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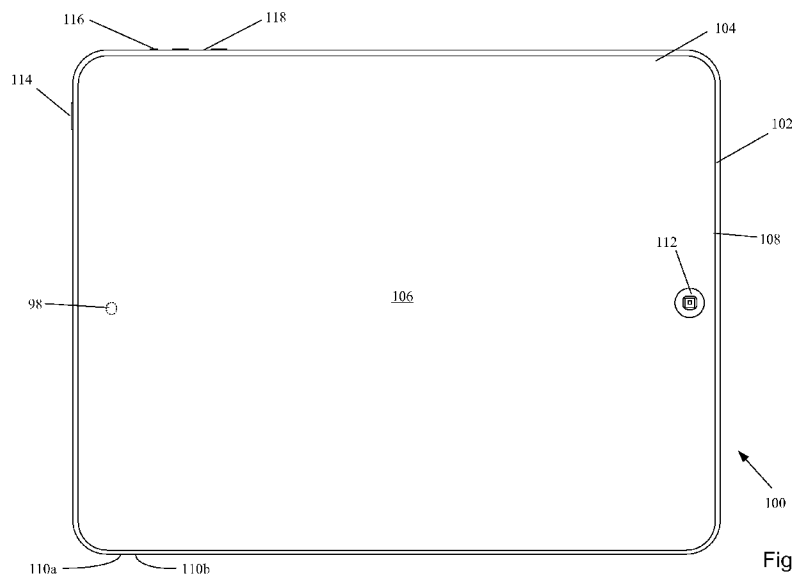


Fig. 1A

(57) Abstract: A portable computing device is disclosed.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-7

The invention is directed to a housing for an electronic device comprising a first piece having a bottom coupled to four adjoining sidewalls and brackets mounted to and extending around each corner of the sidewalls, wherein the brackets are configured to reduce impact damage to the electronic device.

2. claims: 8-21

The invention is directed to an electronic device comprising a housing and an antenna system, the antenna system comprising an antenna, an adhesive layer and a compressible foam layer.

3. claim: 22

The invention is directed to an apparatus for shaping an exterior surface of a metal alloy casing of a portable electronic device, the apparatus comprising a cutting tool having three surfaces and a computer numerically controlled positioning assembly configured to rotate the cutting tool at a constant rotational velocity, wherein the at least three cutting surfaces of the cutting tool include a first flat cutting surface, a curved convex shaped cutting surface and a second flat cutting surface, wherein the predetermined continuous path includes a continuous spiral path.

4. claims: 23-30

The invention is directed to an apparatus for shaping an exterior surface of a metal alloy casing of a portable electronic device, the apparatus comprising a bell shaped cutting tool having a plurality of cutting surfaces and a computer numerically controlled positioning assembly configured to rotate the bell shaped cutting tool at a constant rotational velocity, wherein adjacent cutting surfaces of the cutting tool shape adjacent regions on the exterior surface of the metal alloy casing.

5. claims: 31-40

The invention is directed to a method for machining an edge surface and a bottom surface of a metal alloy casing of a portable electronic device, the method comprising adjusting the pitch of vertical movement of the cutting tool.

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6. claims: 41-55

The invention relates to a flat object ejector comprising a tray with a receiving area, a tray contact area and an arm mechanically attached to a pivot, wherein the arm receives a force acting at the arm and further wherein the force acting at the arm input position causes a lever action to drive an ejection end of the arm with the ejection force.

7. claims: 56-62

The invention is directed to an apparatus in a portable electronic device, the apparatus comprising a first pivot element, a second pivot element and a foam element positioned adjacent to the second pivot element arranged to rotate the second pivot element back to a neutral position.
