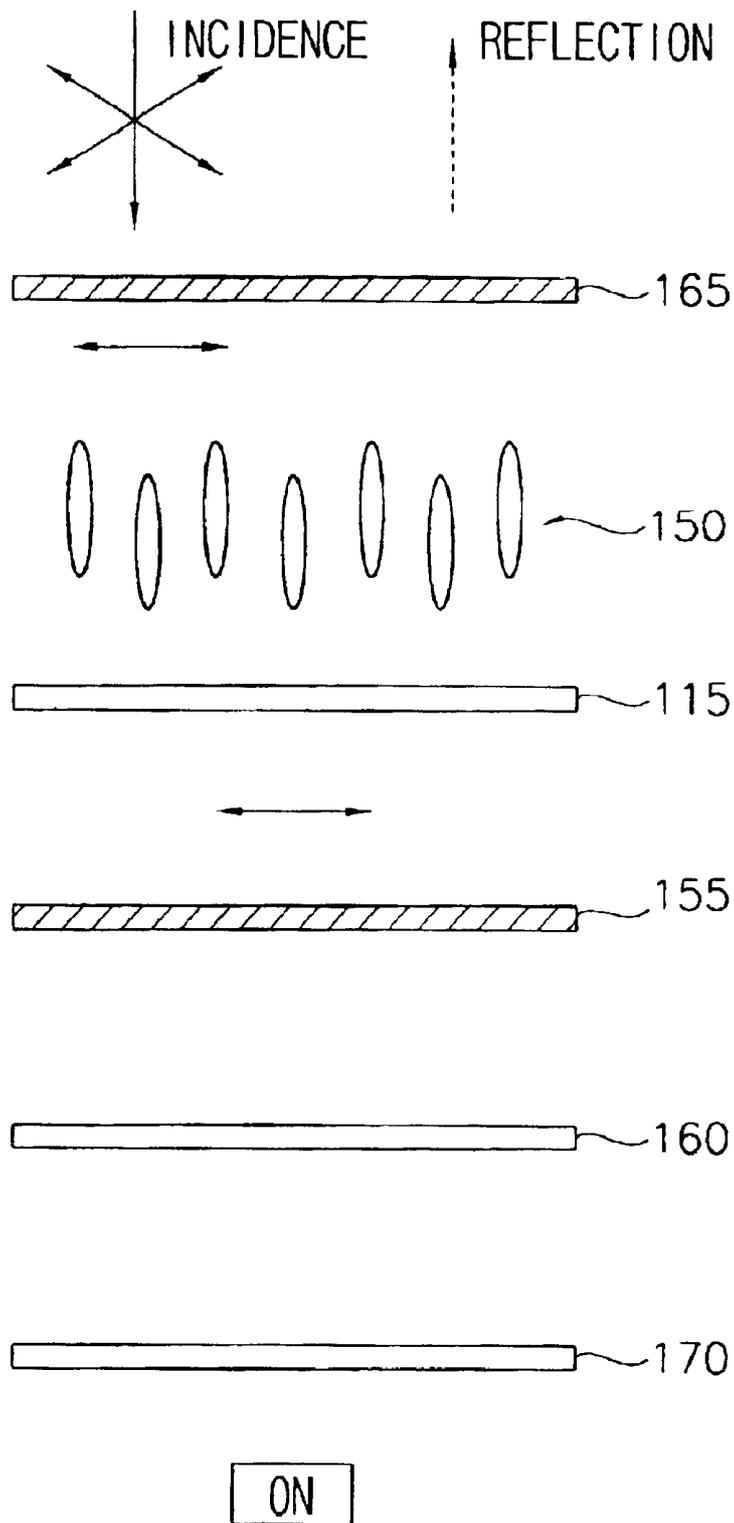


FIG. 10A

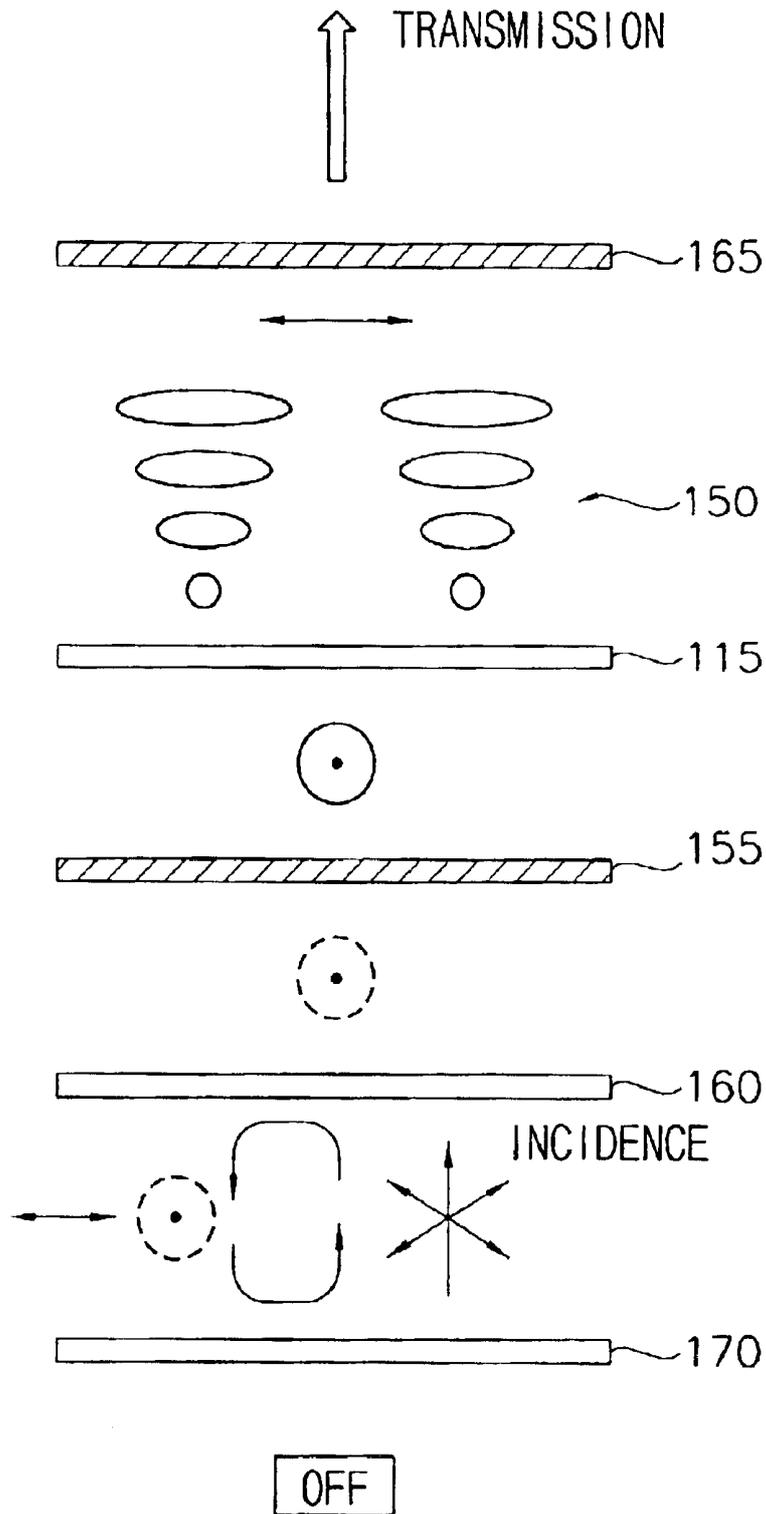


FIG. 10B

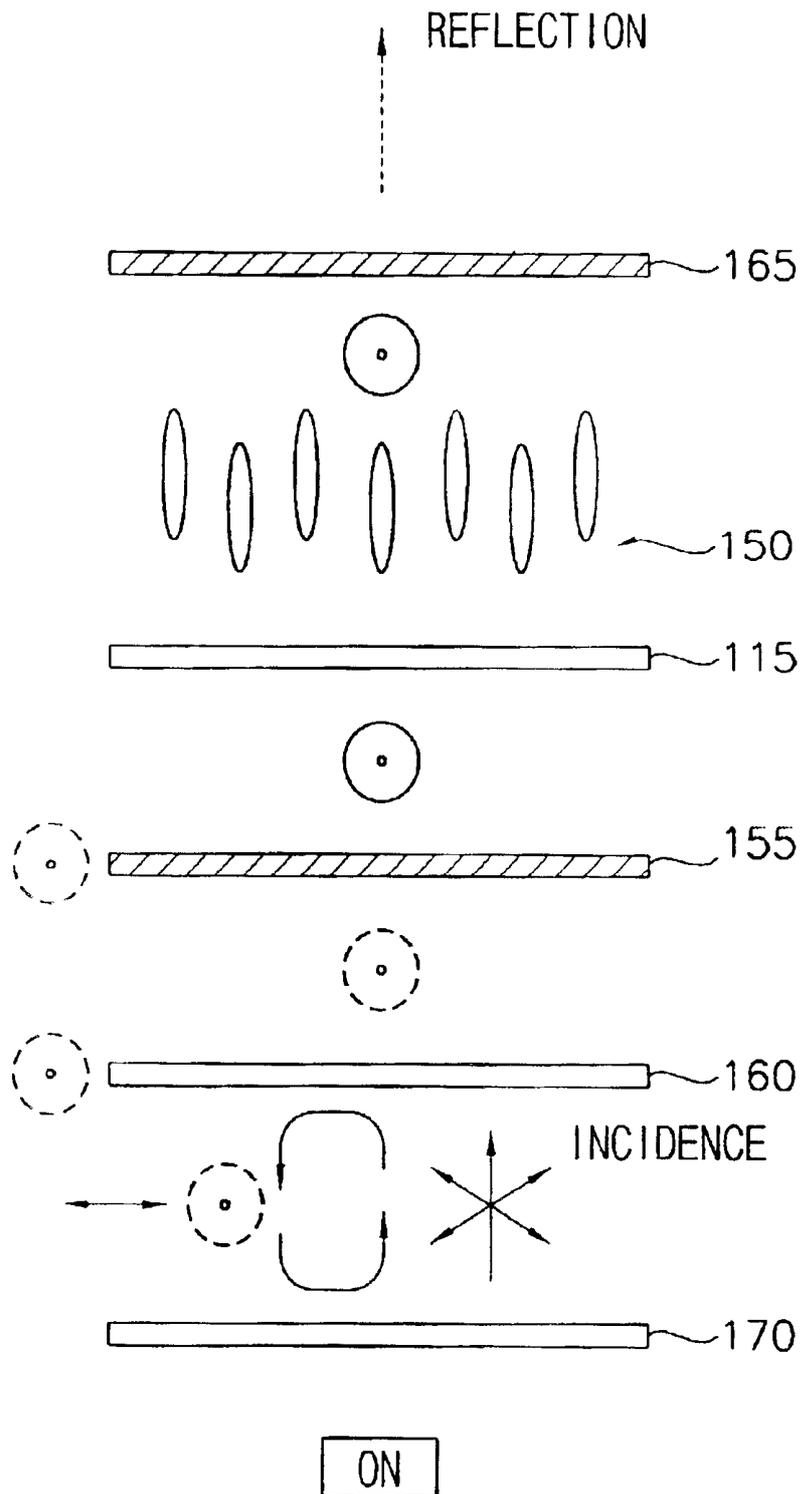
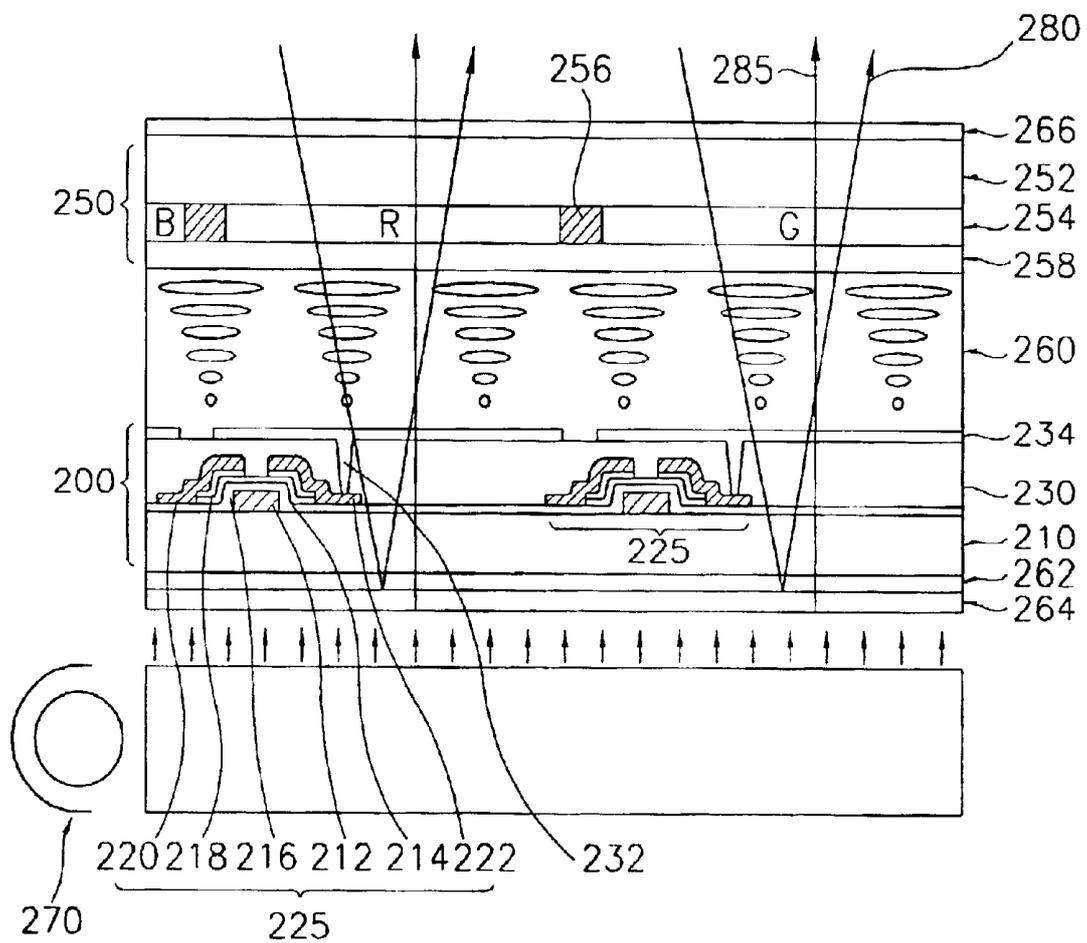


FIG. 11



# TRANSMISSIVE AND REFLECTIVE TYPE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal display, and more particularly, to a transmissive and reflective type liquid crystal display in which the display operation is carried out in reflection mode and transmission mode.

### 2. Description of the Related Art

Liquid crystal displays (LCDs) have become displays of choice among the various developed flat panel type displays because they are much slimmer and lighter than other types of displays. They also require lower driving voltage and lower power consumption.

LCD displays are classified as transmission type which display images using an external light source such as a backlight, as reflection type which display an image using natural light, and transmissive and reflective type which display in a transmission mode using an internal light source provided in the display itself at indoors or a dark place where an external light source does not exist and the display operates in a reflection mode to display images by reflecting external incident light in a high brightness environment such as at outdoors.

LCDs can also be classified depending on the way they are driven. For example, in the passive matrix type, pixels in the LCDs are driven using a root-mean-square (rms) of a difference between voltages applied to signal lines and scanning lines, while a line addressing in which a signal voltage is applied to all of the pixels at the same time is carried out. In the active matrix type, pixels are driven by a switching element such as a MIM (Metal-insulator-metal) device or a thin film transistor.

FIG. 1 is a sectional view of a conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD, and shows an active matrix type LCD using the thin film transistor.

Referring to FIG. 1, the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD includes a first substrate **10**, a second substrate **40** arranged facing the first substrate **10**, a liquid crystal layer **50** formed between the first substrate **10** and the second substrate **40**, and a light source, i.e., a backlight assembly **60** disposed at a rear side of the first substrate **10**.

The first substrate **10** includes a first insulating substrate **11**, a thin film transistor **25** formed on the first insulating substrate **11**, a passivation film **30** having a contact hole **32** for exposing a part of the thin film transistor **25**, a transparent electrode **34**, and a reflection electrode **36**. The thin film transistor **25** includes a gate electrode **12**, a gate insulating film **14**, an active pattern **16**, an ohmic contact pattern **18**, a source electrode **20**, and a drain electrode **22**. The transparent electrode **34** functions as a pixel electrode for transmitting light that is generated from the backlight **60** and is then incident through the first substrate **10**. The transparent electrode **34** is connected to the thin film transistor **25** formed on every unit pixel region on the first substrate **10**. The reflection electrode **36** reflects external light that is incident through the second substrate **40** and at the same time functions as another pixel electrode. The transparent electrodes **34** include regions of a transmission part T and a reflection part R for reflecting the external light incident through the second substrate **40**.

The second substrate **40** includes a second insulating substrate **42**, a color filter **44** comprised of RGB pixels for

displaying colors while light is transmitted therethrough, a black matrix **46** for preventing the light from being leaked between the pixels, and a transparent common electrode **48**.

The liquid crystal layer **50** is made of 90° twisted nematic (TN) liquid crystal, and has an approximately 0.24 of  $\Delta n d$  which is a product of anisotropy  $\Delta n$  in refractive index and thickness  $d$  of the liquid crystal layer **50**.

Also, according to an alignment direction of the liquid crystal molecules, a first polarizing plate **54** and a second polarizing plate **58** are respectively attached to external surfaces of the first and second substrates **10** and **40** so as to transmit only polarized light in a specific direction. The first and second polarizing plates **54** and **58** are all linear polarizers in which each polarizing axis of the first and second polarizing plates **54** and **58** is orthogonal to each other.

Between the first substrate **10** and the first polarizing plate **54**, and between the second substrate **40** and the second polarizing plate **58**, there are respectively arranged a first  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plate **52** and a second  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plate **56**. Each of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plates **52** and **56** functions to convert linearly polarized light to circularly polarized light; or vice versa by causing a phase difference of  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength between two polarization components that are orthogonal to each other and are parallel to the optical axes of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plates **52** and **56**.

Hereinafter, there are respectively described operations in the reflection mode and the transmission mode in the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD shown in FIG. 1.

FIGS. 2A and 2B are schematic views for illustrating an operation of the conventional LCD in the reflection mode.

First, when a pixel voltage is not applied (OFF), as shown in FIG. 2A, light that is incident from an outside is transmitted through the second polarizing plate **58**, so that the light is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate **58**. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the second  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plate **56**, so that the linearly polarized light is converted onto left-handed circularly polarized light. The left-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer **50**, so that the left-handed circularly polarized light is linearly polarized in a direction vertical to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate **58**, and is then incident onto the reflection electrode **36**. The linearly polarized light, which is reflected by the reflection electrode **36**, is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer **50**, so that the linearly polarized light is converted onto the left-handed circularly polarized light. The left-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the second  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plate **56**, so that the left-handed circularly polarized light is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate **58**. And then, the linearly polarized light is transmitted through the second polarizing plate **58**, so that a white image is displayed.

When a maximum pixel voltage is applied (ON), as shown in FIG. 2B, light that is incident externally is transmitted through the second polarizing plate **58**, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate **58**. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the second  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plate **56**, so that it is converted onto left-handed circularly polarized light. The left-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer **50** without variation in the polarization state, and is then

incident onto the reflection electrode 36. The light, which is incident onto the reflection electrode 36, is reflected by the reflection electrode 36, so that it is converted to right-handed circularly polarized light and the converted right-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 50. Thus, the right-handed circularly polarized light, which has been passed through the liquid crystal layer 50, is transmitted through the second ¼ wavelength phase difference plate 56, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 58. The linearly polarized light is shielded by the second polarizing plate 58, so that a black image is displayed.

FIGS. 3A and 3B are schematic views for illustrating an operation mechanism of the transmission mode.

When a pixel voltage is not applied (OFF), as shown in FIG. 3A, light that is irradiated from a backlight disposed below the first polarizing plate 54 is incident onto the first polarizing plate 54, and only light propagating in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 54 is transmitted through the first polarizing plate 54. At this time, since the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 54 is perpendicular to that of the second polarizing plate 58, the light that has been passed through the first polarizing plate 54 is converted onto light linearly polarized in a direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 58. The linearly polarized light is converted onto a right-handed circularly polarized light by a first ¼-wavelength phase difference plate 52. The right-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through a transparent electrode 34, and is then incident to a liquid crystal layer 50. The right-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 50, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 58. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through a second ¼-wavelength phase difference plate 56, so that it is converted onto the right-handed circularly polarized light. At this time, since only a light component propagating in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 58 can be transmitted through the second polarizing plate 58, only about 50% of the right-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 58. Accordingly, there is a light loss of about 50%, and an image having a moderate brightness is displayed.

Meanwhile, although not shown in the drawings, an optical path of the incident light becomes different at a region where a metal layer, such as the gate line, the data line, or the reflection electrode exists in the transmission mode. In other words, light that is incident from the backlight is transmitted through the first polarizing plate 54, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 54. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the first ¼ wavelength phase difference plate 52, so that it is right-handed circularly polarized. The right-handed circularly polarized light is reflected by metal layers, and become left-handed circularly polarized. Then, the left-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the first ¼ wavelength phase difference plate 52, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 54. Accordingly, the linearly polarized light is absorbed in the first polarizing plate 54, and does not return to the backlight. Thus, the light reflected by the metal layers is not reproduced and disappears, so that an overall light efficiency is lowered.

When a maximum pixel voltage is applied (ON), as shown in FIG. 3B, light that is irradiated from a backlight

disposed below the first polarizing plate 54 is incident onto the first polarizing plate 54, so that only light propagating in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 54 is transmitted through the first polarizing plate 54. The light linearly polarized by the first polarizing plate 54 is converted into a right-handed circularly polarized light after being transmitted through the first ¼ wavelength phase difference plate 52. The right-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the transparent electrode 34, and is then incident onto the liquid crystal layer 50. The right-handed circularly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 50 without variation in the polarization state, and is linearly polarized in a direction orthogonal to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 58 after being transmitted through the second ¼ wavelength phase difference plate 56. Afterwards, the light linearly polarized in the direction orthogonal to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 58 is not transmitted to the second polarizing plate 58, so that a dark image is displayed.

As described above, since the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD has to be provided with the wide band ¼ wavelength phase difference plates 52 and 56 covering an overall frequency band of the visible ray, as well as the first and second polarizing plates 54 and 58 with respect to each of the first and second substrates 10 and 40, manufacturing cost is increased as compared with the transmission type LCD. Also, since the polarization characteristic in the transmission mode causes light loss of about 50%, there are drawbacks in that a light transmissivity decreases by about 50% and contrast ratio (C/R) is lowered.

Further, since  $\Delta n_d$  of the liquid crystal layer 50 is only about  $0.24 \mu\text{m}$  which is a half of  $\Delta n_d$  (about  $0.48 \mu\text{m}$ ) of the conventional transmission type LCD, the cell gap of the liquid crystal cell should be decreased to a level of about  $3 \mu\text{m}$ , and the refractive anisotropy  $\Delta n$  of the liquid crystal also should be decreased. Accordingly, there is a need for a transmissive and reflective type LCD device and method which avoids aforementioned problems.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention is to solve the aforementioned problems of the conventional art, and it is an object of the present invention to provide a transmissive and reflective type LCD capable of simplifying a structure of a liquid crystal cell and decreasing light loss in the transmission mode.

In one aspect, there is provided a transmissive and reflective type LCD comprising a first substrate, a second substrate, a liquid crystal layer, a first polarizing plate, a second polarizing plate, a backlight, and a transparent transreflective film. In the transmissive and reflective type LCD, the second substrate has an inner surface that is arranged facing the first substrate, and the liquid crystal layer is formed between the first substrate and the second substrate. The first polarizing plate is formed on an outer surface of the first substrate. The second polarizing plate is formed on an outer surface of the second substrate, the outer surface being opposite to the inner surface of the second substrate. The backlight is arranged for irradiating incident light onto the first polarizing plate. The transparent transreflective film is arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight for partially reflecting and partially transmitting the incident light. The transparent transreflective film includes at least a first layer and a second layer having different refractivity indexes from each other and are alternatively stacked.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a transmissive and reflective type LCD for partially

reflecting and transmitting incident light, comprising an LC cell, a first polarizing plate, a second polarizing plate, a backlight and a transparent transfective film. The LC cell includes a first substrate, a second substrate having an inner surface that is arranged to face the first substrate, and a liquid crystal layer formed between the first substrate and the second substrate. The first polarizing plate is formed on an outer surface of the first substrate. The second polarizing plate is formed on an outer surface of the second substrate that oppositely faces the inner surface of the second substrate. The backlight is arranged at a rear side of the first polarizing plate. The transparent transfective film is arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight, and has a plurality of layers in which a first layer and a second layer having different refractivity indexes from each other. The transmissive and reflective type LCD has a reflection light path along which the incident light is incident onto the LC cell from a front side of the LC cell, is reflected by the transfective film, and is output through the front side of the LC cell. And, the transmissive and reflective type LCD has a transmission light path along which the incident light is incident onto the LC cell from a rear side of the LC cell, is transmitted through the transfective film, and is output through the front side of the LC cell.

The transmissive and reflective type LCD of the invention does not require a reflection electrode within LC cell or a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength phase difference plate on each of the upper substrate (second substrate) and the lower substrate (first substrate). Hence, compared with the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD, the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present invention is simpler and more easily made.

Further, it is possible that the transfective film of partially being transmitted and reflecting incident light performs both functions of the reflection electrode and the transparent electrode at the same time, and a recycling process of light is lastingly generated, so that light loss is not generated in the transmission mode. Accordingly, compared with the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD, the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the invention has an enhanced transmissivity. Also, since the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the invention does not utilize the  $\frac{1}{4}$  wavelength phase difference plate, the light that is incident from the backlight and is then reflected by metal regions of LC cell is recycled and again used, so that it becomes possible to enhance an overall light efficiency.

Furthermore, since the optical conditions applied to the liquid crystal of the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD can be identically applied to that of the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present invention, there is no degradation in reliability.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above objects and other advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail exemplary embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a sectional view of a conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD;

FIGS. 2A and 2B are schematic views for illustrating a conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 1 in a reflection mode;

FIGS. 3A and 3B are schematic views for illustrating a transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 1 in a transmission mode;

FIG. 4 is a sectional view of a transmissive and reflective type LCD in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 is a schematic view showing a structure of the transfective film shown in FIG. 4;

FIGS. 6A and 6B are sectional views for illustrating a light scattering layer that is applicable to the transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 4;

FIGS. 7A and 7B are schematic views for illustrating the transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 4 applied in a reflection mode;

FIGS. 8A and 8B are schematic views for illustrating the transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 4 applied in a transmission mode;

FIGS. 9A and 9B are schematic views for illustrating the transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 4 applied in a reflection mode;

FIGS. 10A and 10B are schematic views for illustrating the transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. 4 applied in a transmission mode; and

FIG. 11 is a sectional view of a transmissive and reflective type LCD in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Now, exemplary embodiments of the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the annexed drawings.

FIG. 4 is a sectional view of a transmissive and reflective type LCD in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 4, the transmissive and reflective type LCD includes a first substrate 110, a second substrate 130 of which an inner surface is arranged facing the first substrate 110, and a liquid crystal layer 150 formed between the first substrate 110 and the second substrate 130.

The first and second substrates 110 and 130 are preferably manufactured using a glass substrate.

A first transparent electrode 115 is formed on the inner surface of the first substrate 110. Preferably, the first transparent electrode 115 is formed of conductive oxide film such as indium tin oxide (ITO). Preferably, the first transparent electrode 115 is elongated in a first direction, and serves as a signal electrode that is repeatedly arranged in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction.

A first polarizing plate 155 is disposed on the outer surface of the first substrate 110. A second polarizing plate 165 is formed on an outer surface of the second substrate 130, opposite the inner surface of the second substrate 130. The first and second polarizing plates 155 and 165 function to absorb polarized light and to transmit other polarized light, thereby allowing incident light to be transmitted in a specific direction. The first and second polarizing plates 155 and 165 are linear polarizers of which polarizing axes are arranged to be orthogonal to each other.

A backlight 170 is installed at a rear side of the first polarizing plate 155.

A second transparent electrode 135 made of conductive oxide film such as ITO is formed on the inner surface of the second substrate 130 facing the first substrate 110. Preferably, the second transparent electrode 135 serves as a scanning electrode that is repeatedly arranged in a second direction and is elongated in the first direction. In other words, in a passive matrix type LCD, the first transparent electrode 115 of the first substrate 110 and the second transparent electrode 135 of the second substrate 130 are

arranged to be orthogonal to each other such that they are used as the signal electrode and scanning electrode, respectively.

The liquid crystal layer **150** is made of 270° super twisted nematic (STN) liquid crystal. Alternatively, the liquid crystal layer **150** can be made of 90° twisted nematic (TN) liquid crystal. One skilled in the art readily appreciates that the passive matrix type LCD uses STN liquid crystal while the active matrix type LCD uses TN liquid crystal.

According to an embodiment of the present embodiment, the liquid crystal layer **150** has an  $\Delta n$  of about 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  that is a product of a refractive anisotropy  $\Delta n$  and a thickness  $d$  of the liquid crystal layer **150**, preferably about 0.48  $\mu\text{m}$ . The value of about 0.48  $\mu\text{m}$  allows the LCD of the present invention to identically use an LC optical condition of the conventional transmission type LCD without modification, thereby preventing the reliability of the liquid crystal from being lowered.

A transfective film **160** is disposed between the first polarizing plate **155** and the backlight **170**. The transfective film **160** includes at least two transparent layers having a different refractivity index from each other. A first layer **161** and a second layer **162** are preferably alternatively stacked as shown in FIG. 5. The transparent transfective film **160** functions to partially reflect and transmit incident light. Accordingly, the transmissive and reflective type LCD in accordance with an embodiment of the invention has a reflection light path **180** and a transmission light path **185**. In the reflection light path, incident light is incident toward the second substrate **130**, is transmitted through the first substrate **110**, is reflected by the transfective film **160**, and is output through the second substrate **130**. In the transmission light path **185**, incident light is incident from the backlight onto the transfective film **160** and the first substrate **110**, and is output through the second substrate **130**.

Hereinafter, the structure and operations of the transfective film **160** are described.

Referring to FIG. 5, when it is assumed that the transfective film **160** has a film thickness direction of z-axis and a film plane of x-y plane, the transfective film **160** according to an aspect of the present invention is characterized in that the first layer **161** thereof has a refractive anisotropy within the film plane, e.g., x-y plane, and the second layer **162** does not have a refractive anisotropy within the film plane.

The transfective film **160** has various transmissivity and reflectivity characteristics depending on polarizing state and direction of the incident light. For instance, when it is assumed that a direction parallel to an elongated direction of the transfective film **160** is x-direction and a direction perpendicular to the elongated direction is y-direction, each of the first layer **161** having a high refractivity and refractive anisotropy within the film plane and the second layer **162** not having refractive anisotropy have three main refractive indexes of  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ , and  $n_z$  that satisfy the following relationships (1):

$$n_{1x} = n_{1z} \neq n_{1y};$$

$$n_{2x} = n_{2y} = n_{2z};$$

$$n_{1x} \neq n_{2x};$$

$$n_{1y} \neq n_{2y};$$

and

$$|n_{1x} - n_{2x}| < |n_{1y} - n_{2y}| \quad (1).$$

( $n_{1x}$ ,  $n_{1y}$ , and  $n_{1z}$  denotes a main refractive index of the first layer in an x-axis, a y-axis, and a z-axis, respectively,

and  $n_{2x}$ ,  $n_{2y}$ , and  $n_{2z}$  denotes a main refractive index of the second layer in an x-axis, a y-axis, and a z-axis, respectively)

Thus, if a refractivity difference in the x-direction between the first layer **161** and the second layer **162** is less than a refractivity difference in the y-direction between the first layer **161** and the second layer **162**, when a non-polarized light is incident in the direction perpendicular to the film plane, i.e., z-direction, a polarization component polarized parallel to the y-direction is mostly reflected due to a high difference in the refractivity based on Fresnel's equation, but a polarization component polarized parallel to the x-direction is partially transmitted and reflected due to a low difference in the refractivity.

There are disclosed methods for enhancing the display brightness by using a reflection type polarizing plate made of dielectric multilayered film having birefringence in Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 9-506985 and International Patent Publication No. WO 97/01788. The dielectric multilayered film having birefringence has a structure in which two kinds of polymer layers are alternatively stacked. One of the two kinds of polymer layers is selected from a polymer group having a high refractivity and the other is selected from a polymer group having a low refractivity.

Hereinafter, the structure of the dielectric multilayered film is reviewed in an aspect of optical property.

For instance, when it is assumed that there is the following relationship between the first layer in which a material having a high refractivity is elongated, and a second layer in which a material having a low refractivity is elongated:

$$n_{1x} = n_{1z} = 1.57, n_{1y} = 1.86;$$

and

$$n_{2x} = n_{2y} = n_{2z} = 1.57.$$

Thus, in case that refractivities of the first and second layers in the x-direction and the z-direction are identical and refractivities of the first and second layers in the y-direction are different from each other, when non-polarized light is incident in the direction perpendicular to the film plane, i.e., z-direction, polarization components in the x-direction are all transmitted, polarization components in the y-direction are all reflected based on Fresnel's equation. A representative example of birefringence dielectric multilayered films having the above characteristics is DBEF (Dual brightness enhancement film). The DBEF has a multilayered structure in which two kinds of films made of different material are a few hundred layers stacked. In other words, poly(ethylene naphthalate) layer having a high birefringence and poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) layer are alternatively stacked to form the DBEF layer. Since naphthalene groups of the poly(ethylene naphthalate) layer has a flat plane structure, when those groups are adjacently placed to each other, it is easy to stack the poly(ethylene naphthalate) layer and the DBEF layer, so that the refractivity in the stacking direction becomes considerably different from those in other directions. On the contrary, since the PMMA is an amorphous polymer and is isotropically aligned, the PMMA has an identical refractivity in all directions.

The DBEF transmits all x-directional polarization components and reflects all y-directional polarization components, while the transfective film **160** according to an aspect of the present invention mostly reflects a specific-directional (for instance, y-directional) polarization component, but partially reflects and transmits polarization component, which is polarized in a direction (for instance,

x-direction) orthogonal to the specific direction. The trans-  
 reflective film can be made by vertically attaching two aniso-  
 tropic transreflective films having various transmissivity and  
 reflectivity depending on polarizing state and direction of an  
 incident light. Alternatively, the transreflective film can be  
 made by attaching an anisotropic transreflective film having  
 various transmissivity and reflectivity depending on polar-  
 izing state and direction of incident light and a transreflective  
 film having isotropic reflection and transmission character-  
 istics regardless of polarizing state and direction of incident  
 light. The two transreflective films can be made in an inte-  
 10 grally formed structure, or made in a separately formed film  
 structure.

Also, according to another preferred aspect of the  
 invention, the transreflective film **160** has isotropic reflection  
 and transmission characteristics regardless of polarizing  
 state and direction of incident light. For instance, if it is  
 assumed that a direction parallel to an elongated direction of  
 the film is in the x-direction and a direction perpendicular to  
 the elongated direction of the film is in the y-direction, the  
 first layer **161** having a high refractivity and the second layer  
**162** having a low refractivity both have a refractive isotropy  
 within x-y planes of the film, and each of the first and second  
 layers **161** and **162** have three main refractive indexes of  $n_x$ ,  
 $n_y$ , and  $n_z$  that satisfy the following relationships:

$$n_{1x}=n_{1y}=n_{1z};$$

and

$$n_{2x}=n_{2y}=n_{2z} \neq n_{1z} \quad (2).$$

Thus, in case that the first and second layers **161** and **162**  
 have different refractivity indexes in the z-direction, when  
 non-polarized light is incident in the direction (i.e.,  
 z-direction) perpendicular to the film, polarization compo-  
 nents in the x-direction are partially transmitted and  
 reflected according to Fresnel's equation, and polarization  
 components in the y-direction are partially transmitted and  
 reflected. At this time, the reflectivity of reflected light can  
 be adjusted to match with characteristics of the transmissive  
 and reflective type LCD by controlling the thickness or the  
 refractivity of the first layer **161** or the second layer **162**.  
 In other words, a reflection characteristic-enhanced transmis-  
 sive and reflective type LCD enhances the reflectivity,  
 whereas a transmissive and reflective type LCD in which  
 transmission characteristic is considered to be an important  
 issue, lowers the reflectivity to thereby enhance the trans-  
 45 missivity.

As described above, the transreflective film **160** of the  
 present invention can be formed to have an anisotropy  
 characteristic in which transmissivity and reflectivity of the  
 film **160** varies with polarizing state and direction of inci-  
 dent light, or can be formed to have an isotropy character-  
 istic in which transmissivity and reflectivity of the film **160**  
 do not depend on polarizing state and direction of the  
 incident light. In any case, it is desirable that the transreflective  
 film **160** has a reflectivity of no less than about 4% with  
 respect to polarization component in all directions when  
 light is incident in a direction perpendicular to the film  
 plane.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the  
 transreflective film **160** can be made in an integrally formed  
 structure together with the first polarizing plate **155**, or made  
 in a separately formed film structure separated from the first  
 polarizing plate **155**. In case that the transreflective film **160**  
 is made in an integrally formed structure together with the  
 65 first polarizing plate **155**, it is possible to decrease the

thickness of the LC cell, and the LCD has an advantage in  
 an aspect of manufacturing cost.

In the above, there is explained a method of forming the  
 transreflective film **160** by depositing or coating a multilay-  
 5 ered polymer film on a surface of the first polarizing plate  
**155**. This method differs from an anti-reflection treatment in  
 the polarizing plate. In other words, in the anti-reflection  
 treatment, two kinds of transparent films having different  
 refractivity are repeatedly deposited or coated in a constant  
 thickness such that destructive interference occurs by multi-  
 reflection within the multilayered polymer film. However, to  
 form a transreflective film capable of partially transmitting and  
 partially reflecting incident light, the film thickness should  
 be adjusted such that constructive interference occurs.

FIGS. **6A** and **6B** are sectional views for illustrating a  
 light scattering layer that is applicable to the transmissive  
 and reflective type LCD of FIG. **4**;

Referring to FIGS. **6A** and **6B**, the transmissive and  
 reflective type LCD further includes a light scattering layer  
**168** formed on the first substrate **110** or the second substrate  
**130** to prevent specular reflection and to properly diffuse a  
 reflected light in various angles. For instance, it is possible  
 to form the light scattering layer **168** between the first  
 substrate **110** and the first polarizing plate **155**, between the  
 second substrate **130** and the second polarizing plate **165**, or  
 between the first polarizing plate **155** and the transreflective  
 film **160**. The light scattering layer **168** can be made in an  
 integrally formed structure together with the first polarizing  
 plate **155** or the second polarizing plate **165**, or made in a  
 separate film structure separated from the polarizing plates  
**155** and **165**. Further, the light scattering layer **168** can be  
 made in a form of a plastic film in which transparent beads  
 are dispersed. Moreover, the light scattering layer **168** can be  
 made in a state in which beads are added to an adhesive,  
 which makes it possible to directly attach the first substrate  
**110** to the first polarizing plate **155**.

Furthermore, to optimize light efficiency in the transmis-  
 sive and reflective type LCD, it is possible to form a phase  
 difference plate (not shown) on the first substrate **110** or the  
 second substrate **130**. For instance, the phase difference  
 plate is formed in an integrally formed structure together  
 with polarizing plate or a separate film structure separated  
 from the polarizing plate between the first substrate **110** and  
 the first polarizing plate **155**, or between the second sub-  
 45 strate **130** and the second polarizing plate **165**.

Hereinafter, there is described in detail an operation  
 mechanism of the transmissive and reflective type LCD  
 having the above structure.

FIG. **7A** through FIG. **8B** are schematic views for illus-  
 50 trating operations in reflection mode and transmission mode  
 in the transmissive and reflective type LCD in which the  
 transreflective film **160** is made an integrally formed structure  
 together with the first polarizing plate **155**. Here, polariza-  
 tion directions of the light are represented on the basis of a  
 polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate **165**, and a  
 partially reflected light and a partially transmitted light by a  
 dotted line.

First, when a pixel voltage is not applied (OFF) in the  
 reflection mode, as shown in FIG. **7A**, light that is incident  
 from an outside is transmitted through the second polarizing  
 plate **165**, so that the light is linearly polarized in a direction  
 parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate  
**165**. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the  
 liquid crystal layer **150** and the first transparent electrode  
**115**, so that the linearly polarized light is linearly polarized  
 in a direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the  
 second polarizing plate **165** and is then incident onto the

transflective film 160 made an integrally formed structure together with the first polarizing plate 155. At this time, since the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155 is orthogonal to that of the second polarizing plate 165, the light that is incident onto the first polarizing plate 155 is parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155. Accordingly, the light linearly polarized in the direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155 is partially transmitted through the transflective film 160 and is partially reflected by the transflective film 160. In other words, in case that the transflective film 160 has the refractivity characteristic of the relationship (1), a polarization component, which is polarized in the x-direction parallel to the elongated direction of the transflective film 160, in the lights that are incident onto the transflective film 160 is partially transmitted and reflected, whereas a polarization component which is polarized in the direction perpendicular to the elongated direction is mostly reflected. Further, in case that the transflective film 160 has the refractive characteristic of the relationship (2), in the lights that are incident onto the transflective film 160, the polarization components which is polarized in the x- and y-directions are partially transmitted and partially reflected.

Thus, the linearly polarized light reflected by the transflective film 160 is transmitted through the first transparent electrode 115 and the liquid crystal layer 150, so that it is linearly polarized in the direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Afterwards, the light is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that a white image is displayed. Also, the lights that have been transmitted through the transflective film 160 are restored between the transflective film 160 and the backlight 170, and the restored lights repeatedly carry out a procedure of a partial reflection and a partial transmission. As a consequence, light loss is eliminated and reflectivity and light efficiency are enhanced.

When a maximum pixel voltage is applied (ON) in the reflection mode, as shown in FIG. 7B, light that is incident from an outside is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that the light is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Afterwards, the linearly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 150 without a variation in the polarizing state, and is then incident onto the transflective film 160 integrally formed with the first polarizing plate 155. At this time, since the linearly polarized light is perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155, the light is all absorbed in the first polarizing plate 155. Thus, the linearly polarized light is not reflected by the transflective film 160, so that a black image is displayed.

When a pixel voltage is not applied (OFF) in the transmission mode, as shown in FIG. 8A, light that is irradiated from the backlight 170 is incident onto the transflective film 160 integrally formed with the first polarizing plate 155. In case that the transflective film 160 has the refractive characteristic of the relationship (1), a polarization component, which is polarized parallel to the x-direction in the lights that are parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155, is partially transmitted and reflected, whereas a polarization component which is polarized parallel to the y-direction is mostly reflected. Also, in case that the transflective film 160 has the refractive characteristic of the relationship (2), lights which are parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155 are partially transmitted and partially reflected because all polarization components which are polarized in the x-direction and y-direction is partially transmitted and reflected.

Thus, the light that has been transmitted through the transflective film 160 and the first polarizing plate 155 becomes a linearly polarized light having a propagating direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the first transparent electrode 115 and the liquid crystal 150, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Accordingly, the light linearly polarized in the direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165 is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that a white image is displayed. Also, light reflected by the transflective film 160 is restored between the backlight 170 and the transflective film 160, and then repeats to carry out the above steps. Thus, polarization components parallel to the x-direction or polarization components parallel to the x- and y-directions are continuously transmitted through the transflective film 160 and are used, so that light loss is eliminated and transmissivity and light efficiency are enhanced.

When a maximum pixel voltage is applied (ON) in the transmission mode, as shown in FIG. 8B, light that is irradiated from the backlight 170 is incident onto the transflective film 160 integrally formed with the first polarizing plate 155, so that the light parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155 is partially transmitted and reflected. The light that has been transmitted through the transflective film 160 and the first polarizing plate 155, is converted onto light linearly polarized in the direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155, i.e., in the direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the first transparent electrode 115 and the liquid crystal layer 150 without a variation in the polarizing state. Accordingly, the light linearly polarized in the direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165 is not transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that a black image is displayed.

FIG. 9A through FIG. 10B are schematic views for illustrating the transmission mode and the reflection mode of a transmissive and reflective type LCD in which the transflective film 160 is separated from the first polarizing plate 155 and is made in a film structure. Here, polarization directions of the light are represented on the basis of a polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165, and partially reflected light and partially transmitted light by a dotted line.

First, when a pixel voltage is not applied (OFF) in the reflection mode, as shown in FIG. 9A, light that is incident from an outside is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that the light is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 150 and the first transparent electrode 115, so that the linearly polarized light is linearly polarized in a direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165 and is then incident onto the first polarizing plate 155. At this time, since the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155 is orthogonal to that of the second polarizing plate 165, the light that has been linearly polarized in a direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 155 is transmitted through the first polarizing plate 155 and is then incident onto the transflective film 160. In case that the transflective film 160 has the refractivity characteristic defined in equation (1), a polarization component, which is polarized in the

x-direction parallel to the elongated direction of the trans-reflective film 160, light rays directed incident to the trans-reflective film 160 is partially transmitted and reflected, whereas a polarization component, which is polarized in the y-direction perpendicular to the elongated direction, is mostly reflected. Further, in case that the transreflective film 160 has the refractive characteristic of the relationship (2), light rays that are incident to the transreflective film 160, the polarization components polarized in the x- and y-directions are partially transmitted and partially reflected.

Thus, since the linearly polarized light reflected by the transreflective film 160 is parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155, it is transmitted through the first polarizing plate 155, and is incident onto the liquid crystal layer 150 via the transparent electrode 115. The linearly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 150, whereby it is linearly polarized in the direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Afterwards, the light is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that a white image is displayed. Also, the light rays that have been transmitted through the transreflective film 160 are restored between the transreflective film 160 and the backlight 170, and the restored light repeatedly carry out a procedure of a partial reflection and a partial transmission. As a consequence, light loss is eliminated and reflectivity and light efficiency are enhanced.

When a maximum pixel voltage is applied (ON) in the reflection mode as shown in FIG. 9B, light that is incident from an outside is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that the light is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Afterwards, the linearly polarized light is transmitted through the liquid crystal layer 150 without a variation in the polarizing state, and is then incident onto the first polarizing plate 155. At this time, since the linearly polarized light is perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155, the light is all absorbed in the first polarizing plate 155. Thus, since the linearly polarized light is not reflected by the transreflective film 160, a black image is displayed.

When a pixel voltage is not applied (OFF) in the transmission mode, as shown in FIG. 10A, light that is irradiated from the backlight 170 is incident onto the transreflective film 160, so that the light is partially transmitted and reflected. In case that the transreflective film 160 has the refractive characteristic of the relationship (1), polarization components, which is polarized in the x-direction parallel to the elongated direction of the transreflective film 160 in the lights that have been incident onto the transreflective film 160 is partially transmitted and reflected, whereas polarization components, which is polarized in the y-direction perpendicular to the elongated direction, are mostly reflected. Also, in case that the transreflective film 160 has the refractive characteristic of the relationship (2), polarization components, which is polarized in the x- and y-directions, in the lights that have been incident onto the transreflective film 160 are partially transmitted and reflected.

Thus, the light that has been transmitted through the transreflective film 160 and the first polarizing plate 155 is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155. Afterwards, the linearly polarized light is transmitted through the first transparent electrode 115 and the liquid crystal 150, so that it is linearly polarized in a direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Accordingly, the light linearly polarized in the direction parallel to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165 is transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that a white image is displayed.

Also, light reflected by the transreflective film 160 is restored between the backlight 170 and the transreflective film 160, and then repeats to carry out the above steps. Thus, polarization components polarized parallel to the x-direction or polarization components polarized parallel to the x- and y-directions continuously is transmitted through the transreflective film 160 and are used, so that light loss is eliminated and transmissivity and light efficiency are enhanced.

When a maximum pixel voltage is applied (ON) in the transmission mode, as shown in FIG. 10B, light that is irradiated from the backlight 170 is incident onto the transreflective film 160, so that the incident light is partially transmitted through the transreflective film 160 and is partially reflected by the transreflective film 160. The light that has been transmitted through the transreflective film 160 is transmitted through the first polarizing plate 155, so that it is converted onto light linearly polarized parallel to the polarizing axis of the first polarizing plate 155, i.e., a direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165. Afterwards, the linearly polarized light is transmitted through the first transparent electrode 115 and the liquid crystal layer 150 without a variation in the polarizing state. Accordingly, the light linearly polarized in the direction perpendicular to the polarizing axis of the second polarizing plate 165 cannot be transmitted through the second polarizing plate 165, so that a black image is displayed.

FIG. 11 is a sectional view of a transmissive and reflective type LCD in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 11, a transmissive and reflective type LCD includes a first substrate 200, a second substrate 250 arranged facing the first substrate 200, a liquid crystal layer 260 formed between the first substrate 200 and the second substrate 250, and a backlight 270 arranged at a rear side of the first substrate 200.

The first substrate 200 includes a first insulating substrate 210. A plurality of gate lines (not shown) and a plurality of data lines (not shown) are formed on the first insulating substrate 210 in a matrix configuration. A pixel electrode 234 and a thin film transistor 225 are formed at a region defined by a pair of gate line and a pair of data lines. The second substrate 250 includes a second insulating substrate 252, a color filter 254 of RGB pixels, for displaying colors while light is transmitted therethrough, a black matrix 256 for preventing light from being leaked between pixels, and a transparent common electrode 258.

A thin film transistor 225 includes a gate electrode 212 formed on the first insulating substrate 210, a gate insulating film 214 formed on the gate electrode 212 and the first insulating substrate 210, an active pattern 216 and an ohmic contact pattern 218 both formed on the gate insulating film 214 on the gate electrode 212, and source and drain electrodes 220 and 222 formed apart from each other on the ohmic contact pattern 218. A passivation film 230 made of organic or inorganic substance is formed on the first insulating substrate 210 including the thin film transistor 225. A contact hole 232 penetrating the passivation film 230 is formed in the passivation film 230 to expose the drain electrode 222. The pixel electrode 234 is made of transparent conductive oxide such as ITO (Indium tin oxide).

The liquid crystal layer 260 is made of 90° twisted nematic (TN) liquid crystal, and has a  $\Delta n d$  of about 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  that is a product of a refractive anisotropy  $\Delta n$  and a thickness  $d$  of the liquid crystal layer 260, preferably about 0.48  $\mu\text{m}$ . Thus, the value on the refractivity anisotropy allows the LCD of the present invention to use the LC optical condition of the conventional transmission

type LCD without any modification, thereby preventing the reliability of the liquid crystal from being lowered.

Depending on alignment direction of the liquid crystal layer **260**, first and second polarizing plates **262** and **266** for transmitting only light propagating in a specific direction are respectively attached on outer surfaces of the first and second substrates **210** and **252**. Preferably, the first and second polarizing plates **262** and **266** are linear polarizers of which polarizing axes are arranged perpendicular to each other.

The gate electrode **212** of the thin film transistor **225** is connected to the gate line, the source electrode **220** is connected to the data line, and the drain electrode **222** is connected to the pixel electrode **234** through the contact hole **232**. Accordingly, as a scanning voltage is applied to the gate electrode **212**, a signal voltage flowing through the data line is applied to the drain electrode **222** through the active pattern **216** from the source electrode **220**. If the signal voltage is applied to the drain electrode **222**, there is generated a voltage difference between the pixel electrode **234** connected to the drain electrode **222** and the common electrode **258** of the second substrate **252**. As a consequence, molecular arrangement of the liquid crystal layer **260** injected between the pixel electrode **234** and the common electrode **258** varies, and thereby light transmissivity through the liquid crystal layer **260** varies. Thus, the thin film transistor **225** performs the role as switching element for turning on or turning off pixels of the LC cell.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, a transfective film **264** is formed between the first polarizing plate **262** and the backlight **270**. The transfective film **264** is formed of a plurality of transparent layers in which first and second layers (not shown) having different refractivity are alternatively stacked. As described in the above embodiment, the transfective film **264** functions to partially transmit and reflect the incident light. In other words, the transfective film **264** can be formed in a structure having anisotropy characteristic in which degrees of the transmissivity and the reflectivity vary with polarizing state and direction of the incident light, or in a structure having isotropy characteristic in which degrees of the transmissivity and the reflectivity do not vary with polarizing state and direction of the incident light. In any cases, it is desirable that the transfective film **264** is formed to have about 4% or more in the reflectivity with respect to polarization components in all directions. The transfective film **264** is formed in an integrally formed structure with the first polarizing plate **262** or in a structure separated from the first polarizing plate **262**.

Further, to prevent specular reflection and properly diffuse reflected lights in several directions, the transmissive and reflective type LCD in accordance with the present embodiment can further include a light scattering layer (not shown) on either the first substrate **200** or the second substrate **250**. For instance, the light scattering layer can be formed between the first substrate **200** and the first polarizing plate **262**, between the second substrate **250** and the second polarizing plate **266**, or between the first polarizing plate **262** and the transfective film **264**. The light scattering layer is formed in an integrally formed structure with the first polarizing plate **262** or the second polarizing plate **266**, or in a structure separated from the first polarizing plate **262** or the second polarizing plate **266**. Also, the light scattering layer can be made by mixing adhesive and beads.

Moreover, to optimize light efficiency in the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present embodiment, a phase differential plate (not shown) can be further formed on either

the first substrate **200** or the second substrate **250**. For instance, the phase differential plate is formed between the first substrate **200** and the first polarizing plate **262** or between the second substrate **250** and the second polarizing plate **266**. Also, the phase difference plate is formed in an integrally formed structure with the first polarizing plate **262** or the second polarizing plate **266**, or in a structure separated from the first polarizing plate **262** or the second polarizing plate **266**.

According to the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present embodiment, a reflection electrode is not formed within the LC cell, but the transfective film **264** substitutes for the reflection electrode, and performs the role of the reflection electrode. Accordingly, light that is incident toward the second substrate **252** from an outside has a reflection light path **280** in which the light is transmitted through the first substrate **210**, is reflected by the transfective film **264**, and is output through the second substrate **252**. Also, light that is incident toward the first substrate **200** from the backlight **270** has a transmission light path **285** in which the light is transmitted through the transfective film **264** and then is output through the second substrate **250**.

The transmissive and reflective type LCD shown in FIG. **11** has the same operation mechanism in the reflection mode and the transmission mode as those described with reference to FIG. **7A** through FIG. **10B**. In other words, by using the transfective film **264** which partially transmits and reflects the incident light, light loss is not generated in the reflection mode and the transmission mode, so that it is possible to enhance both of the reflectivity and transmissivity. Also, compared with the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD of FIG. **1**, the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present invention does not require a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength phase difference plate on the lower substrate, i.e., the first substrate **210**. Further, light that is incident from the backlight **270** and is reflected from regions where a metal layer, such as the gate line or data line, exists within the LC cell, are restored between the transfective film **264** and the backlight **270** and the restored lights are used, so that it increases overall light efficiency.

As described above, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, between the first polarizing plate attached on the outer surface of the lower substrate (i.e., first substrate) and the backlight is formed an anisotropy transfective film having an optical characteristic in which light components in a specific direction are strongly reflected and polarization components in a direction perpendicular to the specific direction are partially transmitted and reflected depending on polarizing state and direction of an incident light, or an isotropy transfective film having an optical characteristic in which light components are partially transmitted and reflected regardless of polarizing state and direction of the incident light. As a result, by a restoring process of light occurring between the transfective film and the backlight, the restored light is transmitted through the transfective film repeatedly, so that transmissivity and light efficiency are enhanced.

Further, the transmissive and reflective type LCD according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention does not require a reflection electrode within LC cell or a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength phase difference plate on each of the upper substrate (second substrate) and the lower substrate (first substrate). Accordingly, compared with the conventional transmissive and reflective type LCD, the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present invention is simpler and can be more easily made.

Furthermore, since the optical conditions applied to the liquid crystal of the conventional transmissive and reflective

type LCD can be identically applied to that of the transmissive and reflective type LCD of the present invention, there is no degradation in reliability.

While the present invention has been described in detail, it should be understood that various changes, substitutions and alterations can be made hereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A transmissive and reflective type LCD comprising:

- a first substrate;
- a second substrate having an inner surface facing the first substrate;
- a liquid crystal layer formed between the first substrate and the second substrate;
- a first polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the first substrate;
- a second polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the second substrate;
- a backlight for irradiating incident light onto the first polarizing plate; and
- a transfective film arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight, the transfective film reflecting a first polarization component of the incident light polarized in a first direction, and partially reflecting and transmitting a second polarization component of the incident light polarized in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction.

2. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film includes at least a first layer and a second layer, the first and second layers having different refractivity indexes from each other and are alternately stacked.

3. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film is integrally formed with the first polarizing plate.

4. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film is separately formed from the first polarizing plate.

5. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film includes at least a first layer and a second layer, and the first layer of the transfective film has a refractive anisotropy and the second layer of the transfective film does not have the refractive anisotropy within a plane thereof.

6. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film has anisotropy characteristics with transmissivity and reflectivity depending on polarizing state and direction of the incident light.

7. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 6, wherein the transfective film includes at least a first layer and a second layer, and each of the first layer and the second layer has three main refractive indexes of  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ , and  $n_z$  with the following relationships:

$$n1_x = n1_y \neq n1_z;$$

$$n2_x = n2_y = n2_z;$$

$$n1_x \neq n2_x;$$

$$n1_y \neq n2_y;$$

and

$$|n1_x - n2_x| < |n1_y - n2_y|,$$

wherein the transfective film has a thickness direction of z-axis and a film plane of x-y plane, wherein  $n1_x$ ,  $n1_y$ , and

$n1_z$  denotes a main refractive index of the first layer in an x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis, respectively, and  $n2_x$ ,  $n2_y$ , and  $n2_z$  denotes a main refractive index of the second layer in an x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis, respectively.

8. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film comprises at least two transfective films having a varying transmissivity and reflectivity depending on polarizing state and direction of the incident light, the two transfective films being disposed one on top of the other.

9. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film comprises a first transfective film and a second transfective film vertically aligned with each other, the first transfective film having a transmissivity and a reflectivity that vary according to polarizing state and direction of the incident light, and the second transfective film having isotropic transmission and reflection characteristics independent of the polarizing state and the direction of the incident light.

10. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the transfective film has a reflectivity of no less than about 4% with respect to any direction of polarization components when the incident light is incident onto the transfective film with an angle perpendicular to a surface thereof.

11. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, further comprising a light scattering layer formed on the first substrate or the second substrate.

12. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 11, wherein the light scattering layer is formed between the first substrate and the first polarizing plate, between the second substrate and the second polarizing plate, or between the first polarizing plate and the transfective film.

13. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, further comprising a phase difference plate formed on the first substrate or the second substrate.

14. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 13, wherein the phase difference plate is formed between the first substrate and the first polarizing plate, or between the second substrate and the second polarizing plate.

15. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal layer has a  $\Delta n d$  of about  $0.2 \mu m$  to about  $0.6 \mu m$  that is a product of a refractive anisotropy  $\Delta n$  and a thickness  $d$  of the liquid crystal layer.

16. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 1, wherein a transmitting direction of the incident light at the first polarizing plate is the same direction as a partially reflecting and transmitting direction of the incident light at the transfective film.

17. A transmissive and reflective type LCD for partially reflecting and transmitting incident light, comprising:

- an LC cell including a first substrate, a second substrate having an inner surface that is arranged to face the first substrate, and a liquid crystal layer formed between the first substrate and the second substrate;

a first polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the first substrate;

a second polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the second substrate;

a backlight arranged at a rear side of the first polarizing plate; and

a transparent transfective film arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight and having a plurality of layers in which a first layer and a second layer have different refractivity indexes from each other, the transfective film reflecting a first polarization component of

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the incident light polarized in a first direction, and partially reflecting and transmitting a second polarization component of the incident light polarized in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction,

wherein the transmissive and reflective type LCD has a reflection light path along which the incident light is incident onto the LC cell from a front side of the LC cell, is reflected by the transfective film, and is output through the front side of the LC cell, and a transmission light path along which the incident light is incident onto the LC cell from a rear side of the LC cell, is transmitted through the transfective film, and is output through the front side of the LC cell.

18. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, wherein the first layer of the transfective film has refractive anisotropy and the second layer of the transfective film does not have refractive anisotropy.

19. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, wherein the transfective film has anisotropy characteristics of varying transmissivity and reflectivity depending on polarizing state and direction of the incident light.

20. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 19, wherein each of the first layer and the second layer has three main refractive indexes of  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$ , and  $n_z$  with the following relationships:

$$n1_x = n1_y \neq n1_z;$$

$$n2_x = n2_y = n2_z;$$

$$n1_x \neq n2_x;$$

$$n1_y \neq n2_y;$$

and

$$|n1_x - n2_x| < |n1_y - n2_y|,$$

wherein the transfective film has a thickness direction of z-axis and a film plane of x-y plane, wherein  $n1_x$ ,  $n1_y$ , and  $n1_z$  denotes a main refractive index of the first layer in an x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis, respectively, and  $n2_x$ ,  $n2_y$ , and  $n2_z$  denotes a main refractive index of the second layer in an x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis, respectively.

21. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, wherein the transfective film comprises two transfective films having a varying transmissivity and reflectivity depending on polarizing state and direction of incident light, the two transfective films being vertically aligned with each other.

22. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, wherein the transfective film comprises a first transfective film and a second transfective film disposed to each other, the first transfective film having a transmissivity and a reflectivity that varies dependently upon polarizing state and direction of incident light, and the second transfective film having isotropic transmission and reflection characteristics independent of polarizing state and direction of incident light.

23. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, when the incident light is incident onto the transfective film with an angle perpendicular to a plane thereof, wherein the transfective film has a reflectivity of no less than about 4% with respect to all directions of polarization components.

24. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, further comprising a light scattering layer formed on the first substrate or the second substrate.

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25. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 17, wherein a transmitting direction of the incident light at the first polarizing plate is the same direction as a partially reflecting the transmitting direction of the incident light at the transfective film.

26. A transmissive and reflective type LCD comprising:

a first substrate on which a first transparent electrode is formed;

a second substrate of which an inner surface is arranged facing the first substrate, the inner surface of the second substrate having a second transparent electrode thereon;

a liquid crystal layer formed between the first substrate and the second substrate;

a first polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the first substrate;

a second polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the second substrate, opposite the inner surface of the second substrate;

a backlight arranged at a rear side of the first polarizing plate; and

a transparent transfective film arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight, the transfective film reflecting a first polarization component of incident light polarized in a first direction, and partially reflecting and transmitting a second polarization of the incident light polarized in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction.

27. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 26, wherein the transparent transfective film includes at least a first layer and a second layer, the first and second layers having different refractivity indexes from each other and being alternatively stacked.

28. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 26, wherein the first transparent electrode is a signal electrode and the second transparent electrode is a scanning electrode.

29. The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim 26, wherein a transmitting direction of the incident light at the first polarizing plate is the same direction as a partially reflecting and transmitting direction of the incident light at the transfective film.

30. A transmissive and reflective type LCD comprising:

a first substrate on which a switching element and a transparent pixel electrode connected to the switching element are formed;

a second substrate of which an inner surface is arranged facing the first substrate, the inner surface of the second substrate having a transparent common electrode thereon;

a liquid crystal layer formed between the first substrate and the second substrate;

a first polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the first substrate;

a second polarizing plate formed on an outer surface of the second substrate, opposite the inner surface of the second substrate;

a backlight arranged at a rear side of the first polarizing plate; and

a transparent transfective film arranged between the first polarizing plate and the backlight, said transparent

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transflective film having a plurality of layers in which a first layer and a second layer having different refractivity indexes from each other are alternatively stacked, the transparent transflective film reflecting a first polarization component of incident light polarized in a first direction, and partially reflecting and transmitting a second polarization component of the incident light polarized in a second direction orthogonal to the first direction.

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**31.** The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim **30**, wherein the switching element is a thin film transistor.

**32.** The transmissive and reflective type LCD of claim **30**, wherein a transmitting direction of the incident light at the first polarizing plate is the same direction as a partially reflecting and transmitting direction of the incident light at the transflective film.

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摘要(译)

公开了一种透射和反射型LCD。在LCD中，第二基板面向第一基板。在第一基板和第二基板之间形成液晶层。第一偏振板形成在第一基板的外表面上。在第二基板的外表面上形成第二偏振板。设置背光源以将入射光照射到偏振片上。透明半透半反膜设置在第一偏振板和背光之间，用于部分反射和部分透射入射光。透明半透半反膜包括至少第一层和第二层，第一层和第二层具有彼此不同的折射率，并且交替地堆叠。通过在透射反射膜和背光之间发生的恢复过程，预定量的入射光反复透射穿过透射反射膜，从而提高透射率和光效率。

