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(54) **ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY
DEVICE HAVING A NON-DISPLAY AREA
DAM STRUCTURE**

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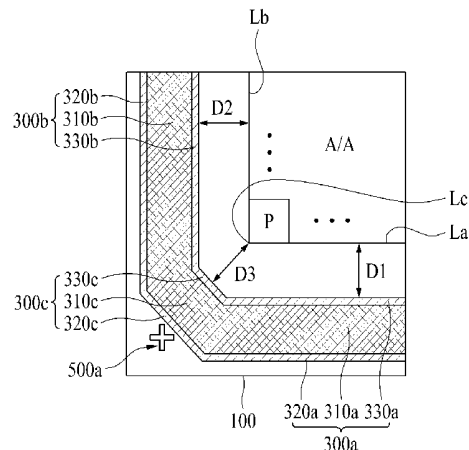
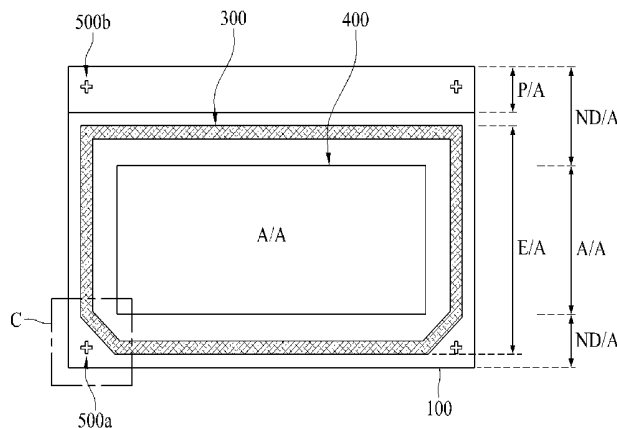
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ABSTRACT

Disclosed is an organic light emitting display device including a dam structure disposed in a non-display area of a substrate and an alignment mark disposed outside the dam structure. The alignment mark is not covered by, and does not overlap with, the dam structure, because the alignment mark is disposed outside the dam structure. Thus, a scribing process may be performed smoothly.

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FIG. 1A
RELATED ART

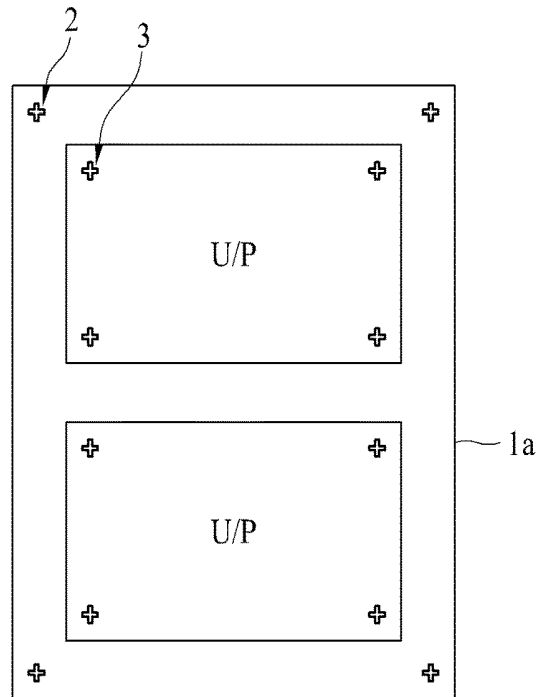


FIG. 1B
RELATED ART

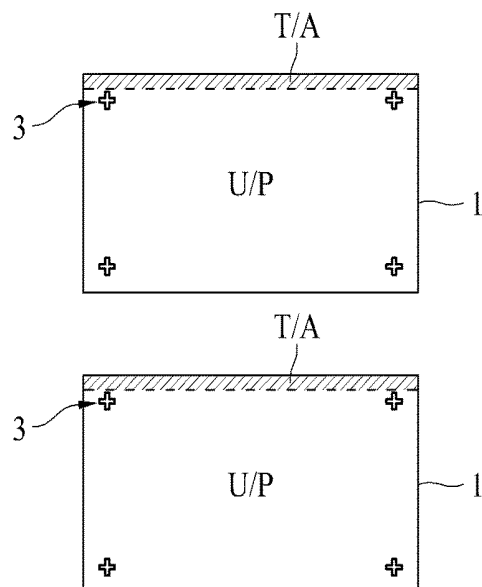


FIG. 1C
RELATED ART

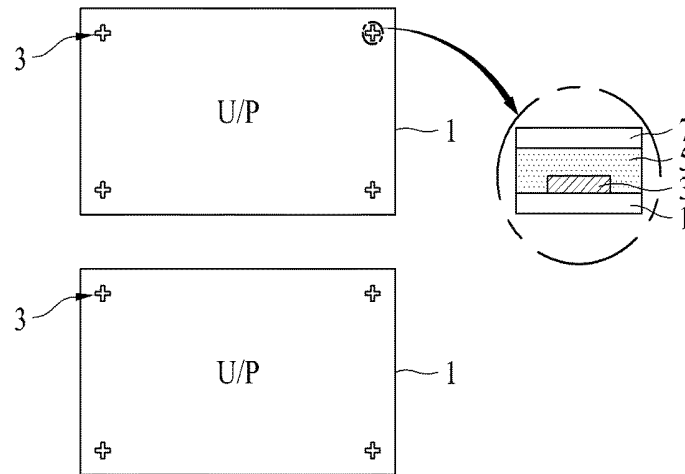


FIG. 2

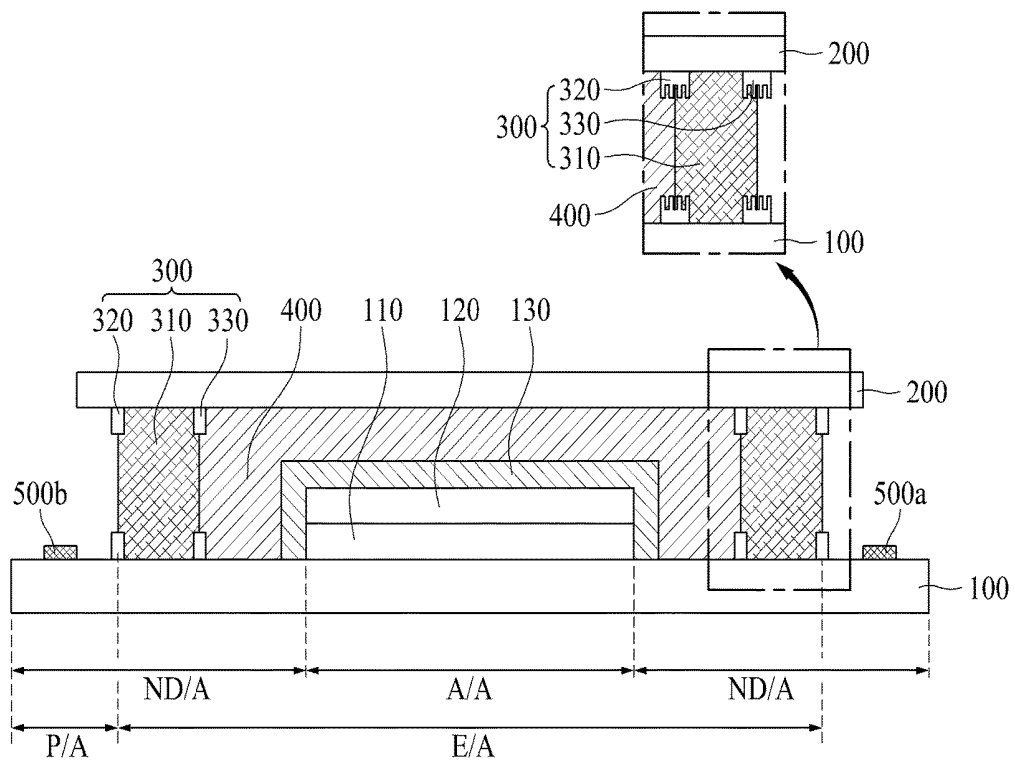


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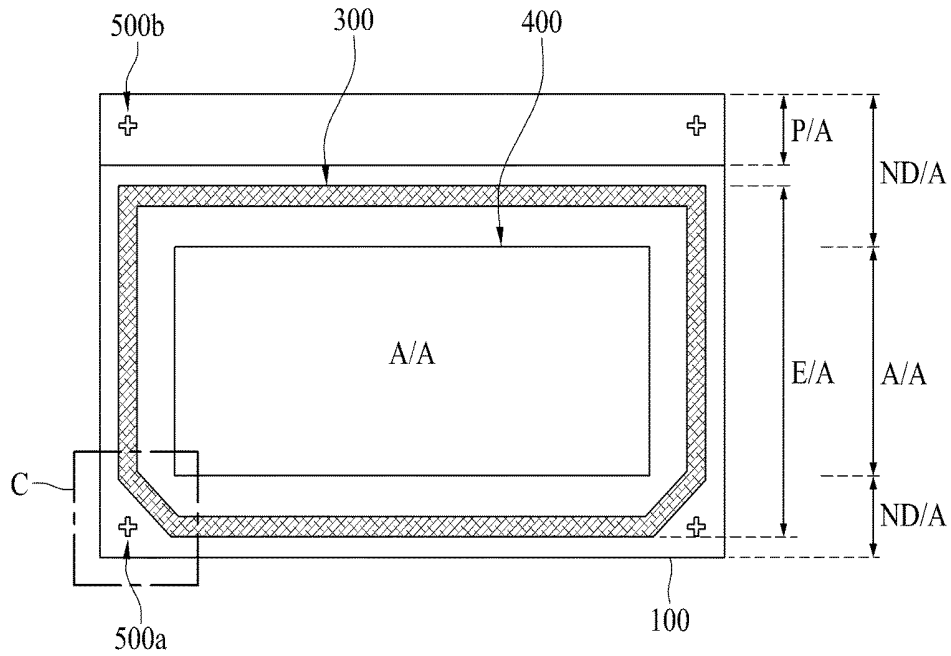


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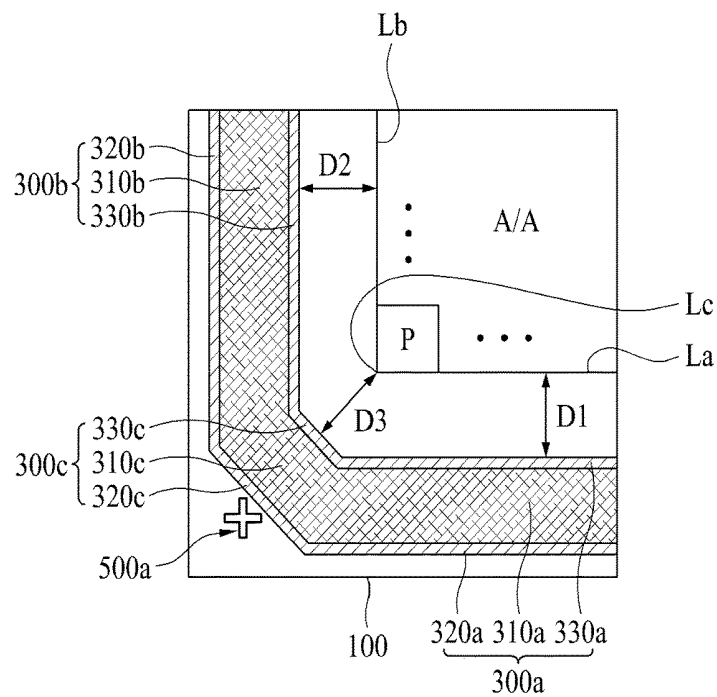


FIG. 5A

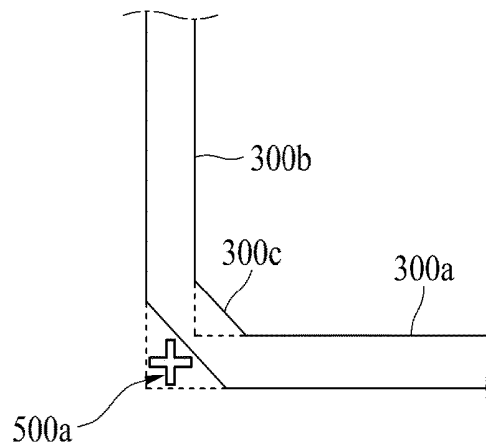


FIG. 5B

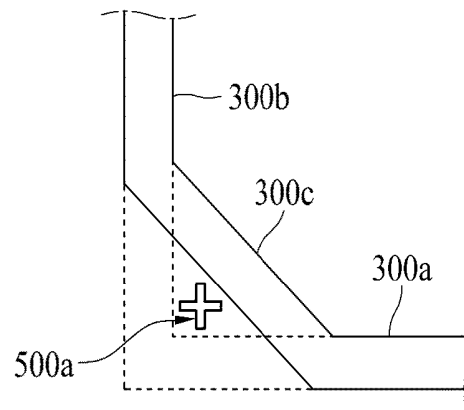


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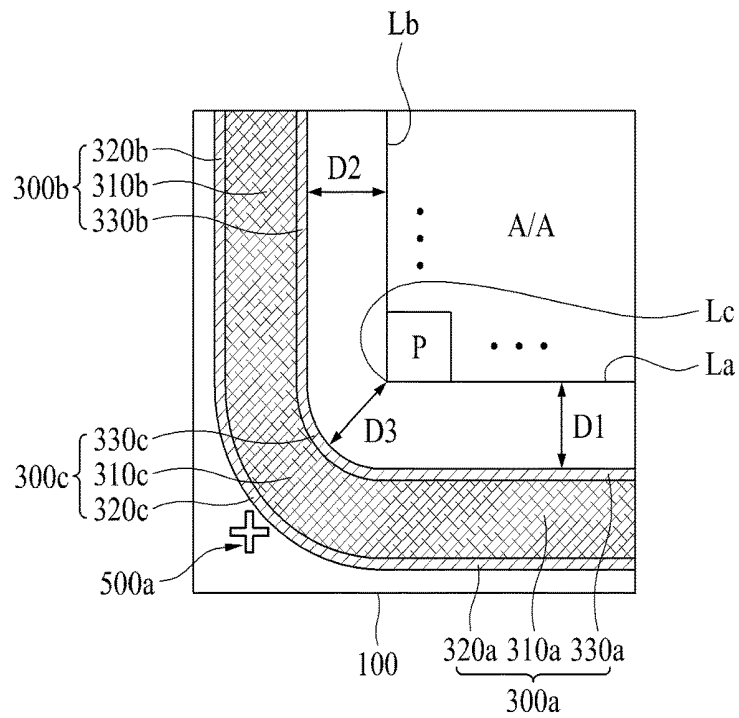


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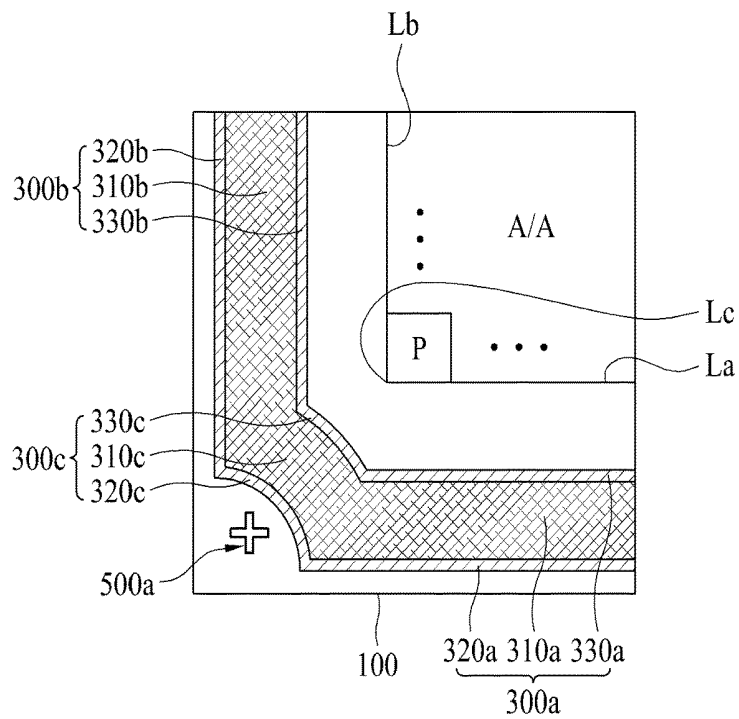


FIG. 8

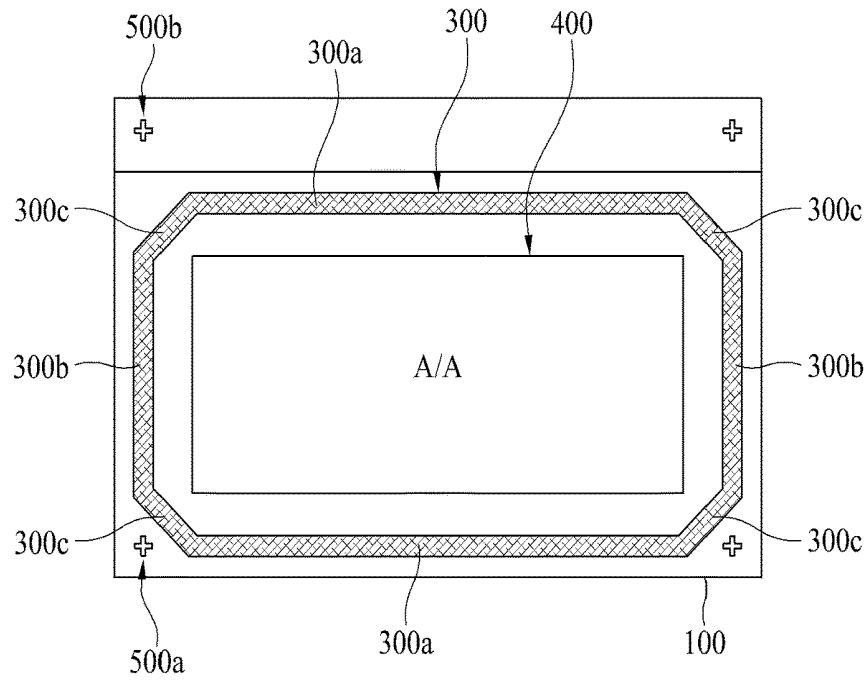


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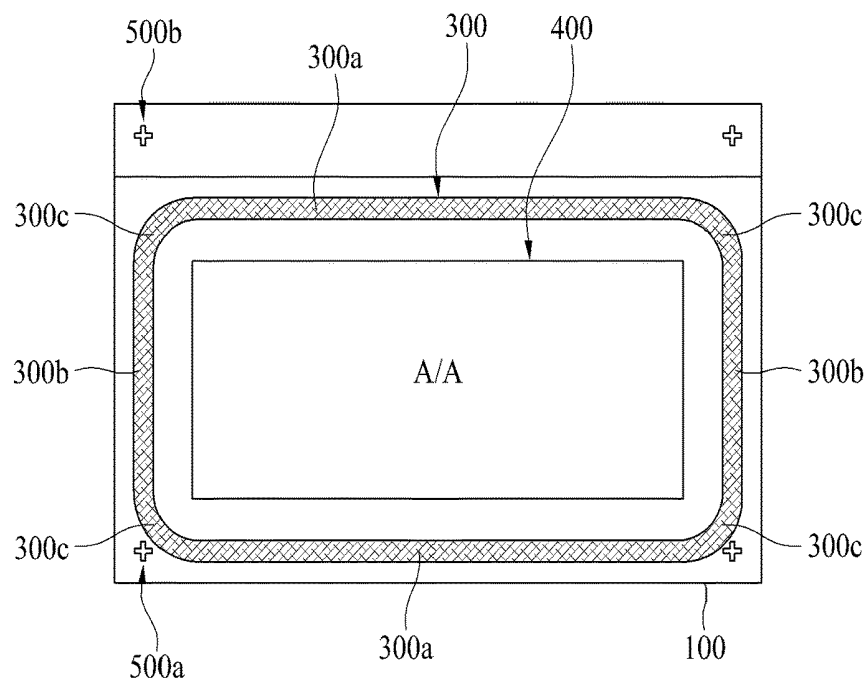


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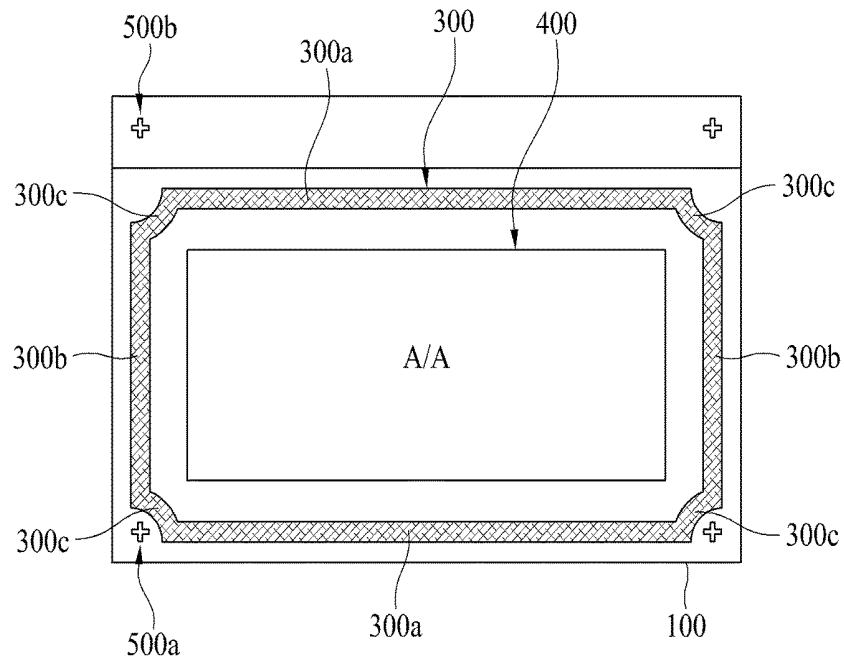


FIG. 11

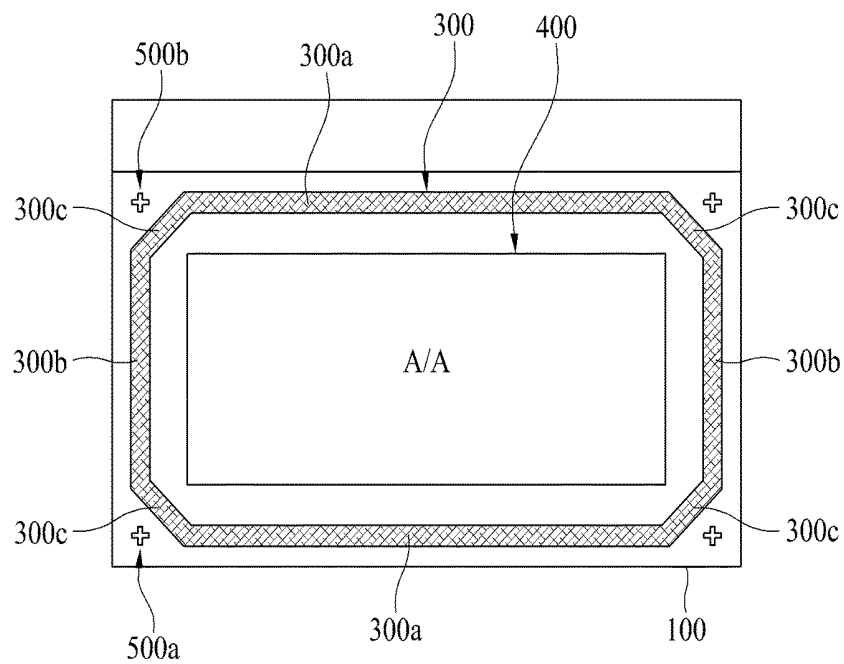


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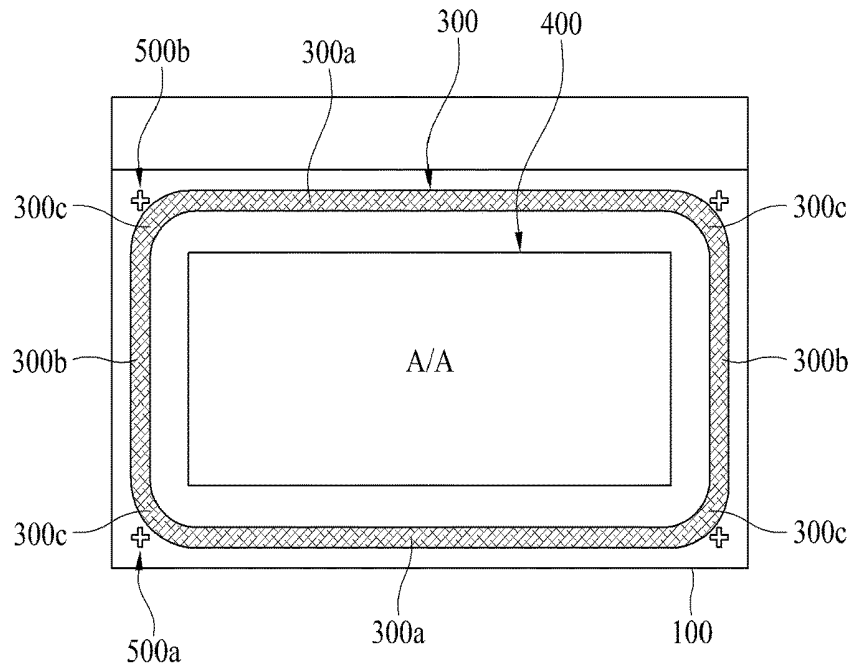
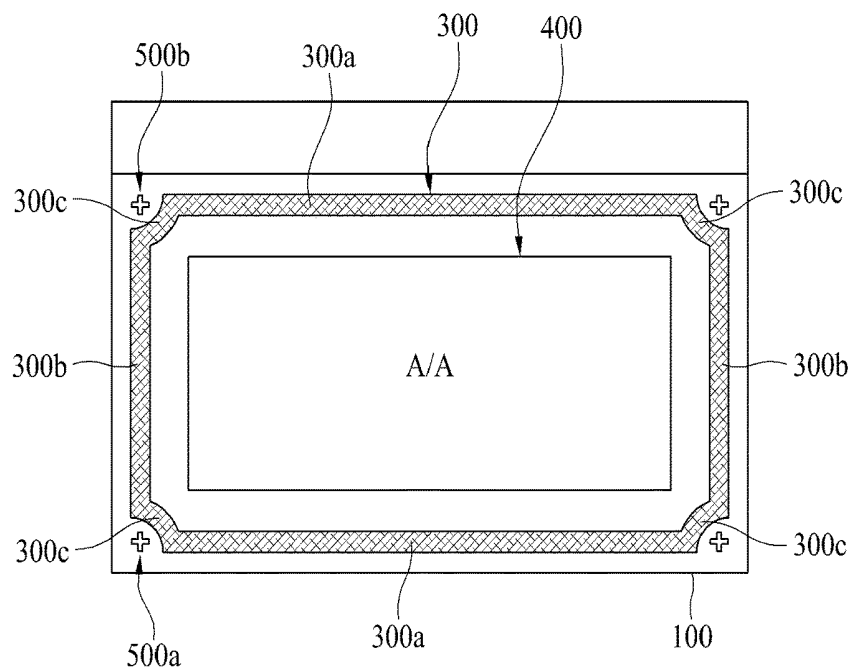


FIG. 13



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ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY DEVICE HAVING A NON-DISPLAY AREA DAM STRUCTURE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 15/362,412, filed Nov. 28, 2016, which claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2015-0190595 filed on Dec. 31, 2015, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

BACKGROUND

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an organic light emitting display device, and to an align mark necessary for a scribing process which is performed for obtaining a plurality of unit panels from a mother substrate.

Discussion of the Related Art

Organic light emitting display devices are display devices that self-emit light, and have a structure where an organic emission layer is formed between a cathode and an anode. Due to this structure, an electron supplied from the cathode and a hole supplied from the anode are injected into the organic emission layer to generate an exciton, and the generated exciton shifts from an excited state to a ground state to emit light.

The organic light emitting display devices are obtained through a process where a plurality of unit panels (U/P) are provided on a mother substrate and then are cut through a scribing process. Hereinafter, a related art organic light emitting display device will be described with reference to FIGS. 1A to 1C.

FIGS. 1A to 1C are schematic illustrations of a process of manufacturing a related art organic light emitting display device.

First, as shown in FIG. 1A, a plurality of unit panels U/P are provided on a mother substrate 1a. In the drawings, only two unit panels U/P are illustrated for convenience.

First alignment marks 2 for a first scribing process are formed at the corners of the mother substrate 1a, and second alignment marks 3 for a second scribing process are formed at the corners of each of the plurality of unit panels U/P.

Subsequently, as shown in FIG. 1B, a first scribing process is performed by using the first alignment marks 2 to obtain a plurality of unit panels U/P.

In this case, a test area T/A is provided in each of the plurality of unit panels U/P, and a test process is performed for each of the unit panels U/P.

Subsequently, as shown in FIG. 1C, a second scribing process is performed by using the second alignment marks 3 formed in each of the unit panels U/P, and the test area T/A is removed from the each of the unit panels U/P.

As described above, the related art organic light emitting display device is manufactured using the first scribing process based on the first alignment marks 2 and the second scribing process based on the second alignment marks 3. However, the second alignment marks 3 are not easily and clearly observable during the second scribing process. Thus, the second scribing process is not performed smoothly.

In FIG. 1C, the enlarged portion corresponds to a cross-sectional surface of an area where a second alignment mark

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3 is formed. In this case, each of the second alignment marks 3 are formed on a substrate 1, an encapsulation layer 5 for preventing penetration of water is formed on each of the second alignment marks 3, and an encapsulation substrate 7 is provided on the encapsulation layer 5.

As described above, in the related art, since the encapsulation layer 5 is formed on the second alignment marks 3, the second alignment marks 3 are not easily observable, and the second scribing process for removing the test area T/A from each of the unit panels U/P is not performed easily or smoothly.

SUMMARY

Accordingly, the present application provides an organic light emitting display device that substantially obviates one or more problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

An aspect of the present disclosure provides an organic light emitting display device in which an alignment mark is easily and clearly observable, and thus, a scribing process can be performed smoothly.

To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the invention, as embodied and broadly described herein, there is provided a dam structure disposed in a non-display area of a substrate and a first alignment mark disposed outside the dam structure. In this case, the dam structure includes a first dam structure arranged in a first direction, a second dam structure arranged in a second direction, and a third dam structure connected at an incline to each of the first dam structure and the second dam structure, and the first alignment mark is disposed outside the third dam structure.

In another exemplary embodiment, the first dam structure and the second dam structure are arranged in parallel with an outermost line of the active area in the first direction and an outermost line of the active area in the second direction, respectively, and the third structure is arranged apart from, and at an angle to, a vertex at which the outermost line of the active area in the first direction meets the outermost line of the active area in the second direction.

In another exemplary embodiment, the first dam structure comprises a first sealant, a first outer dam bank disposed on an outer side of the first sealant, and a first inner dam bank disposed on an inner side of the first sealant, the second dam structure comprises a second sealant, a second outer dam bank disposed on an outer side of the second sealant, and a second inner dam bank disposed on an inner side of the second sealant, the third dam structure comprises a third sealant, a third outer dam bank disposed on an outer side of the third sealant, and a third inner dam bank disposed on an inner side of the third sealant, one end of the third sealant is connected to the first sealant, and the other end of the third sealant is connected to the second sealant, one end of the third outer dam bank is connected to the first outer dam bank, and the other end of the third outer dam bank is connected to the second outer dam bank, and one end of the third inner dam bank is connected to the first inner dam bank, and the other end of the third inner dam bank is connected to the second inner dam bank.

In another exemplary embodiment, a distance between the third inner dam bank and a vertex at which an outermost line of the active area in the first direction meets an outermost line of the active area in the second direction is equal to or greater than a distance between the first inner dam bank and the outermost line of the active area in the first direction or

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the distance between the second inner dam bank and the outermost line of the active area in the second direction.

In another exemplary embodiment, at least one of the third outer dam bank and the third inner dam bank has a concave-convex structure.

In another exemplary embodiment, the first alignment mark is disposed on an extension line of the first dam structure or the second dam structure.

In another exemplary embodiment, the first alignment mark is disposed inward from an extension line of the first dam structure or the second dam structure.

In another exemplary embodiment, the substrate comprises a pad area in the non-display area, and a second alignment mark is further provided in the pad area.

In another exemplary embodiment, the dam structure is not disposed in the pad area.

In another exemplary embodiment, the third dam structure has a rectilinear structure.

In another exemplary embodiment, the third dam structure has a curve structure.

In another exemplary embodiment, the curve structure is convex in an outer direction.

In another exemplary embodiment, the curve structure is convex in an inner direction.

In another exemplary embodiment, the substrate comprises a pad area in the non-display area, and a second alignment mark is disposed outside the third dam structure such that the second alignment mark does not overlap with the pad area.

In another exemplary embodiment, the dam structure is not disposed in the pad area.

In another exemplary embodiment, the display device further comprises a second substrate; and a filler disposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, and extending from the active area to an inner side of the dam structure.

Additional advantages and features of the present disclosure will be set forth in part in the description which follows and in part will become apparent to those having ordinary skill in the art upon examination of the following or may be learned from practice of the invention. The objectives and other advantages of the invention may be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description and claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description of the present invention are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed. However, the present invention is not limited thereto, and may include additional features and alternate embodiments within the purview of the art.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings provide a further understanding of the invention, and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application. The accompanying drawings illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the invention. In the drawings:

FIGS. 1A to 1C are plan views illustrating a process of manufacturing a related art organic light emitting display device;

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting display device according to a first embodiment of the present disclosure;

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FIG. 3 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a second embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 4 is an enlarged plan view of an area C of the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 3;

FIGS. 5A and 5B are schematic views illustrating the position of a first alignment mark according to various embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 6 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a third embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 7 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a fourth embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 8 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a fifth embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 9 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a sixth embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 10 is a schematic plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a seventh embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 11 is a schematic plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to an eighth embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 12 is a schematic plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a ninth embodiment of the present disclosure; and

FIG. 13 is a schematic plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a tenth embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Reference will now be made in detail to the exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

Advantages and features of the present invention, and implementation methods thereof will be clarified by the following embodiments described with reference to the accompanying drawings. The present invention may, however, be embodied in different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the present application to those skilled in the art. The present invention is only defined by the scope of any appended claims.

A shape, a size, a ratio, an angle, and a number disclosed in the drawings for describing embodiments of the present disclosure are merely exemplary, and thus, the present invention is not limited to the illustrated details. Like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout. In the following description, when the detailed description of relevant known functions or configurations are determined to unnecessarily obscure the important points of the present disclosure, the detailed description will be omitted. The terms 'comprise', 'have', and 'include' in the present specification may include additional parts unless the term 'only~' is also used with such terms. The terms of a singular form may include plural forms unless referred to the contrary.

In construing an element, an error range may be included even if no explicit description regarding the same is included in the specification.

In describing a position relationship, for example, when a position relation between two parts is described as 'on~', 'over~', 'under~', or 'next~', one or more parts may be disposed between the two parts unless the term 'just' or 'direct' is also used with such terms.

In describing a time relationship, for example, when the temporal order is described as 'after~', 'subsequent~', 'next~', or 'before~' a case which is not continuous may be included unless the term 'just' or 'direct' is also used with such terms.

Although the terms "first", "second", etc. may be used herein to describe various elements, these elements are not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element from another. For example, a first element could, alternatively, be termed a second element, and, similarly, a second element could, alternatively, be termed a first element, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Features of various embodiments of the present disclosure may be partially or completely coupled to, or combined with, each other, and may be variously inter-operated with each other and driven technically as those skilled in the art can sufficiently understand. Further, the embodiments of the present disclosure may be carried out independently from each other, or may be carried out together in co-dependent relationship.

Hereinafter, various embodiments of the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting display device according to a first embodiment of the present disclosure.

As shown in FIG. 2, the organic light emitting display device according to the first embodiment may include a first substrate 100, a second substrate 200, a dam structure 300, a filler 400, and a plurality of alignment marks 500a and 500b.

The first substrate 100 may be formed of glass or transparent plastic. An active area A/A, a non-display area ND/A, a pad area P/A, and an encapsulation area E/A may be provided on the first substrate 100.

A plurality of pixels P may be provided in the active area A/A, thereby displaying an image. In order to display an image, a circuit device layer 110 and an emission device layer 120 may be disposed in the active area A/A on the first substrate 100.

The circuit device layer 110 may be formed on the first substrate 100, and although not shown in detail, the circuit device layer 110 may include a gate line, a data line, a power line, a switching thin film transistor (TFT), a driving TFT, and a capacitor. A detailed configuration of the circuit device layer 110 may be modified into various types well known to those skilled in the art.

The emission device layer 120 may be formed on the circuit device layer 110, and although not shown in detail, the emission device layer 120 may include a bank layer, an anode, a cathode, and an organic emission layer disposed between the anode and the cathode. A detailed configuration of the emission device layer 120 may be modified into various types well known to those skilled in the art.

The non-display area ND/A may be an area that cannot display an image, and may be provided outside the active area A/A.

The pad area P/A may be disposed in the non-display area ND/A. A plurality of signal pads connected to an external driver may be disposed in the pad area P/A. Therefore, the external driver may be connected to the plurality of signal pads disposed in the pad area P/A and may apply signals to the active area A/A. In this manner, the pad area P/A may be exposed to the outside so as to be connected to the external driver. In order for the pad area P/A provided on the first substrate 100 to be exposed to the outside, the second substrate 200 may be shorter in length than the first substrate 100, and moreover, the encapsulation area E/A may not extend to the pad area P/A.

The encapsulation area E/A prevents water from penetrating into the active area A/A. In order to prevent penetration of water, a passivation layer 130 may be disposed on the emission device layer 120, the filler 400 may be disposed on the passivation layer 130, and the dam structure 300 may be disposed outside the filler 400. Therefore, an area where the passivation layer 130, the filler 400, and the dam structure 300 are disposed may correspond to the encapsulation area E/A. As a result, the encapsulation area E/A may include the active area A/A, an area where the dam structure 300 is disposed, and an area therebetween.

The passivation layer 130 may be formed on the emission device layer 120 and may surround the emission device layer 120 and the circuit device layer 110. That is, the passivation layer 130 may cover a top and a side surface of the emission device layer 120 and a side surface of the circuit device layer 110. The passivation layer 130 may include an inorganic insulating material such as silicon oxide, silicon nitride, and/or the like, and particularly, may have a structure where different inorganic insulating materials are alternately stacked.

The filler 400 may be formed on, and/or surrounding, the passivation layer 130, and particularly, may fill the space between the first substrate 100 and the second substrate 200. The filler 400 may include a transparent material for preventing penetration of water. The filler 400 may further include an adhesive material, thereby enhancing an adhesive force between the first substrate 100 and the second substrate 200. The filler 400 may extend from the active area A/A to the non-display area ND/A, and particularly, may extend to the inside of the dam structure 300.

The dam structure 300 may be disposed between the first substrate 100. The second substrate 200 and may bond the first substrate 100 to the second substrate 200, and an area between the first substrate 100 and the second substrate 200 may be sealed by the dam structure 300. The outer surfaces of the dam structures 300 may define the encapsulation area E/A, and thus, an area between the dam structures 300 may correspond to the encapsulation area E/A.

The dam structure 300 may include a sealant 310, an outer dam bank 320, and an inner dam bank 330.

The sealant 310 may bond the first substrate 100 to the second substrate 200. The sealant 310 may be formed of various materials well known to those skilled in the art, such as a thermocurable resin, a photocurable resin, and/or the like.

The outer dam bank 320 and the inner dam structure 310 may be disposed on an outer surface and an inner surface, respectively, of the sealant 310 to define a coating area where the sealant 310 is coated. The outer dam bank 320 and the inner dam structure 310 may be formed of the same material as that of a bank layer for defining a pixel area in the emission device layer 120 through the same process as the bank layer. For example, the outer dam bank 320 and the inner dam structure 310 may be formed of an organic

insulating material such as polyimide, photo acryl, benzo-cyclobutene (BCB), and/or the like.

The alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may not be covered by the sealant **310** based on the position of the outer dam bank **320**, which prevents the sealant **310** from spreading to the outside. Additionally, the active area **A/A** may not be covered by the sealant **310** based on the position of the inner dam bank **330**, which prevents the sealant **310** from spreading to the inside.

As shown by the expanded portion in FIG. 2, the outer dam bank **320** and the inner dam bank **330** may have a concave-convex structure, whereby the sealant **310** is more efficiently prevented from spreading to the inside and the outside. However, the present disclosure is not limited thereto, and only one of the outer dam bank **320** and the inner dam bank **330** may have the concave-convex structure.

The outer dam bank **320** and the inner dam bank **330**, as illustrated in FIG. 2, may be formed on each of the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200**, but are not limited thereto. In other embodiments, the outer dam bank **320** may be formed on only one of the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200**, and the inner dam bank **330** may be formed on only one of the first substrate **100** and the second substrate **200**.

The alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may be disposed on the first substrate **100**. The alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may be formed of the same material as that of an element of the circuit device layer **110** on the first substrate **100**, using the same, or a similar, process. For example, the alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may be formed of the same material as that of the gate line of the circuit device layer **110**, using the same, or a similar, process, or may be formed of the same material as that of the data line of the circuit device layer **110**, using the same, or a similar, process.

The alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may be disposed in the non-display area **ND/A**. The alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may include a first alignment mark **500a** disposed in a portion of the non-display area **ND/A** which does not overlap the pad area **P/A**, and a second alignment mark **500b** disposed in another portion of the non-display area **ND/A** overlapping the pad area **P/A**. That is, the second alignment mark **500b** may be disposed in the pad area **P/A**, and the first alignment mark **500a** may be disposed in the non-display area **ND/A** not overlapping with the pad area **P/A**.

The first alignment mark **500a** and the second alignment mark **500b** may be disposed outside the dam structure **300**. For example, the first alignment mark **500a** and the second alignment mark **500b** may be disposed outside the outer dam bank **320**. As described above, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, because the first alignment mark **500a** and the second alignment mark **500b** are disposed outside the dam structure **300**, the first alignment mark **500a** and the second alignment mark **500b** are not covered by an encapsulating material such as the dam structure **300** or the filler **400** provided in the encapsulation area **E/A**, and thus, a scribing process is performed smoothly.

FIG. 3 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a second embodiment of the present disclosure.

As shown in FIG. 3, an active area **A/A** may be provided on a first substrate **100**, and a non-display area **ND/A** may be provided outside the active area **A/A**. The non-display area **ND/A** may include a pad area **P/A**.

A dam structure **300** may be disposed in the non-display area **ND/A**, and a filler **400** may be disposed on an inner side of the dam structure **300**, and the dam structure **300** may be disposed to surround the active area **A/A**. The filler **400** may

be provided to extend from the active area **A/A** to the inner side of the dam structure **300**. In order for the pad area **P/A** to be exposed, the dam structure **300** may not be provided in the pad area **P/A**. An encapsulation area **E/A**, which includes the dam structure **300** and the filler **400**, may be provided in the active area **A/A** and a partial region of the non-display area **ND/A**, but may not be provided in the pad area **P/A**.

A plurality of first alignment marks **500a** and second alignment marks **500b** may be formed on an outer side of the dam structure **300**. The alignment marks **500a** and **500b** may be disposed in an edge area of the first substrate **100**. As described above, the first alignment mark **500a** may be disposed in a portion of the non-display area **ND/A** which does not overlap the pad area **P/A**, and the second alignment mark **500b** may be disposed in another portion of the non-display area **ND/A** overlapping with the pad area **P/A**.

Since the dam structure **300** is not disposed in the pad area **P/A**, the second alignment mark **500b** disposed in the pad area **P/A** does not overlap with the dam structure **300**, and thus, is not covered by the dam structure **300**. However, because the first alignment mark **500a** and the dam structure **300** are disposed in the non-display area **ND/A**, which does not overlap with the pad area **P/A**, the first alignment mark **500a** may overlap with the dam structure **300**, and thus, may be covered by the dam structure **300**.

In an embodiment of the present disclosure, the shape of the dam structure **300** may be modified to prevent overlap of the dam structure **300** and the first alignment mark **500a**. Thus, the first alignment mark **500a** is not covered by the dam structure **300**, thereby enabling the scribing process to be performed smoothly.

For example, the dam structure **300** may be wholly formed outside the active area **A/A** and may have a shape corresponding to the active area **A/A**, but in an area (see area **C** of FIG. 3) where the first alignment mark **500a** is disposed, the dam structure **300** may not have a shape corresponding to the active area **A/A**. That is, if the active area **A/A** has a rectangular structure, the dam structure **300** may also have a rectangular structure, but in an edge area of the first substrate **100** where the first alignment mark **500a** is disposed, the dam structure **300** may not have an edge formed at a right angle.

The edge area of the first substrate **100** where the first alignment mark **500a** is disposed will be described below in detail with respect to FIG. 4.

FIG. 4 is an enlarged plan view of an area **C** of the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 3.

As shown in FIG. 4, the dam structure **300** may include a first dam structure **300a**, a second dam structure **300b**, and a third dam structure **300c**.

The first dam structure **300a** may be arranged in a first direction, for example, a horizontal direction, and may have a rectilinear structure. The first dam structure **300a** may be arranged in parallel with an outermost line **La** of the active area **A/A** in the first direction. The first dam structure **300a** may include a first sealant **310a**, a first outer dam bank **320a**, and a first inner dam bank **330a**. The first sealant **310a**, the first outer dam bank **320a**, and the first inner dam bank **330a** may all be arranged in parallel with the outermost line **La** of the active area **A/A** in the first direction. The first inner dam bank **330a** may be spaced apart from the outermost line **La** of the active area **A/A** in the first direction by a first distance **D1**.

The second dam structure **300b** may be arranged in a second direction, for example, a vertical direction, and may have a rectilinear structure. The second dam structure **300b**

may be arranged in parallel with an outermost line Lb of the active area A/A in the second direction. The second dam structure **300b** may include a second sealant **310b**, a second outer dam bank **320b**, and a second inner dam bank **330b**. The second sealant **310b**, the second outer dam bank **320b**, and the second inner dam bank **330b** may all be arranged in parallel with the outermost line Lb of the active area A/A in the second direction. The second inner dam bank **330b** may be spaced apart from the outermost line Lb of the active area A/A in the second direction by a second distance D2.

The third dam structure **300c** may have a rectilinear structure, and may connect the first dam structure **300a** to the second dam structure **300b**. The third dam structure **300c** may be connected to the first dam structure **300a** and the second dam structure **300b** at an incline. The third dam structure **300c** may be arranged not to be parallel to the outermost line La of the active area A/A in the first direction and the outermost line Lb of the active area A/A in the second direction. The third dam structure **300c** may be arranged apart from, and at an angle to, the vertex Lc at which the outermost line La in the first direction meets the outermost line Lb in the second direction. Therefore, due to the third dam structure **300c**, a shape of the dam structure **300** differs from that of the active area A/A. The third dam structure **300c** may include a third sealant **310c**, a third outer dam bank **320c**, and a third inner dam bank **330c**. The third sealant **310c**, the third outer dam bank **320c**, and the third inner dam bank **330c** may all be arranged not to be parallel to the outermost line La of the active area A/A in the first direction and the outermost line Lb of the active area A/A in the second direction, and each may be connected at an incline. The third inner dam bank **330c** may be spaced apart from a vertex Lc, at which the outermost line La in the first direction meets the outermost line Lb in the second direction of the active area A/A, by a third distance D3.

The third sealant **310c** may be connected to each of the first sealant **310a** and the second sealant **310b**. One end of the third sealant **310c** may be connected to the first sealant **310a**, and the other end of the third sealant **310c** may be connected to the second sealant **310b**.

The third outer dam bank **320c** may be connected to each of the first outer dam bank **320a** and the second outer dam bank **320b**. One end of the third outer dam bank **320c** may be connected to the first outer dam bank **320a**, and the other end of the third outer dam bank **320c** may be connected to the second outer dam bank **320b**.

The third inner dam bank **330c** may be connected to each of the first inner dam bank **330a** and the second inner dam bank **330b**. One end of the third inner dam bank **330c** may be connected to the first inner dam bank **330a**, and the other end of the third inner dam bank **330c** may be connected to the second inner dam bank **330b**.

As described above, the third dam structure **300c** may be connected to each of the first and second dam structures **300a** and **300b** at an incline, and an area where a first alignment mark **500a** is formed may be provided in an area outside the third dam structure **300c**. Therefore, overlap of the first align mark **500a** and the dam structure **300b** is prevented without increasing the size of the non-display area ND/A. Accordingly, a bezel size of the organic light emitting display device is reduced, and moreover, the scribing process is smoothly performed.

Moreover, a first distance D1 between the first inner dam bank **330a** and the active area A/A, a second distance D2 between the second inner dam bank **330b** and the active area A/A, and a third distance D3 between the third inner dam bank **330c** and the active area A/A may be appropriately

maintained so that the active area A/A does not cover and/or overlap with the dam structure **300**. For example, if the third distance D3 is reduced, the area where the first alignment mark **500a** is formed is enlarged, but if the reduction in third distance D3 is too great, the active area A/A may be covered by the third sealant **310c** of the third dam structure **300c**. Accordingly, when the third distance D3 is adjusted to be equal to or greater than the first distance D1 or the second distance D2, the active area A/A is not covered by, and/or does not overlap with, the third sealant **310c**.

FIGS. 5A and 5B illustrate a position at which the first alignment mark according to various embodiments of the present disclosure is disposed.

As shown in FIG. 5A, a first alignment mark **500a** disposed on an outer side of a third dam structure **300c** may be formed on an extension line of a first dam structure **300a** or an extension line of a second dam structure **300b**.

Alternatively, as shown in FIG. 5B, a first alignment mark **500b** disposed on an outer side of a third dam structure **300c** may be formed inward from an extension line of a first dam structure **300a** or an extension line of a second dam structure **300b**.

As described above, because the first alignment mark **500a** is formed on, or inward from, the extension line of the first dam structure **300a** or the second dam structure **300b**, a non-display area (ND/A) is reduced, and thus, the bezel size of an organic light emitting display device is largely reduced.

FIGS. 6 and 7 are plan views of organic light emitting display devices according to third and fourth embodiments, respectively, of the present disclosure. In these embodiments, the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIGS. 6 and 7 is the same as the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 4, except that the structure of the third dam structure **300c** is modified. Hereinafter, only different elements will be described for brevity.

According to the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 4, the third dam structure **300c** may have a rectilinear structure. However, in the embodiments illustrated in FIGS. 6 and 7, the third dam structure **300c** may have a curved structure.

For example, in FIG. 6, a center point of a curve structure of a third dam structure **300c** may be disposed inward from the third dam structure **300c**, and thus, the curve structure of the third dam structure **300c** may be a structure which is convex on an outer side and concave on an inner side. In this case, a distance D3 between the third dam structure **300c** and an outermost line Lc of an active area A/A is sufficiently secured.

Moreover, in FIG. 7, a center point of a curve structure of a third dam structure **300c** may be disposed outward from the third dam structure **300c**, and thus, the curve structure of the third dam structure **300c** may be a structure which is convex on an inner side and concave on an outer side. In this case, an area where a first alignment mark **500a** is disposed is formed outside the third dam structure **300c**, and is sufficiently secured.

FIG. 8 is a plan view of an organic light emitting display device according to a fifth embodiment of the present disclosure. The organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 8 is the same as the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 3, except that the structure of the dam structure **300** is modified. Hereinafter, only different elements will be described for brevity.

As shown in FIG. 8, a dam structure **300** may include two first dam structures **300a** that are arranged in a first direction to have a rectilinear structure, two second dam structures **300b** that are arranged in a second direction to have a

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rectilinear structure, and four third dam structures **300c** that have a rectilinear structure are inclined with respect to the first dam structures **300a** and the second dam structures **300b**, and connect the first dam structures **300a** to the second dam structures **300b**.

In the above-described structure illustrated in FIG. 3, the third dam structure **300c** may be disposed near the first alignment mark **500a**, but the third dam structure **300c** may not be disposed near, or overlap with, the second alignment mark **500b**. Therefore, in a portion near the second alignment mark **500b**, the first dam structure **300a** and the second dam structure **300b** may be directly connected to each other and may have a shape corresponding to an outermost line of an active area A/A.

On the other hand, according to the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 8, a third dam structure **300c** may be disposed near the first alignment mark **500a** and another third dam structure **300c** may be disposed near the second alignment mark **500b**, thereby reducing the possibility that the second alignment mark **500b** disposed in a pad area P/A is covered by, or overlaps with, the dam structure **300**.

FIGS. 9 and 10 are plan views of organic light emitting display devices according to sixth and seventh embodiments of the present disclosure. The organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIGS. 9 and 10 are the same as the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 8, except that the third dam structure **300c** is modified such that the third dam structure **300c** in FIGS. 9 and 10 have a curved structure.

The organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIG. 9 may be implemented by applying the third dam structure **300c** of FIG. 6 to four edge areas. Similarly, the organic light emitting display device of FIG. 10 may be implemented by applying the third dam structure **300c** of FIG. 7 to four edge areas.

FIGS. 11-13 are schematic plan views of an organic light emitting display device according to additional embodiments of the present disclosure. The organic light emitting display devices illustrated in FIGS. 11-13 are similar to the organic light emitting display device illustrated in FIGS. 8-10, respectively, except that both the first and second alignment marks **500a** and **500b**, respectively, are disposed near the third dam structure **300c**, and neither the first and second alignment marks are disposed in the pad area.

The organic light emitting display device according to the embodiments of the present invention may be applied as various types well known to those skilled in the art, such as a top emission type, a bottom emission type, etc.

As described above, according to various embodiments of the present disclosure, the alignment mark may not be covered by, and may not overlap with, the dam structure, because the alignment mark is disposed outside the dam structure. Thus, the scribing process is performed smoothly.

Particularly, according to various embodiments of the present disclosure, the third dam structure may be connected to each of the first and second dam structures at an incline, and the first alignment mark may be disposed outside the third dam structure, thereby preventing the first alignment mark from being covered by, or overlapping with, the dam structure without increasing the size of the non-display area. Accordingly, the bezel size of the organic light emitting display device is reduced, and the scribing process may be performed smoothly.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made to the present disclosure without departing from the spirit or scope of the intended inventions. The present disclosure covers the modi-

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fications and variations of the invention described therein, provided they fall within the scope of any appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting display device comprising:
 - a substrate including an active area including a plurality of pixels to display an image and a non-display area provided outside the active area;
 - a dam structure in the non-display area of the substrate; and
 - a first alignment mark outside the dam structure in the non-display area of the substrate,
 wherein the dam structure comprises a first portion having a shape that corresponds to an outermost line of the active area and a second portion having a shape that does not correspond to the outermost line of the active area, and the first alignment mark is disposed outside the second portion of the dam structure.
2. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the second portion of the dam structure is provided at an edge area of the substrate.
3. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the first portion comprises a first dam structure arranged in a first direction and a second dam structure arranged in a second direction, and the second portion comprises a third dam structure connected to each of the first dam structure and the second dam structure at an incline.
4. The organic light emitting display device of claim 3, wherein
 - the first dam structure and the second dam structure are arranged in parallel with an outermost line of the active area in the first direction and an outermost line of the active area in the second direction, respectively, and
 - the third structure is arranged apart from, and at an angle to, a vertex at which the outermost line of the active area in the first direction meets the outermost line of the active area in the second direction.
5. The organic light emitting display device of claim 3, wherein
 - the first dam structure comprises a first sealant, a first outer dam bank disposed on an outer side of the first sealant, and a first inner dam bank disposed on an inner side of the first sealant,
 - the second dam structure comprises a second sealant, a second outer dam bank disposed on an outer side of the second sealant, and a second inner dam bank disposed on an inner side of the second sealant,
 - the third dam structure comprises a third sealant, a third outer dam bank disposed on an outer side of the third sealant, and a third inner dam bank disposed on an inner side of the third sealant,
 - one end of the third sealant is connected to the first sealant, and the other end of the third sealant is connected to the second sealant,
 - one end of the third outer dam bank is connected to the first outer dam bank, and the other end of the third outer dam bank is connected to the second outer dam bank, and
 - one end of the third inner dam bank is connected to the first inner dam bank, and the other end of the third inner dam bank is connected to the second inner dam bank.
6. The organic light emitting display device of claim 5, wherein at least one of the third outer dam bank and the third inner dam bank has a concave-convex structure.

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7. The organic light emitting display device of claim 3, wherein the first alignment mark is disposed inward from an extension line of the first dam structure or the second dam structure.

8. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the first alignment mark is provided between a scribing line of the substrate and the dam structure.

9. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the first alignment mark substantially overlaps an imaginary line extended from the first portion of the dam structure.

10. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, further comprising an emission device layer in the active area of the substrate and a passivation layer covering a top and a side surface of the emission device layer.

11. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, further comprising an emission device layer in the active area of the substrate, a passivation layer on the emission device layer, and a filler on the passivation layer.

12. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, further comprising an emission device layer in the active area of the substrate, and an encapsulation layer encapsulating the emission device layer and extending to the dam structure.

13. The organic light emitting display device of claim 12, wherein the encapsulation layer comprises a passivation layer on the emission device layer and a filler on the passivation layer.

14. The organic light emitting display device of claim 12, wherein light emitted from the emission device layer penetrates the encapsulation layer and moves to an external over the encapsulation layer.

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15. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein the plurality of pixels comprises a circuit device layer having a gate line and a data line, and the first alignment mark is formed of a same material as that of the gate line or the data line.

16. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein a distance between the second portion of the dam structure and the active area is equal to or greater than a distance between the first portion of the dam structure and the active area.

17. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein

the substrate comprises a pad area in the non-display area, and

a second alignment mark is further provided in the pad area.

18. The organic light emitting display device of claim 17, wherein

the dam structure is not disposed in the pad area.

19. The organic light emitting display device of claim 1, wherein

the substrate comprises a pad area in the non-display area, and

a second alignment mark is disposed outside the third dam structure such that the second alignment mark does not overlap with the pad area.

20. The organic light emitting display device of claim 19, wherein

the dam structure is not disposed in the pad area.

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