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(54) **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ORGANIC LIGHT-EMITTING DISPLAY APPARATUS**

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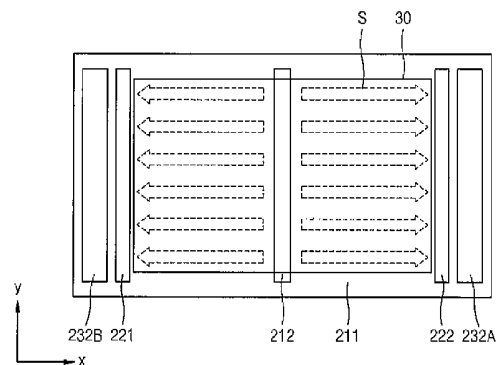
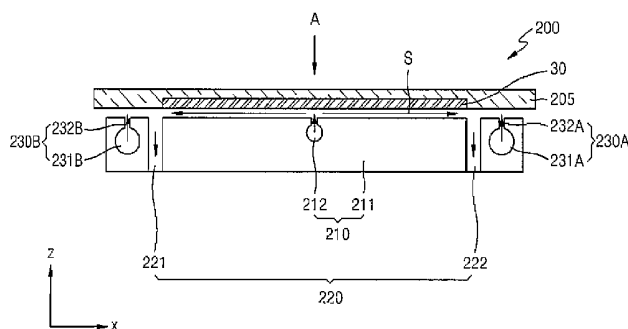
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ABSTRACT

A vapor deposition apparatus for depositing a thin film on a substrate, by which a deposition process is efficiently performed and deposition film characteristics are easily improved, and a vapor deposition apparatus including: a stage onto which a substrate is disposed; and a supply unit disposed to face the substrate and having a main body member and a nozzle member disposed on one surface of the main body member facing the substrate, to sequentially supply a plurality of gases towards the substrate, and a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus using the same.

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FIG. 1

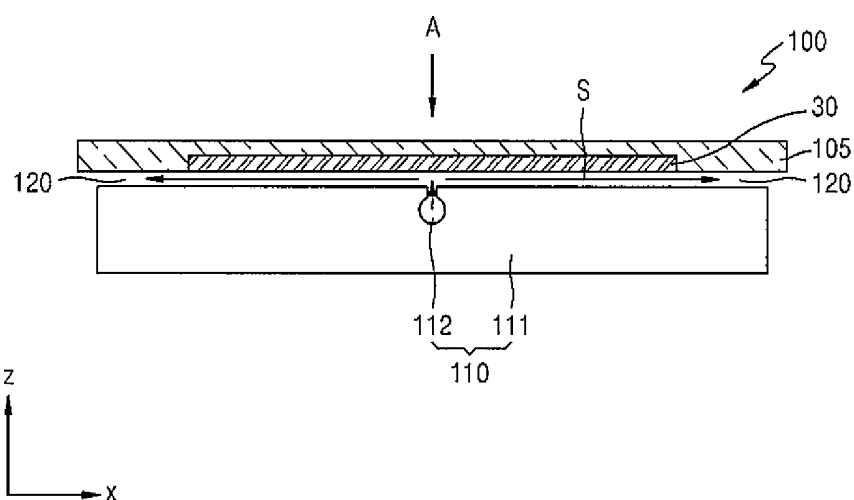


FIG. 2

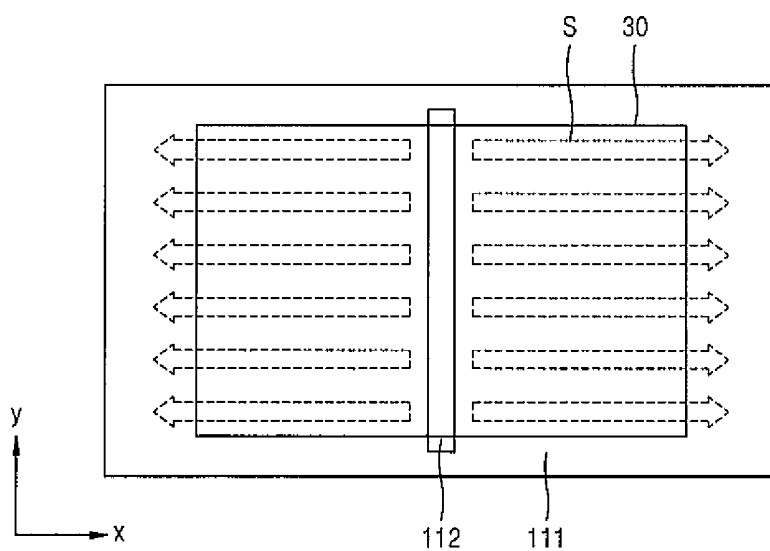


FIG. 3A

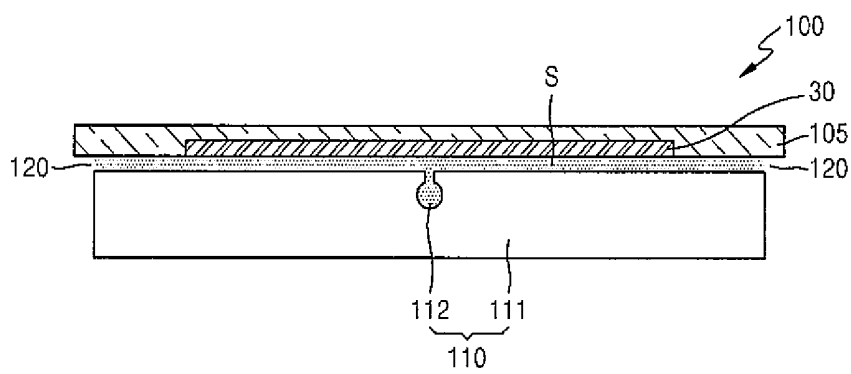


FIG. 3B

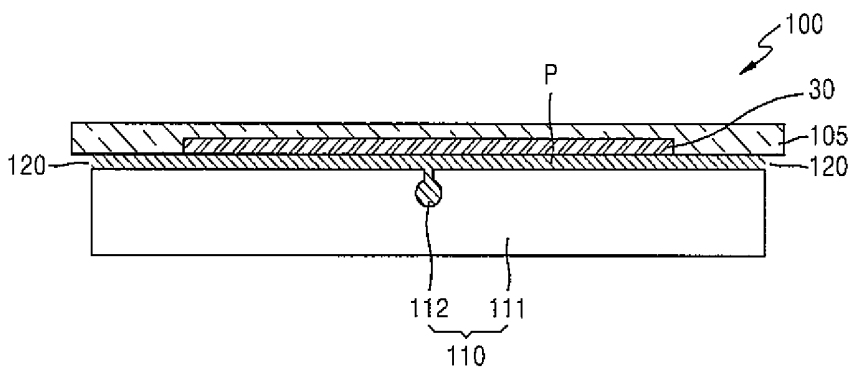


FIG. 3C

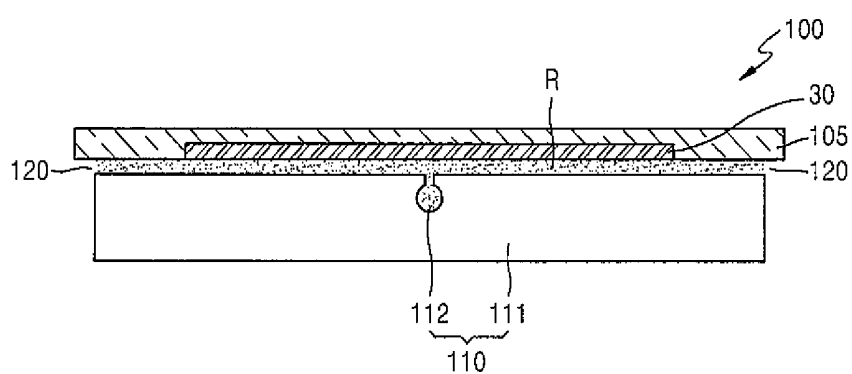


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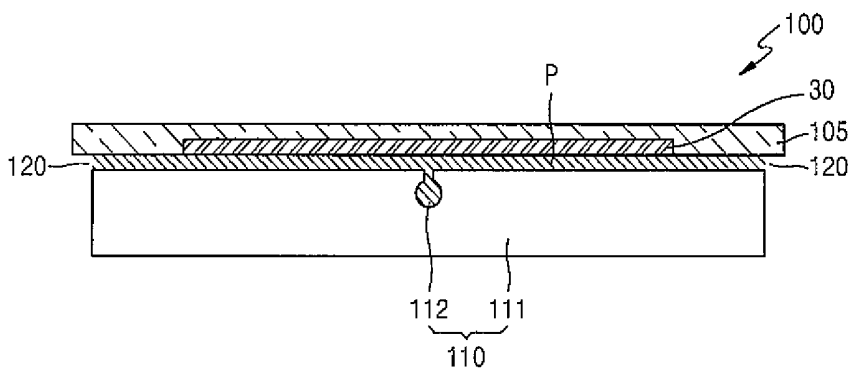


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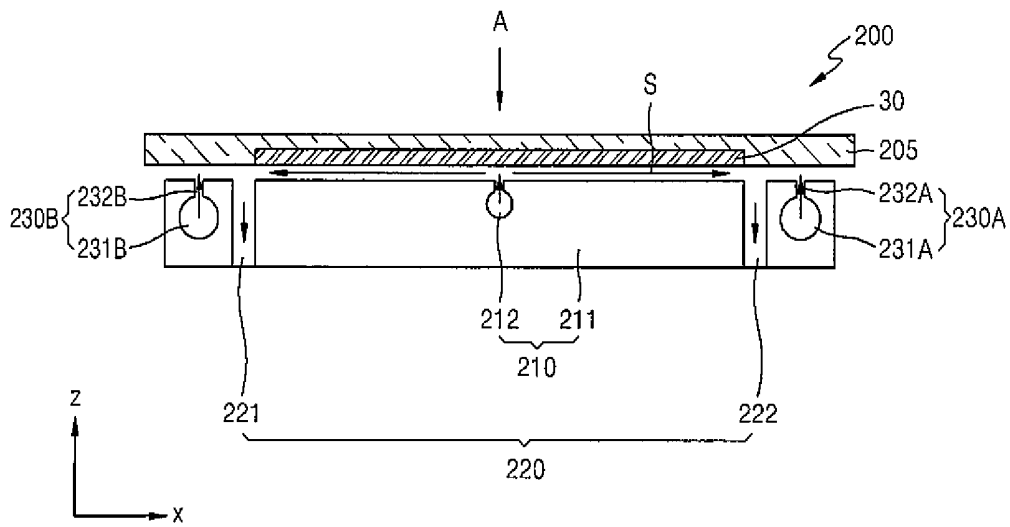


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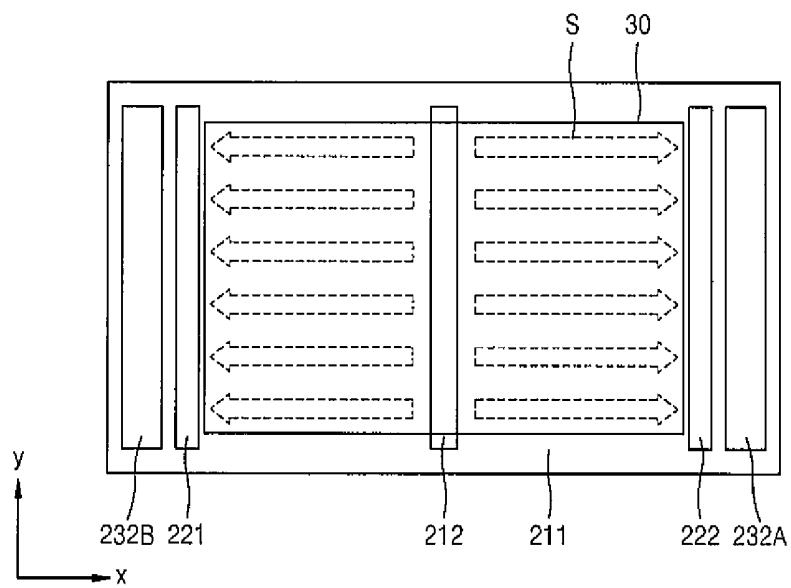


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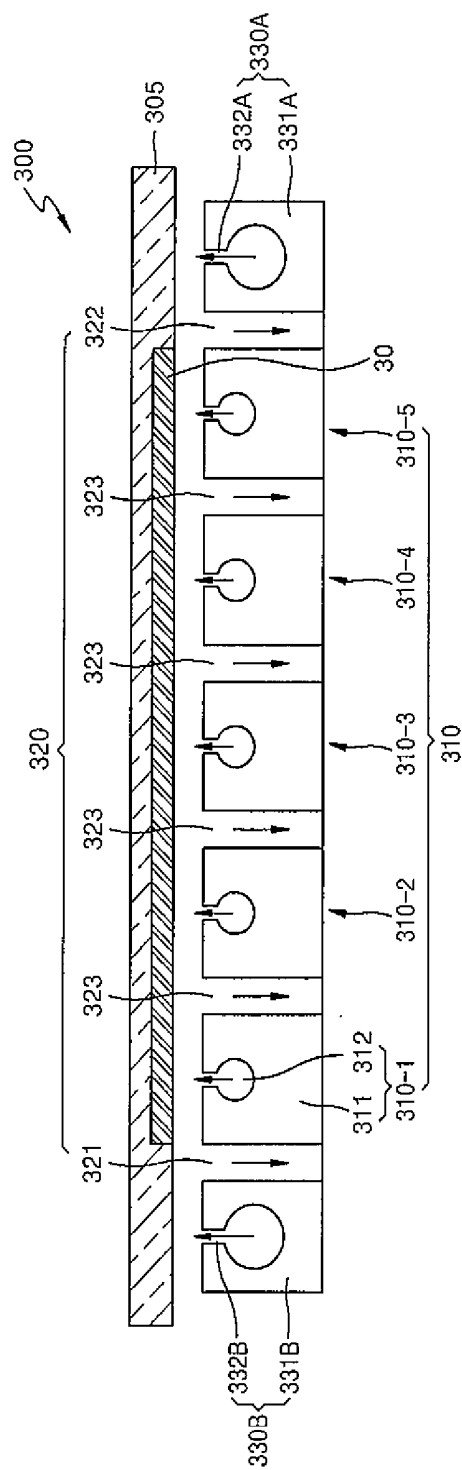


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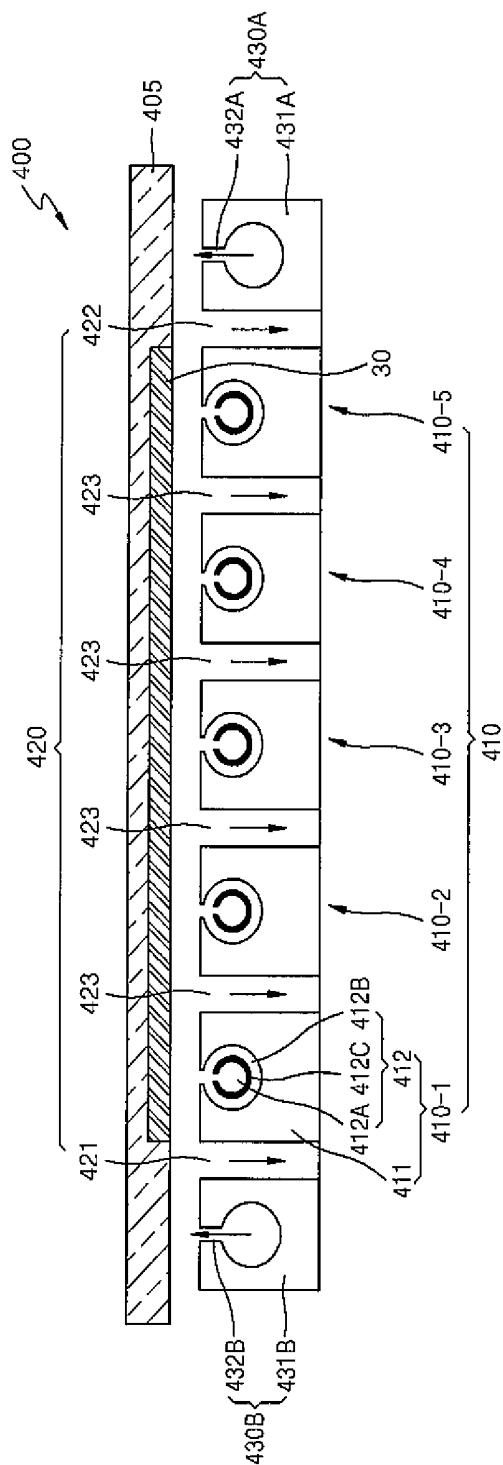


FIG. 8A

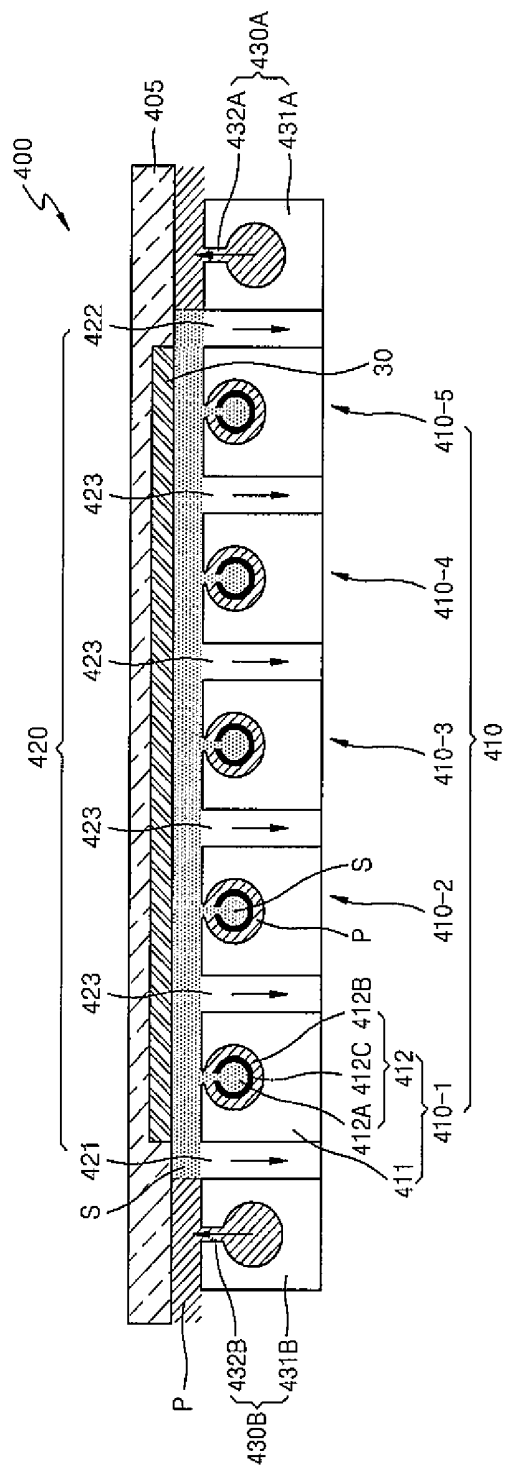


FIG. 8C

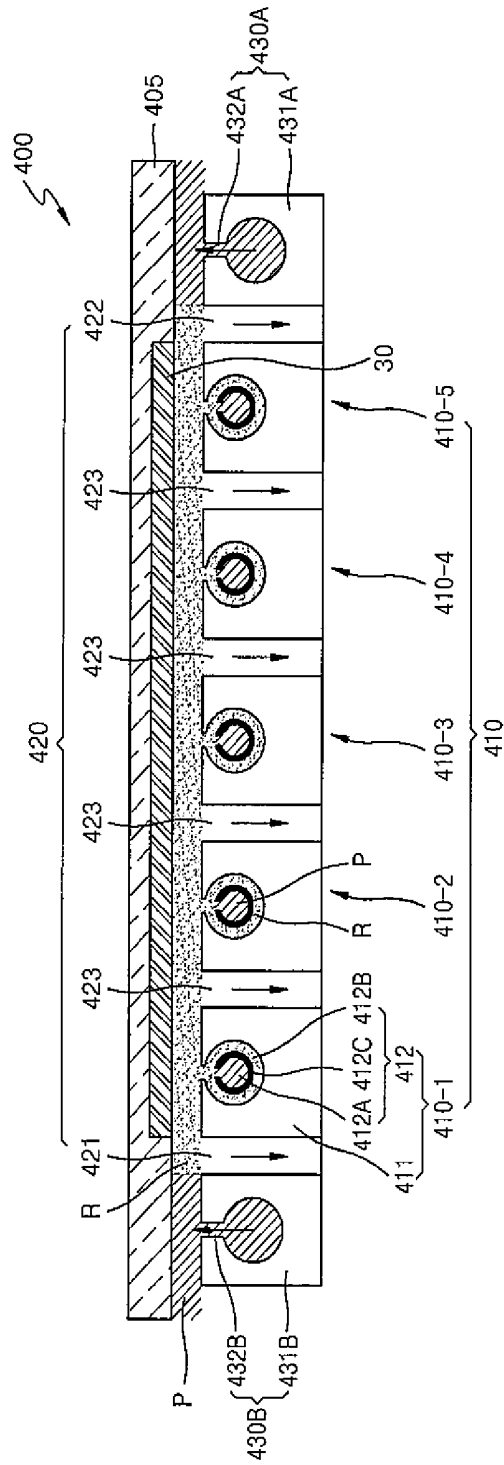


FIG. 8D

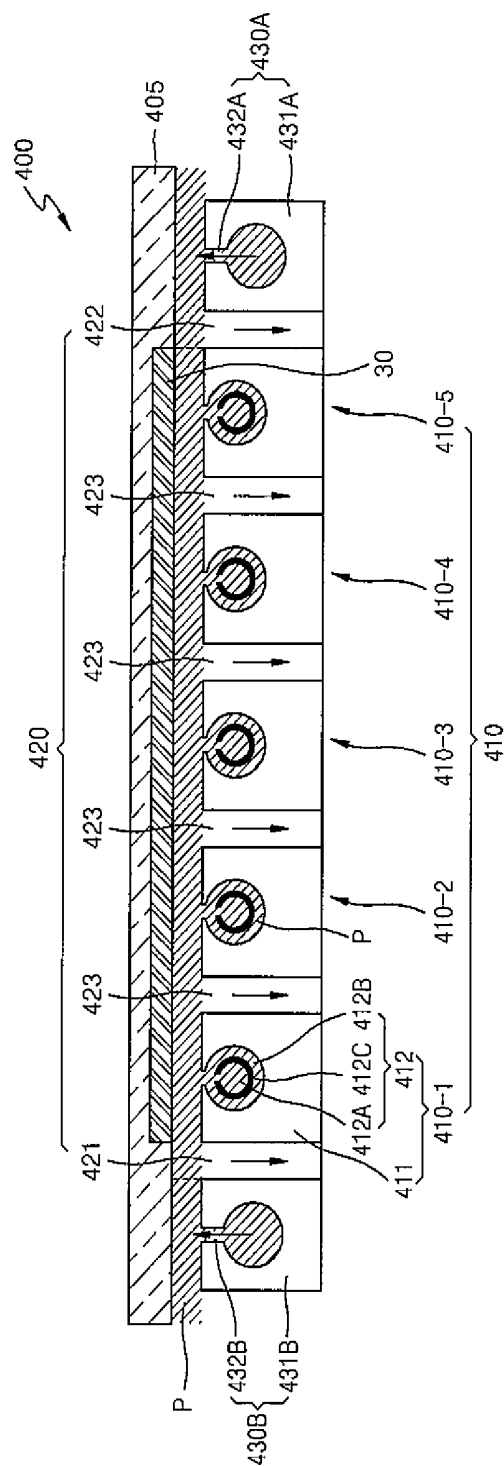


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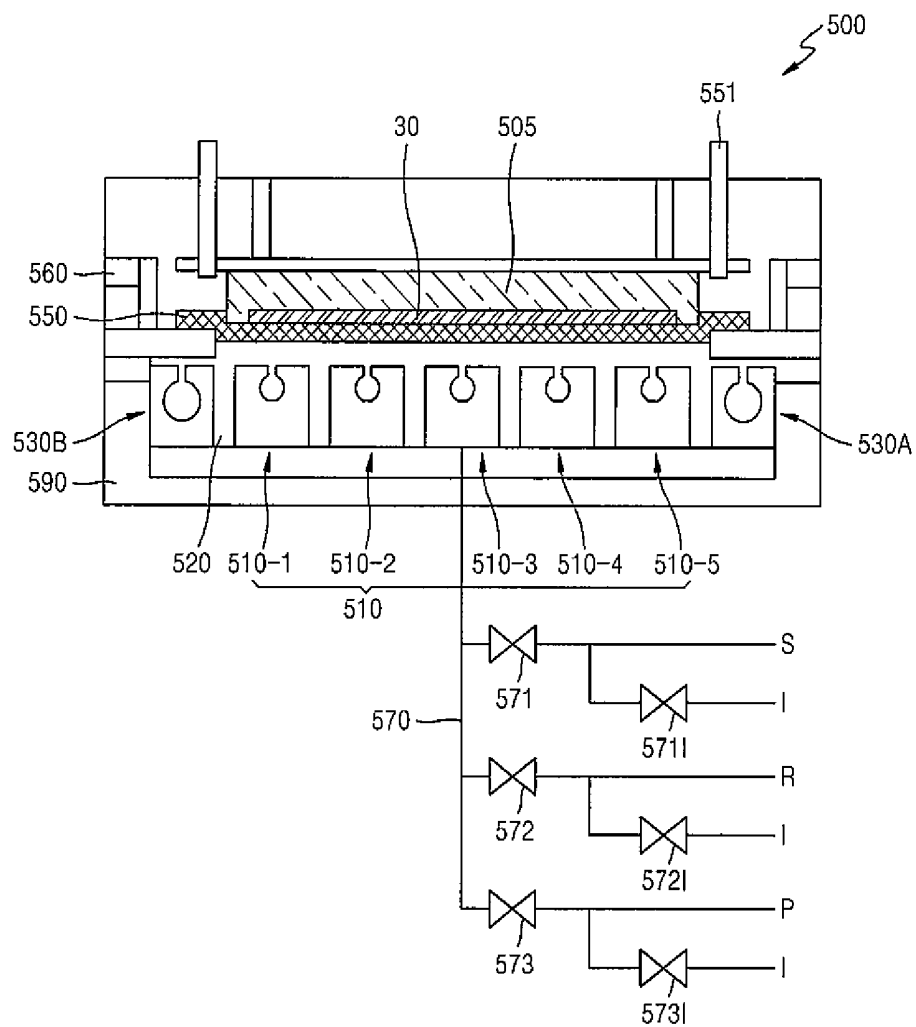


FIG. 10

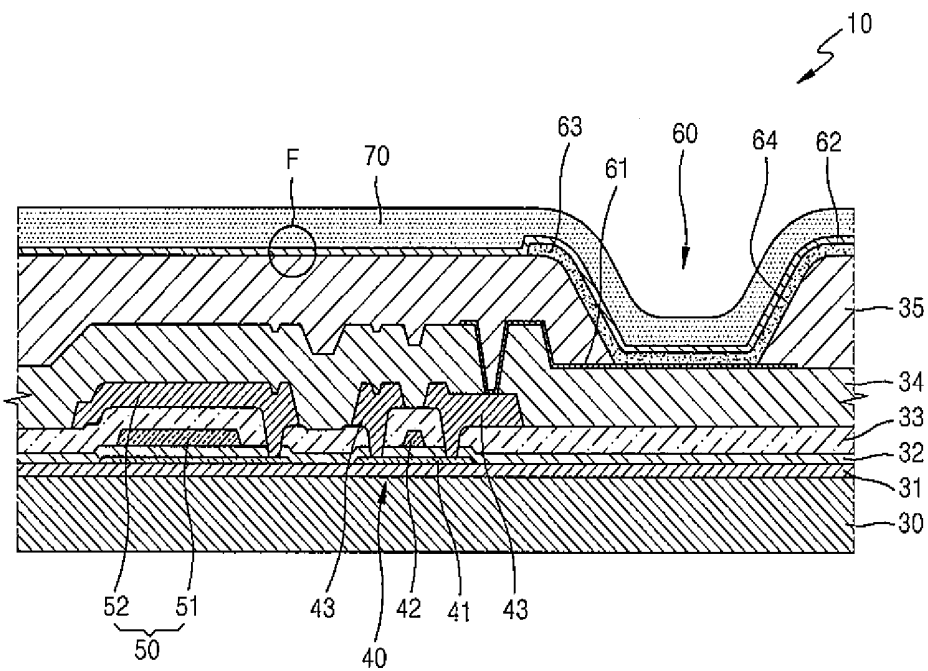
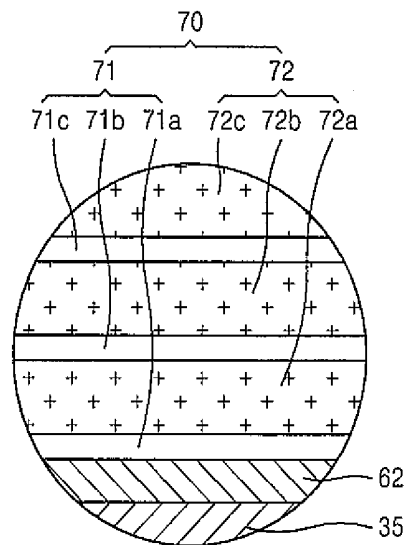


FIG. 11



METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ORGANIC LIGHT-EMITTING DISPLAY APPARATUS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2012-0128370, filed on Nov. 13, 2012, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

BACKGROUND

1. Field

Embodiments of the present invention relate to a vapor deposition apparatus and a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus. Embodiments of the present invention more particularly relate to a vapor deposition apparatus, by which a deposition process is efficiently performed and deposition film characteristics are easily improved, and a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus.

2. Description of the Related Art

Semiconductor devices, display apparatuses, other electronic devices, and the like include a plurality of thin films. One of various methods of forming the plurality of thin films is a vapor deposition method.

The vapor deposition method uses one or more gases as raw materials for forming a thin film. Examples of the vapor deposition method are chemical vapor deposition (CVD), atomic layer deposition (ALD), and the like.

During ALD, one raw material is injected and purged/pumped, one or more molecular layers are adsorbed onto a substrate, after which another raw material is injected and purged/pumped to thereby form a desired single atomic layer or multiple atomic layers.

Among display apparatuses, an organic light-emitting display apparatus has attracted attention as a next-generation display apparatus due to high-grade characteristics, such as wide angle of views, high contrast, and quick response speeds.

The organic light-emitting display apparatus includes an intermediate layer having an organic emission layer between a first electrode and a second electrode that face the first electrode and further includes one or more thin films. A deposition process may be used to form the one or more thin films of the organic light-emitting display apparatus.

However, it is not easy to deposit a large-area thin film having desired characteristics for a large-sized and high-resolution organic light-emitting display apparatus.

SUMMARY

Aspects of embodiments of the present invention include a vapor deposition apparatus, by which a deposition process is efficiently performed and deposition film characteristics are easily improved, and a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus.

Additional aspects will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the presented embodiments.

According to one or more embodiments of the present invention, a vapor deposition apparatus includes: a stage onto which a substrate is disposed; and a supply unit disposed to face the substrate and having a main body member and a

nozzle member disposed on one surface of the main body member and facing the substrate, to sequentially supply a plurality of gases towards the substrate.

The nozzle member may sequentially inject a first raw material gas, a second raw material gas, and a purge gas towards the substrate.

The nozzle member may have a long extending shape.

The nozzle member may be formed to have a length that is equal to or greater than a width of one direction of the substrate so as to correspond to the width of the one direction of the substrate.

The nozzle member may be disposed to correspond to the center of the substrate.

The vapor deposition apparatus may further include an exhaust unit defined as separated spaces between edges of the stage and edges of the supply unit.

The stage may be disposed over the supply unit for the substrate to be disposed on the stage such that a surface of the substrate on which a deposition process is performed faces downward (e.g. towards the ground).

The vapor deposition apparatus may further include a curtain unit disposed to face the stage and deviate from opposite edges of the substrate and having curtain nozzles for injecting a purge gas (e.g. an inert gas).

The curtain nozzles may be disposed at the opposite edges of the substrate and facing the opposite edges.

The curtain nozzles may be disposed and oriented to all edges of the substrate.

The curtain nozzles may be formed in a rectangular ring shape.

The supply unit may include a plurality of supply modules, each supply module including a main body member and a nozzle member.

The exhaust unit may be disposed between every two adjacent supply modules.

The nozzle member may include a first supply region, a second supply region, and a partition disposed between the first supply region and the second supply region.

The first raw material gas may be injected from the first supply region, and the second raw material gas may be injected from the second supply region.

The purge gas may be discharged from the second supply region while the first raw material gas is being injected from the first supply region.

The purge gas may be discharged from the first supply region while the second raw material gas is being injected from the second supply region.

The vapor deposition apparatus may further include a linear gas supply line for supplying gases to the nozzle member of the supply unit.

The vapor deposition apparatus may further include a first valve, a second valve, and a third valve disposed to control a process of respectively delivering a first raw material gas, a second raw material gas, and a purge gas to the gas supply line.

The vapor deposition apparatus may further include a first purge gas valve, a second purge gas valve, and a third purge gas valve disposed in a direction farther from the gas supply line than the first valve, the second valve, and the third valve to control injection of the purge gas.

According to one or more embodiments of the present invention, a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus including a thin film on a substrate by using a vapor deposition apparatus, the vapor deposition apparatus including: a stage onto which the substrate is disposed; and a supply unit disposed to face the substrate and having a main body member and a nozzle member disposed

on one surface of the main body member facing the substrate, to sequentially supply a plurality of gases towards the substrate, includes forming the thin film, wherein the forming of the thin film is performed by sequentially injecting different raw material gases from the nozzle member in a state where the substrate and the vapor deposition apparatus are fixed.

The organic light-emitting display apparatus may include a first electrode, an intermediate layer having an organic emission layer, a second electrode, and an encapsulating layer, and the forming of the thin film may include forming the encapsulating layer.

The forming of the thin film may include forming an insulating layer.

The forming of the thin film may include forming a conductive layer.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Example embodiments will now be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings; however, they may 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 example embodiments to those skilled in the art.

In the drawing figures, dimensions may be exaggerated for clarity of illustration. It will be understood that when an element is referred to as being "between" two elements, it can be the only element between the two elements, or one or more intervening elements may also be present. Like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout.

Embodiments of the present invention will become apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of the embodiments, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a top view in a direction A of FIG. 1;

FIGS. 3A to 3D are cross-sectional views illustrating a deposition process using the vapor deposition apparatus of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 is a top view in a direction A of FIG. 4;

FIG. 6 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 8A to 8D are cross-sectional views illustrating a deposition process using the vapor deposition apparatus of FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 10 is a schematic cross-sectional view of an organic light-emitting display apparatus manufactured by a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 11 is a magnified view of F of FIG. 10.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Reference will now be made in detail to embodiments, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals refer to the like elements throughout. In this regard, the present embodiments may have different forms and should not be construed as being limited to the descriptions set forth herein. Accordingly, the embodiments are merely described below, by referring to the figures, to explain aspects of the present description. As used herein, the term "and/or" includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

Expressions such as "at least one of," when preceding a list of elements, modify the entire list of elements and do not modify the individual elements of the list. Further, the use of "may" when describing embodiments of the present invention refers to "one or more embodiments of the present invention."

FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus 100 according to an embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 2 is a top view in a direction A of FIG. 1.

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the vapor deposition apparatus 100 may include a stage 105 and a supply unit 110.

A substrate 30 is disposed on the stage 105. The stage 105 is formed to stably fix the substrate 30 during a deposition process and may further include a clamp and the like. The stage 105 is disposed on the supply unit 110 such that a surface of the substrate 30, particularly, a surface on which the deposition process is to be performed, i.e., a lower surface of the substrate 30, faces the ground.

As shown in FIG. 1, the stage 105 may be formed to have a set or predetermined groove, wherein the substrate 30 is disposed in the groove. In this case, the substrate 30 is relatively stable on the stage 105, and an escape, vibration, and the like of the substrate 30 is prevented during the deposition process.

However, one or more embodiments of the present invention are not limited thereto, and the stage 105 may include no groove.

The supply unit 110 may include a main body member 111 and a nozzle member 112.

The main body member 111 supports the entire supply unit 110, functions as a housing, and may include therein a connection pipe for delivering a raw material to the nozzle member 112.

The nozzle member 112 is disposed on one surface of the main body member 111. The nozzle member 112 injects a gaseous raw material for performing the deposition process towards the substrate 30. For example, the nozzle member 112 injects a first raw material gas S towards the substrate 30. However, this is only illustrative, and the nozzle member 112 may sequentially and repeatedly inject a plurality of gases towards the substrate 30 to perform the deposition process on the substrate 30. A detailed description thereof will be made below.

The nozzle member 112 is a linear nozzle member having a long extending shape. That is, as shown in FIG. 2, the nozzle member 112 is formed to have a length that is greater than a width along one direction of the substrate 30. As another example, the nozzle member 112 may have a length that is the same as the width along the one direction of the substrate 30.

By doing this, the first raw material gas S injected from the nozzle member 112 uniformly reacts with the entire surface of the substrate 30, thereby uniformly performing the depo-

sition process. In particular, the nozzle member **112** may be disposed to correspond to the center of the substrate **30** to thereby easily perform the uniform deposition process.

An exhaust unit **120** is formed to discharge residual gases after the deposition process. The exhaust unit **120** is defined by separated spaces between edges of the stage **105** and edges of the supply unit **110**.

FIGS. **3A** to **3D** are cross-sectional views illustrating a deposition process using the vapor deposition apparatus **100** of FIG. **1**.

Referring to FIG. **3A**, the first raw material gas **S** is injected in a direction of the substrate **30** from the nozzle member **112** of the supply unit **110**. The first raw material gas **S** may include various suitable materials. The first raw material gas **S** may be a gas including aluminum (Al), e.g., trimethyl aluminum (TMA). In this case, when the first raw material gas **S** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30**, an adsorption layer including Al is formed on the surface of the substrate **30**. In more detail, a chemical adsorption layer and a physical adsorption layer are formed on the surface of the substrate **30**.

Thereafter, referring to FIG. **3B**, a purge gas **P** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30** from the nozzle member **112** of the supply unit **110**. The purge gas **P** may include various suitable materials. For example, the purge gas **P** may include an inert gas, e.g., argon or nitrogen.

The physical adsorption layer having a weak molecular bonding force in the adsorption layer described above which is formed on the surface of the substrate **30** with the first raw material gas **S** is separated from the substrate **30** due to the purge gas **P**, and the separated gas or residual substances are removed through the exhaust unit **120**, thereby improving the purity of a deposition film to be finally formed on the substrate **30**.

Thereafter, referring to FIG. **3C**, a second raw material gas **R** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30** from the nozzle member **112** of the supply unit **110**. The second raw material gas **R** may include various suitable materials. The second raw material gas **R** may include a gas including oxygen (O), e.g., hydrogen oxide (H₂O), dioxygen (O₂), and/or nitrogen oxide (N₂O). In addition, although not shown, when the second raw material gas **R** is injected, the second raw material gas **R** may be converted into a radical form by generating plasma and injected to the substrate **30**.

When the second raw material gas **R** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30**, the second raw material gas **R** reacts with the chemical adsorption layer formed of the first raw material gas **S**, which has been already adsorbed on the substrate **30**, or displaces a portion of the chemical adsorption layer, thereby finally forming a desired deposition film, e.g., an aluminum oxide (Al_xO_y) layer. At this time, an excessive second raw material gas **R** remains by forming a physical adsorption layer or is discharged through the exhaust unit **120**.

Thereafter, referring to FIG. **3D**, the purge gas **P** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30** from the nozzle member **112** of the supply unit **110**. The physical adsorption remaining on the surface of the substrate **30** is separated from the substrate **30** due to the purge gas **P**, and the separated gas or residual substances are removed through the exhaust unit **120**, thereby improving the purity of a deposition film to be finally formed on the substrate **30**.

According to the current embodiment, the supply unit **110** includes the nozzle member **112**, and the first and second raw material gases **S** and **R** and the purge gas **P** are sequentially injected from the nozzle member **112** towards the center of the substrate **30**. Accordingly, even during one cycle of the deposition process including a plurality of operations, the

substrate **30** and the supply unit **110** do not have to move. In addition, the supply unit **110** does not have to be larger than necessary, and thus, the miniaturization of the vapor deposition apparatus **100** may be achieved.

In particular, the first raw material gas **S**, the second raw material gas **R**, and the purge gas **P** are sequentially injected by the nozzle member **112**, and thus, an ALD process in which at least four operations form one cycle may be easily performed.

In addition, when an organic light-emitting display apparatus is manufactured using the substrate **30** by disposing the substrate **30** on the supply unit **110** such that a deposition surface of the substrate **30** faces the ground, the connectivity with a plurality of processes in which the substrate **30** faces the ground is improved.

FIG. **4** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **200** according to another embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. **5** is a top view in a direction A of FIG. **4**.

Referring to FIGS. **4** and **5**, the vapor deposition apparatus **200** may include a stage **205**, a supply unit **210**, an exhaust unit **220**, and curtain units **230A** and **230B**. For convenience, descriptions of similar components to those described above may not be provided again.

The substrate **30** is disposed on the stage **205**. The stage **205** is disposed on the supply unit **210** such that a surface of the substrate **30**, particularly, a surface on which a deposition process is to be performed, i.e., a lower surface of the substrate **30**, faces the ground.

The supply unit **210** may include a main body member **211** and a nozzle member **212**. The nozzle member **212** has a long extending shape. That is, as shown in FIG. **5**, the nozzle member **212** is formed to have a length that is greater than a width of one direction of the substrate **30**. As another example, the nozzle member **212** may have a length that is the same as the width of the one direction of the substrate **30**. The nozzle member **212** may be disposed to correspond to the center of the substrate **30** to thereby easily perform the uniform deposition process.

The two curtain units **230A** and **230B** are disposed to face the stage **205**. In addition, the curtain units **230A** and **230B** are disposed to deviate from edges of the substrate **30**, i.e., not to overlap the substrate **30**. The curtain units **230A** and **230B** include curtain main bodies **231A** and **231B** and curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B**, respectively. The curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B** inject a curtain gas towards the stage **205**. The curtain main bodies **231A** and **231B** may include therein connection pipes for supplying the curtain gas to the curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B**, respectively. The curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B** may be symmetrically disposed at both ends based on the nozzle member **212**. That is, the curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B** are disposed and oriented to one side of the substrate **30** and another side thereof facing the one side and not to overlap each other, respectively. The curtain gas injected by the curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B** may be an inert gas. The curtain gas prevents the escape of the first raw material gas **S** injected by the nozzle member **212** from the substrate **30** and largely from the stage **205**. By doing this, damage of the outer side surfaces of the stage **205**, the supply unit **210**, and other portions of the vapor deposition apparatus **200** due to the first raw material gas **S** is prevented. In particular, the vapor deposition apparatus **200** may be disposed in a chamber, and in this case, the curtain gas injected by the curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B** functions to block the movement of the first raw material gas **S** to thereby prevent contamination or damage of the inner wall of the chamber due to the first raw material gas **S**.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, curtain nozzles may be disposed and oriented to all of four sides of the substrate **30**. That is, although the curtain nozzles **232A** and **232B** are shown to be disposed and oriented to the left and right sides of the substrate **30** in FIG. **5**, curtain nozzles may be further disposed and oriented to the top and bottom sides of the substrate **30**, and all of these curtain nozzles may be connected to form a shape, such as a rectangular ring.

The curtain main bodies **231A** and **231B** of the curtain units **230A** and **230B** may have various shapes. As a more detailed example, the curtain main bodies **231A** and **231B** may be formed as one body with the main body member **211** of the supply unit **210** or formed independently.

The exhaust unit **220** may include a first exhaust unit **221** and a second exhaust unit **222**. The first exhaust unit **221** and the second exhaust unit **222** of the exhaust unit **220** are disposed between the nozzle member **212** and the curtain units **230A** and **230B**, respectively. In addition, the exhaust unit **220** is disposed to correspond to or deviate from edges of the substrate **30**. In addition, the exhaust unit **220** is formed to discharge gasses and the like towards the ground.

After the deposition process, residual gases are discharged through the exhaust unit **220**, and in this case, since the residual gases are discharged in a direction that is opposite to a direction of injecting the first raw material gas **S** from the nozzle member **212**, i.e., a direction of orienting to the ground, an exhaust characteristic is improved.

The deposition process using the vapor deposition apparatus **200** according to the current embodiment is similar to the above-described embodiment.

In the vapor deposition apparatus **200** according to the current embodiment, the curtain gas injected from the curtain units **230A** and **230B** functions as a curtain for blocking the movement of the first raw material gas **S**, thereby preventing contamination or damage of the inner wall of the chamber due to the first raw material gas **S**.

FIG. **6** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **300** according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. **6**, the vapor deposition apparatus **300** may include a stage **305**, a supply unit **310**, an exhaust unit **320**, and curtain units **330A** and **330B**. For convenience, descriptions of similar components to those described above may not be provided again.

The substrate **30** is disposed on the stage **305**. The stage **305** is disposed on the supply unit **310** such that a surface of the substrate **30**, particularly, a surface on which a deposition process is to be performed, i.e., a lower surface of the substrate **30**, faces the ground.

The supply unit **310** may include a plurality of supply modules **310-1**, **310-2**, **310-3**, **310-4**, and **310-5**. The supply module **310-1** may include a main body member **311** and a nozzle member **312**. The nozzle member **312** has a long extending shape. That is, the nozzle member **312** is formed to have a length that is greater than a width of one direction of the substrate **30**. As another example, the nozzle member **312** may have a length that is the same as the width of the one direction of the substrate **30**.

The other supply modules **310-2**, **310-3**, **310-4**, and **310-5** are the same as the supply module **310-1**, and thus, a detailed description thereof is not provided.

The plurality of supply modules **310-1**, **310-2**, **310-3**, **310-4**, and **310-5** may have various forms, e.g., independent from each other or in one body. As a detailed example, the plurality

of supply modules **310-1**, **310-2**, **310-3**, **310-4**, and **310-5** may have an integrated main body member and independent nozzle members.

The two curtain units **330A** and **330B** are disposed to face the stage **305**. In addition, the curtain units **330A** and **330B** are disposed to deviate from edges of the substrate **30**, i.e., not to overlap the substrate **30**. The curtain units **330A** and **330B** include curtain main bodies **331A** and **331B** and curtain nozzles **332A** and **332B**, respectively. The curtain nozzles **332A** and **332B** inject a curtain gas towards the stage **305**.

The curtain units **330A** and **330B** are the same as the curtain units **230A** and **230B** described above, and thus a detailed description thereof is not provided.

The exhaust unit **320** may include a first exhaust unit **321**, a second exhaust unit **322**, and a third exhaust unit **323**. The first exhaust unit **321** and the second exhaust unit **322** of the exhaust unit **320** are disposed between the outermost nozzle members **312** and the curtain units **330A** and **330B**, respectively. That is, the first exhaust unit **321** is disposed between the nozzle member **312** of the supply module **310-1** and the curtain unit **330B**, and the second exhaust unit **322** is disposed between the nozzle member **312** of the supply module **310-5** and the curtain unit **330B**.

The third exhaust unit **323** is disposed between every two adjacent supply modules among the plurality of supply modules **310-1**, **310-2**, **310-3**, **310-4**, and **310-5**. That is, four exhaust units **323** may be disposed.

A detailed description of the exhaust unit **320** is the same as the embodiment described above, and thus the detailed description of the exhaust unit **320** is not provided.

The vapor deposition apparatus **300** according to the current embodiment includes the supply unit **310** having the plurality of supply modules **310-1**, **310-2**, **310-3**, **310-4**, and **310-5**. By this configuration of the supply unit **310**, a uniform deposition film may be easily formed on the entire surface of the substrate **30** even in a state of fixing the substrate **30** and the vapor deposition apparatus **300**.

In addition, the third exhaust unit **323** is disposed between every two adjacent supply modules in addition to the first exhaust unit **321** and the second exhaust unit **322**, thereby improving the exhaust capability during the deposition process.

FIG. **7** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **400** according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. **7**, the vapor deposition apparatus **400** may include a stage **405**, a supply unit **410**, an exhaust unit **420**, and curtain units **430A** and **430B**. For convenience, descriptions of similar components to those described above may not be provided.

The substrate **30** is disposed on the stage **405**. The stage **405** is disposed on the supply unit **410** such that a surface of the substrate **30**, particularly, a surface on which a deposition process is to be performed, i.e., a lower surface of the substrate **30**, faces the ground.

The supply unit **410** may include a plurality of supply modules **410-1**, **410-2**, **410-3**, **410-4**, and **410-5**. The supply module **410-1** may include a main body member **411** and a nozzle member **412**. The nozzle member **412** has a long extending shape. That is, the nozzle member **412** is formed to have a length that is greater than a width of one direction of the substrate **30**. As another example, the nozzle member **412** may have a length that is the same as the width of the one direction of the substrate **30**.

The nozzle member **412** may include a first injection region **412A**, a second injection region **412B**, and a partition **412C**. The first injection region **412A** and the second injection

region **412B** are formed to inject their respective raw material gases towards the substrate **30**. The partition **412C** is disposed between the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B** to block mixing of the raw material gases injected by the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B**. A detailed description of a deposition process using the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B** will be described below.

The other supply modules **410-2**, **410-3**, **410-4**, and **410-5** are the same as the supply module **410-1**, and thus, a detailed description thereof is not provided.

The two curtain units **430A** and **430B** are disposed to face the stage **405**. The curtain units **430A** and **430B** are the same as the curtain units **230A** and **230B** described above, and thus a detailed description thereof is not provided.

The exhaust unit **420** may include a first exhaust unit **421**, a second exhaust unit **422**, and a third exhaust unit **423**. A detailed configuration of the exhaust unit **420** is the same as that of the exhaust unit **320** described above, and thus a detailed description thereof is not provided.

The current embodiment includes the plurality of supply modules **410-1**, **410-2**, **410-3**, **410-4**, and **410-5**, but embodiments of the present invention are not limited thereto. That is, the configuration of the first injection region **412A**, the second injection region **412B**, and the partition **412C** may be applied to the vapor deposition apparatuses **100** and **200** of FIGS. 1 and 4.

FIGS. **8A** to **8D** are cross-sectional views illustrating a deposition process using the vapor deposition apparatus **400** of FIG. 7.

Referring to FIG. **8A**, the first raw material gas **S** is injected in a direction of the substrate **30** from the first injection region **412A** of the nozzle member **412**. At this time, an inert gas, e.g., the purge gas **P**, is discharged from the second injection region **412B**. The inert gas discharged from the second injection region **412B** prevents contamination or damage of the second injection region **412B** due to the first raw material gas **S** injected from the first injection region **412A**. In addition, the partition **412C** is disposed between the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B** to thereby effectively distinguish the second injection region **412B** from the first injection region **412A**.

A curtain gas that is an inert gas, e.g., the purge gas **P**, is injected from the curtain nozzles **432A** and **432B** of the curtain units **430A** and **430B**.

When the first raw material gas **S** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30**, a chemical adsorption layer and a physical adsorption layer which include the first raw material gas **S** are formed on the surface of the substrate **30**. During this operation, the exhaust unit **420** discharges residual gases and unnecessary foreign substances therethrough.

Thereafter, referring to FIG. **8B**, the purge gas **P** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30** from the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B** of the nozzle member **412**. The purge gas **P** may include various materials. For example, the purge gas **P** may include an inert gas.

The curtain gas that is an inert gas, e.g., the purge gas **P**, is injected from the curtain nozzles **432A** and **432B** of the curtain units **430A** and **430B**. That is, the purge gas **P** may be concurrently or simultaneously injected from the first injection region **412A**, the second injection region **412B**, and the curtain nozzles **432A** and **432B**.

The exhaust unit **420** discharges residual gases and unnecessary foreign substances therethrough.

Thereafter, referring to FIG. **8C**, the second raw material gas **R** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30** from the

second injection region **412B** of the nozzle member **412**. At this time, an inert gas, e.g. the purge gas **P**, is discharged from the first injection region **412A**. The inert gas discharged from the first injection region **412A** prevents contamination or damage of the first injection region **412A** due to the second raw material gas **R** injected from the second injection region **412B**. In addition, the partition **412C** is disposed between the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B** to thereby effectively distinguish the first injection region **412A** from the second injection region **412B**.

The curtain gas that is an inert gas, e.g., the purge gas **P**, is injected from the curtain nozzles **432A** and **432B** of the curtain units **430A** and **430B**.

During this operation, the exhaust unit **420** discharges residual gases and unnecessary foreign substances therethrough.

Thereafter, referring to FIG. **8D**, the purge gas **P** is injected in the direction of the substrate **30** from the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B** of the nozzle member **412**. The purge gas **P** may include various materials. For example, the purge gas **P** may include an inert gas.

The curtain gas that is an inert gas, e.g., the purge gas **P**, is injected from the curtain nozzles **432A** and **432B** of the curtain units **430A** and **430B**. That is, the purge gas **P** may be concurrently or simultaneously injected from the first injection region **412A**, the second injection region **412B**, and the curtain nozzles **432A** and **432B**.

The exhaust unit **420** discharges residual gases and unnecessary foreign substances therethrough.

By these operations, a deposition film including the first raw material gas **S** and the second raw material gas **R** may be formed.

According to the current embodiment, the first raw material gas **S** and the second raw material gas **R** are sequentially injected from the nozzle member **412** towards the substrate **30**. Accordingly, the substrate **30** and the vapor deposition apparatus **400** do not have to move.

In addition, the plurality of supply modules **410-1**, **410-2**, **410-3**, **410-4**, and **410-5** are provided to form a uniform deposition film on the substrate **30**.

In addition, the nozzle member **412** includes the first injection region **412A** and the second injection region **412B**, the first raw material gas **S** is injected from the first injection region **412A**, and the second raw material gas **R** is injected from the second injection region **412B**. In addition, the inert gas is discharged from the second injection region **412B** while the first raw material gas **S** is being injected from the first injection region **412A**, and the inert gas is discharged from the first injection region **412A** while the second raw material gas **R** is being injected from the second injection region **412B**. By doing this, contamination of the first injection region **412A** due to the second raw material gas **R** is prevented, and contamination of the second injection region **412B** due to the first raw material gas **S** is prevented. In particular, this contamination prevention effect increases by the partition **412C**.

FIG. **9** is a schematic cross-sectional view of a vapor deposition apparatus **500** according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. **9**, the vapor deposition apparatus **500** may include a stage **505**, a supply unit **510**, an exhaust unit **520**, curtain units **530A** and **530B**, and a gas supply line **570**. For convenience, descriptions of similar components to those described above may not be provided.

The substrate **30** is disposed on the stage **505**. A mask **550** is disposed between the substrate **30** and the supply unit **510**

to form a desired deposition pattern. The mask **550** may move and be aligned by a mask holder **551** and be disposed to be adjacent to the substrate **30**. In addition, the substrate **30** may be supported and move by a substrate driving unit **560** and be stably disposed on the stage **505**.

A housing **590** is disposed to surround the supply unit **510**, the exhaust unit **520**, and the curtain units **530A** and **530B** to protect the supply unit **510**, the exhaust unit **520**, and the curtain units **530A** and **530B** and to easily form a desired pressure atmosphere, e.g., a vacuum atmosphere, in a region in which a deposition process while the deposition process is being performed on the substrate **30**.

The supply unit **510** may include a plurality of supply modules **510-1**, **510-2**, **510-3**, **510-4**, and **510-5**. A configuration of the supply unit **510**, the exhaust unit **520**, and the curtain units **530A** and **530B** is similar to that of the vapor deposition apparatus **300** according to the embodiment of FIG. **6** described above, and thus, a detailed description thereof is not provided.

The gas supply line **570** supplies the first and second raw material gases **S** and **R** and the purge gas **P** to the supply unit **510**. The gas supply line **570** has a linear as shown in FIG. **9**. The first raw material gas **S**, the second raw material gas **R**, and the purge gas **P** are individually delivered to the gas supply line **570**, in more detail, delivered through a first valve **571**, a second valve **572**, and a third valve **573**, respectively.

In addition, a first inert gas valve **571I**, a second inert gas valve **572I**, and a third inert gas valve **573I** for controlling injection of an inert gas **I** are disposed in a direction farther from the gas supply line **570** than the first valve **571**, the second valve **572**, and the third valve **573**, respectively. The inert gas **I** may be delivered to the first valve **571**, the second valve **572**, and the third valve **573** through the first inert gas valve **571I**, the second inert gas valve **572I**, and the third inert gas valve **573I**. By doing this, injection times and injection purities of the first raw material gas **S**, the second raw material gas **R**, and the purge gas **P** through the gas supply line **570** are easily controlled.

For example, when the first raw material gas **S** is delivered to the gas supply line **570** through the first valve **571**, the second raw material gas **R** is not delivered to the supply line **570**. To this end, a method of closing the second valve **572** may be used, but when opening and closing of the second valve **572** are repeated, the accurate control of the flow of the second raw material gas **R** is not easy. Thus, the inert gas **I** may be delivered through the second valve **572** under control of the second inert gas valve **572I** by opening the second valve **572** without closing to thereby block the inflow of the second raw material gas **R** to the gas supply line **570**. That is, only a desired gas may be delivered to the gas supply line **570** by using the first inert gas valve **571I**, the second inert gas valve **572I**, and the third inert gas valve **573I** without repeating opening and closing of the first valve **571**, the second valve **572**, and the third valve **573**.

FIG. **10** is a schematic cross-sectional view of an organic light-emitting display apparatus **10** manufactured by a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. **11** is a magnified view of **F** of FIG. **10**.

In more detail, FIGS. **10** and **11** show the organic light-emitting display apparatus **10** manufactured using any one of the vapor deposition apparatuses **100**, **200**, **300**, **400**, and **500** described above. For convenience of description, a description below is made by using the vapor deposition apparatus **100** as an example.

The organic light-emitting display apparatus **10** includes the substrate **30**. The substrate **30** may be formed of a glass material, a plastic material, or a metallic material.

A buffer layer **31** including an insulating material is formed on the substrate **30** to provide a planarization surface on the substrate **30** and prevent permeation of moisture and foreign substances into the substrate **30**.

A thin film transistor (TFT), a capacitor **50**, and an organic light-emitting device (OLED) **60** are formed on the buffer layer **31**. The TFT largely includes an active layer **41**, a gate electrode **42**, and source and drain electrodes **43**. The OLED may include a first electrode **61**, a second electrode **62**, and an intermediate layer **63**. The capacitor **50** may include a first capacitor electrode **51** and a second capacitor electrode **52**.

In more detail, the active layer **41** formed in a set or predetermined pattern is disposed on the upper surface of the buffer layer **31**. The active layer **41** may include an inorganic semiconductor material, such as silicon, an organic semiconductor material, or an oxide semiconductor material and may be formed by doping a p- or n-type dopant thereinto.

A gate insulating layer **32** is formed on the active layer **41**. The gate electrode **42** is formed on the gate insulating layer **32** to correspond to the active layer **41**. The first capacitor electrode **51** is formed in the same layer and of the same material as the gate electrode **42**.

An interlayer insulating layer **33** is formed to cover the gate electrode **42**, and the source and drain electrodes **43** are formed on the interlayer insulating layer **33** to contact a set or predetermined regions of the active layer **41**. The second capacitor electrode **52** is formed in the same layer and of the same material as the source and drain electrodes **43**.

A passivation layer **34** is formed to cover the source and drain electrodes **43**, and a separate insulating layer may be further formed on the passivation layer **34** for planarization of the TFT **40**.

The first electrode **61** is formed on the passivation layer **34**. The first electrode **61** is formed to electrically connect to any one of the source and drain electrodes **43**. A pixel defining layer **35** is formed to cover the first electrode **61**. A set or predetermined opening **64** is formed in the pixel defining layer **35**, and the intermediate layer **63** having an organic emission layer is formed in a region limited to the opening **64**. The second electrode **62** is formed on the intermediate layer **63**.

An encapsulating layer **70** is formed on the second electrode **62**. The encapsulating layer **70** may include an organic material or an inorganic material or may have a structure in which an organic material and an inorganic material are alternately stacked.

The encapsulating layer **70** may be formed using one of the vapor deposition apparatuses **100**, **200**, **300**, **400**, **500** described above. For example, a desired layer may be formed by passing, through the vapor deposition apparatus **100**, the substrate **30** on which the second electrode **62** is formed.

In particular, the encapsulating layer **70** may include an inorganic layer **71** and an organic layer **72**, the inorganic layer **71** may include a plurality of layers **71a**, **71b**, and **71c**, and the organic layer **72** may include a plurality of layers **72a**, **72b**, and **72c**. The plurality of layers **71a**, **71b**, and **71c** of the inorganic layer **71** may be formed using one of the vapor deposition apparatuses **100**, **200**, **300**, **400**, **500**.

However, embodiments of the present invention are not limited thereto. That is, the buffer layer **31**, the gate insulating layer **32**, the interlayer insulating layer **33**, the passivation layer **34**, the pixel defining layer **35**, and other insulating layers may be formed using one of the vapor deposition apparatuses **100**, **200**, **300**, **400**, **500**.

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In addition, the active layer **41**, the gate electrode **42**, the source and drain electrodes **43**, the first electrode **61**, the intermediate layer **63**, the second electrode **62**, and other thin films may also be formed using the vapor deposition apparatus **100**.

As described above, when the vapor deposition apparatus **100** is used, characteristics of deposition films formed in the organic light-emitting display apparatus **10** may be improved, resulting in improving electrical characteristics and image-quality characteristics of the organic light-emitting display apparatus **10**.

As described above, one or more embodiments of the present invention provide a vapor deposition apparatus and a method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus, wherein a deposition process may be efficiently performed and deposition film characteristics may be easily improved.

It should be understood that the embodiments herein are non-limiting examples and should be considered in a descriptive sense only. Descriptions of features or aspects within each embodiment should be considered as available for other similar features or aspects in other embodiments.

While embodiments of the present invention have been described with reference to the figures, it will be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the following claims and equivalents thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of manufacturing an organic light-emitting display apparatus comprising a thin film on a substrate by using a vapor deposition apparatus, the vapor deposition apparatus comprising:

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a stage onto which the substrate is disposed; and
a supply unit disposed to face the substrate and comprising a main body member and a nozzle member disposed on one surface of the main body member facing the substrate, to sequentially supply a plurality of gases towards the substrate,

the method comprising forming the thin film,
wherein the forming of the thin film is performed by sequentially injecting a plurality of raw material gases from the nozzle member in a state where the substrate and the vapor deposition apparatus are fixed,
wherein the nozzle member has a length and a width, the length being greater than the width along one direction of the substrate,

wherein the length of the nozzle member is equal to or greater than a width of the substrate, and
wherein the stage is disposed over the supply unit for the substrate to be disposed onto the stage during the forming of the thin film such that a surface of the substrate on which a deposition process is performed faces downward.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein the organic light-emitting display apparatus comprises a first electrode, an intermediate layer having an organic emission layer, a second electrode, and an encapsulating layer, and

the forming of the thin film comprises forming the encapsulating layer.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein the forming of the thin film comprises forming an insulating layer.

4. The method of claim **1**, wherein the forming of the thin film comprises forming a conductive layer.

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