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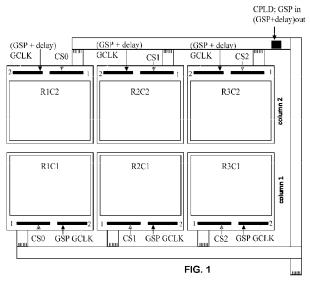
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(57) Abstract: A large area display comprises multiple sub-units (R1C1, R1C2 etc.) arranged in rows and columns. Each sub-unit has associated row (1) and column (2) drivers, with the column driver (2) driving the column electrodes of all the sub-units in a column. A chip select means provides a separate chip select signal (CS0, CS1, CS2) to each row of sub-units, so that only one row of sub-units are scanned at a time, and all the sub-units in the selected row are scanned simultaneously. Column data are supplied to the column drivers (2) as a linear series of column data values; and delayed Gate Start Pulse signals (GSP + delay) are fed to the column drivers (2) in each column of sub-units after the first so that these column drivers (2) receive the delayed Gate Start Pulse signals and apply the appropriate column data values to their associated column electrodes.



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