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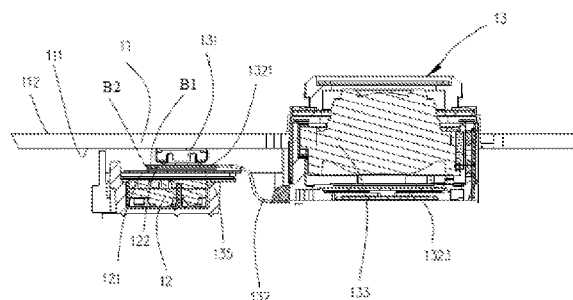


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A circuit board assembly (10) may include a circuit board (11) having a first side (111) and a second side (112) opposite to the first side (111), a light sensor (12) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11), and a camera module (13). The camera module (13) may include a connector (131) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11). Projections of the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) on a plane parallel to the first side (111) and the second side (112) are fully or partially overlapped with each other. A related terminal (100) is also provided.

CIRCUIT BOARD ASSEMBLY AND TERMINAL

FIELD

The present disclosure relates to circuit boards, and particularly to a circuit board assembly and a terminal.

BACKGROUND

Presently, for terminals such as mobile phones, tablet computers, handheld computers, and so on, most electronic components, for example a light sensor and one or more camera modules, are arranged on one side of a circuit board along a direction parallel to the side of the circuit board, which may occupy a great space of the circuit board along the direction parallel to the side of the circuit board.

SUMMARY

Embodiments of the present disclosure provide a circuit board assembly and a terminal, which can enable components to be arranged on a circuit board of the circuit board assembly in a suitable manner.

According to a first aspect, a circuit board assembly is provided. The circuit board assembly may include a circuit board, a light sensor, and a camera module. The circuit board may have a first side and a second side opposite to the first side. The light sensor is arranged on the circuit board and electrically coupled to the circuit board. The camera module may include a connector arranged on the circuit board and electrically coupled to the circuit board. Projections of the light sensor and the connector on a plane parallel to the first side and the second side are at least partially

overlapped with each other.

According to a second aspect, a circuit board assembly is provided. The circuit board assembly may include a circuit board, a light sensor, and a camera module. The light sensor is arranged on the circuit board and electrically coupled to the circuit board. The camera module may include a connector arranged on the circuit board and electrically coupled to the circuit board. The light sensor and the connector are arranged on the circuit board in a stacked manner.

According to a third aspect, a terminal is provided. The terminal may include a display unit, a circuit board, a light sensor, and a camera module. The light sensor is arranged on the circuit board and electrically coupled to the circuit board. The camera module may include a connector. The connector is arranged on the circuit board and electrically coupled to the circuit board, and is arranged between the display unit and the circuit board. Projections of the light sensor and the connector on a plane parallel to the circuit board and the display unit are at least partially overlapped with each other.

In the present disclosure, the light sensor is laminated on the connector of the camera module, thereby reducing the occupied space of the circuit board along a direction parallel to the circuit board, thus other components can be arranged on the circuit board in a suitable manner.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In order to illustrate the technical solutions of the embodiments of the present disclosure more clearly, the drawings used in the description of the embodiments will be briefly described, it will be apparent that the drawings described in the following

are embodiments of the present disclosure, and it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that other drawings can be obtained from the drawings without any creative work.

FIG. 1 is a partial sectional view of a circuit board assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure.

FIG. 2 is another sectional view of the circuit board assembly of FIG. 1, viewed from another viewpoint.

FIG. 3 is a partial sectional view of a circuit board assembly in accordance with another embodiment of the present disclosure.

FIG. 4 is a partial sectional view of a terminal in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In order to illustrate the technical solutions of the present disclosure or the related art more clearly, a brief description of the accompanying drawings used herein is given below. Obviously, the drawings listed below are only examples, and a person skilled in the art should be noted that, other drawings can also be obtained on the basis of these exemplary drawings without creative work.

In the following description, numerous specific details are set forth in order to facilitate a thorough understanding of the present disclosure, however, the present disclosure can be practiced otherwise than as specifically described herein, and therefore, the scope of the present disclosure is not to be limited by the specific embodiments disclosed below.

The present disclosure provides a circuit board assembly configured to

accommodate various electronic components of a terminal, for example a mobile phone, a laptop computer, a handheld computer, and so on.

Referring to FIG. 1 and FIG. 2, a circuit board assembly 10 may include a circuit board 11, a light sensor 12 arranged on the circuit board 11 and electrically coupled to the circuit board 11, and a camera module 13. The circuit board 11 may have a first side 111 and a second side 112 opposite to the first side 111. The camera module 13 may include a connector 131 arranged on the circuit board 11 and electrically coupled to the circuit board 13. Projections of the light sensor 12 and the connector 131 on a plane parallel to the first side 111 and the second side 112 of the circuit board 11 is partially or fully overlapped with each other.

In the embodiment, the light sensor 12 and the connector 131 are arranged on the first side 111. The light sensor 12 is laminated on the connector 131 along the direction perpendicular to the first side 111.

The circuit board assembly 10 may further include a first flexible printed circuit 121. The light sensor 12 is arranged on one end of the first flexible printed circuit 121, and another end of the first flexible printed circuit 121 away from the light sensor 12 is fixed to the second side 112 of the circuit board 11, so that the first flexible printed circuit 121 is electrically coupled to the circuit board 11 and the light sensor 12. Furthermore, the end of the first flexible printed circuit 121 away from the light sensor 12 is fixed to the second side 112 of the circuit board 11, thus the occupied space of the first side 111 can be reduced.

The first flexible printed circuit 121 may have a first surface 1211 and a second surface 1212 opposite to the first surface 1211. The first surface 1211 has a portion A away from the connector 131, and the light sensor 12 is arranged on the portion A

of the first surface 1211. It can be understood that the first flexible printed circuit 121 may be coupled to the light sensor 12 in a socket joint manner.

A notch 113 may be defined in the circuit board 11 adjacent to the connector 131. The first flexible printed circuit 121 passes through the notch 113 and is fixed to the second side 112 of the circuit board 11, so that the first flexible printed circuit board 121 may not be extended too much, and a bent portion of the first flexible printed circuit board 121 may not be exposed outside of the edge of the circuit board 11, preventing damage to the bent portion. In the embodiment, an end of the first surface 1211 away from the light sensor 12 is provided with an optical connector 125. The first flexible printed circuit 121 is electrically coupled to the second side 112 of the circuit board 11 via the optical connector 125.

The second surface 1212 of the first flexible printed circuit 121 is provided with a reinforcement plate 122. The reinforcement plate 122 is arranged on a location of the second surface 1212 corresponding to the portion A of the first surface 1211. The reinforcement plate 122 can increase the rigidity of the first flexible printed circuit 121, so that the first flexible printed circuit 121 can be electrically coupled to the light sensor 12 stably.

The camera module 13 may further include a second flexible printed circuit 132 and a camera 133. The first connector 131 and the camera 133 are coupled to two opposite ends of a surface of the second flexible printed circuit 132, and are electrically coupled to the second flexible printed circuit 132.

The second flexible printed circuit 132 may have a first end 1321 and a second end 1323 (see FIG. 1) opposite to the first end 1321. The first end 1321 is coupled to the connector 131. The second end 1323 is coupled to the camera 133.

The first end 1321 of the second flexible printed circuit 132 is arranged between the connector 131 and the light sensor 12. The portion A of the first flexible printed circuit 121 is laminated on the first end 1321. The first end 1321 of the second flexible printed circuit 132 may have a first surface B1 and a second surface B2 opposite to the first surface B1. The first surface B1 is attached to a surface of the connector 131 away from the first side 111 of the circuit board 11. Since the second flexible printed circuit 132 is flexible, the connector 131 and the camera 133 are arranged on two opposite ends of the second flexible printed circuit 132, the connector 131 is attached to the circuit board 11, and the camera 133 is arranged on an end of the circuit board 11 and the thickness of the camera 133 is greater than that of the connector 131, so that a height difference of the two opposite ends of the second flexible printed circuit 132 is generated when the center of the second flexible printed circuit 132 is bent. The light sensor 12 is laminated on the connector 131, so that a total of the height of the connector 131 and the height of the light sensor 12 is substantially the same as that of the camera 133, thus the layout of the circuit board 11 is suitable for mounting the circuit board 11.

A cushion 135 is provided between the second surface B2 of the first end 1321 of the second flexible printed circuit 132 and the light sensor 12. The cushion 135 is arranged between the second surface B2 and the portion A of the first surface 1211. The cushion 135 can reduce an impact between the connector 131 and the light sensor 12. The cushion 135 may be a foam cushion. Two opposite sides of the cushion 135 may be coated with adhesive to fix the light sensor 12 and the second flexible printed circuit 132.

In at least one alternative embodiment, the first flexible printed circuit 121 may

be absent from the circuit board 11. The light sensor 12 is electrically coupled to the second flexible printed circuit 121 and is electrically coupled to the circuit board 11 via the second flexible printed circuit 132, what is needed is that the light sensor 12 and the connector 131 can work normally. Thus, the occupied space of the circuit board 11 is reduced. The surface of the connector 131 away from the circuit board 11 defines a recess portion (not indicated). The light sensor 12 is received in the recess portion, thereby reducing the occupied space of the circuit board 11 in the direction perpendicular to the first side 111. Under this condition, the light sensor 131 is laminated on the connector 12, and the light sensor 12 is directly coupled to the connector 12. In the embodiment, a cushion may be provided between the light sensor 12 and the connector 131.

For the circuit board assembly of the above embodiments, the light sensor 12 is laminated on the connector 131 of the camera module 13, thereby reducing the occupied space of the circuit board 11 along a direction parallel to the first side 111, thus other components can be arranged on the circuit board in a suitable manner.

Referring to FIG. 3, in an alternative embodiment, the light sensor 12 is arranged on a location of the second side 112 corresponding to a location of the first side 111 where the connector 131 is arranged. The light sensor 12 may be electrically coupled to the circuit board 11 via the first flexible printed circuit 121, or may be coupled to the circuit board 11 in a socket junction manner.

Referring to FIG. 4, the present disclosure further provides a terminal 100. The terminal 100 may include a rear housing 20, a display unit 30, and the circuit board assembly 10. The first side 111 of the circuit board 11 faces the display module 30. The light sensor 12 is arranged between the connector 131 and the display unit 30 and

is laminated on the connector 131.

The circuit board assembly 10 is mounted in the rear housing 20. One portion of the camera 133 of the camera module 13 is extended out of the rear housing 20, and another portion of the camera 133 is arranged within the rear housing 20 and fixed to the circuit board 11.

The display unit 30 is fixed to a front housing (not indicated) engageable with the rear housing 20. A receiving space 50 is defined between the connector 131 fixed to the circuit board 11 and a surface of the display unit 30 facing the circuit board 11. The camera module 13 is adjacent to the receiving space 50, and the light sensor 12 is arranged in the receiving space 50, that is, the light sensor 12 is arranged between the surface of the display unit 30 facing the circuit board 11 and the connector 131, or arranged between the surface of the display unit 30 facing the circuit board 11 and the second flexible circuit board 132 for fixing the connector 131. Therefore, by means of laminating the light sensor 12 on the connector 131 within the receiving space 50, the occupied space of the first side 111 of the circuit board 11 can be reduced without increasing the thickness of the terminal 100. Furthermore, the inner space of the terminal 100 can be sufficiently used, realizing the purpose of reduction of the appearance size of the terminal.

Certainly, in other embodiments, the terminal may include the circuit board assembly illustrated in FIG. 4. That is, the light sensor and the connector are arranged on two opposite sides of the circuit board in a stacked manner.

While the present disclosure has been described in detail above with reference to the exemplary embodiments, the scope of the present disclosure is not limited thereto. As will occur to those skilled in the art, the present disclosure is susceptible to various

modifications and changes without departing from the spirit and principle of the present disclosure. Therefore, the scope of the present disclosure should be determined by the scope of the claims.

CLAIMS

1. A circuit board assembly, comprising:

a circuit board (11) having a first side (111) and a second side (112) opposite to the first side (111);

a light sensor (12) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11); and

a camera module (13) comprising a connector (131) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11);

wherein projections of the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) on a plane parallel to the first side (111) and the second side (112) are at least partially overlapped with each other.

2. The circuit board assembly of claim 1, characterized in that the connector (131) is arranged on the first side (111) of the circuit board (11), and the light sensor (12) is arranged on the second side (112) of the circuit board (11).

3. The circuit board assembly of claim 1, characterized in that the connector (131) and the light sensor (12) are both arranged on the first side (111) of the circuit board (11).

4. The circuit board assembly of claim 3, characterized in that the light sensor (12) is laminated on the connector (131).

5. The circuit board assembly of any of claims 3-4, further comprising a first flexible printed circuit (121), the light sensor (12) is arranged on one end of the first flexible

printed circuit (121), and another end of the first flexible printed circuit (121) away from the light sensor (12) is fixed to and electrically coupled to the second side (112) of the circuit board (11).

6. The circuit board assembly of claim 5, characterized in that the first flexible printed circuit (121) has a first surface (1211), the light sensor (12) is arranged on a portion (A) of the first surface (1211) that is away from the connector (131).

7. The circuit board assembly of claim 6, characterized in that the first flexible printed circuit (121) further has a second surface (1212) opposite to the first surface (1211), the circuit board assembly further comprises a reinforcement plate (122) arranged on a location of the second surface (1212) corresponding to the portion (A) of the first surface (1211).

8. The circuit board assembly of any of claims 3-7, characterized in that the camera module (13) further comprises a second flexible printed circuit (132) and a camera (133), the second flexible printed circuit (132) has a first end (1321) and a second end (1322) opposite to the first end (1321), the first end (1321) is coupled to the connector (131), and the second end (1322) is coupled to the camera (133).

9. The circuit board assembly of any of claims 3-8, characterized in that the light sensor (12) is laminated on the connector (131), and a cushion is arranged between the light sensor (12) and the connector (131).

10. A circuit board assembly, comprising:

a circuit board (11);

a light sensor (12) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11); and

a camera module (13) comprising a connector (131) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11);

wherein the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) are arranged on the circuit board (11) in a stacked manner.

11. The circuit board assembly of claim 10, characterized in that the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) are arranged on opposite sides of the circuit board (11).

12. The circuit board assembly of claim 10, characterized in that the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) are arranged on the same side of the circuit board (11).

13. A terminal comprising:

a display unit (30);

a circuit board (11);

a light sensor (12) arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11); and

a camera module (13) comprising a connector (131), wherein the connector (131) is arranged on the circuit board (11) and electrically coupled to the circuit board (11), and is arranged between the display unit (30) and the circuit board (11);

wherein projections of the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) on a plane

parallel to the circuit board (11) and the display unit (30) are at least partially overlapped with each other.

14. The terminal of claim 13, characterized in that the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) are arranged on opposite sides of the circuit board (11).

15. The terminal of claim 13, characterized in that the light sensor (12) and the connector (131) are arranged on the same side of the circuit board (11).

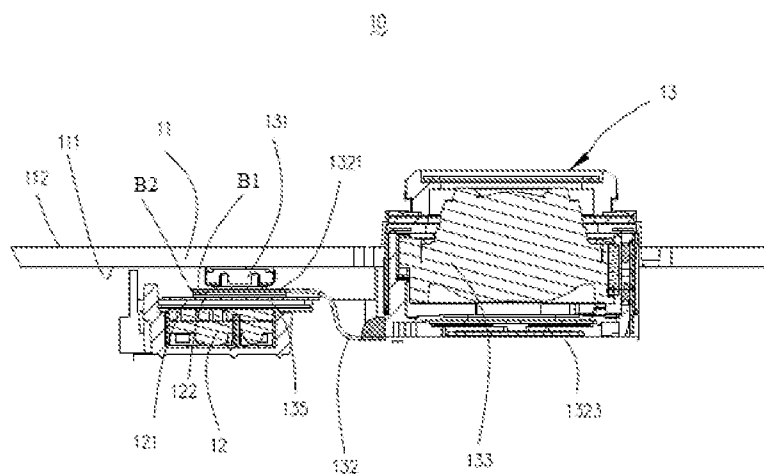


FIG. 1

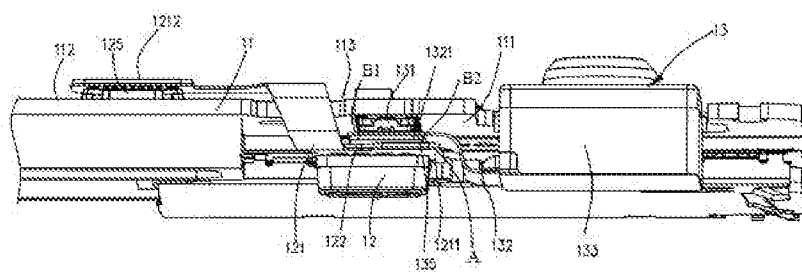


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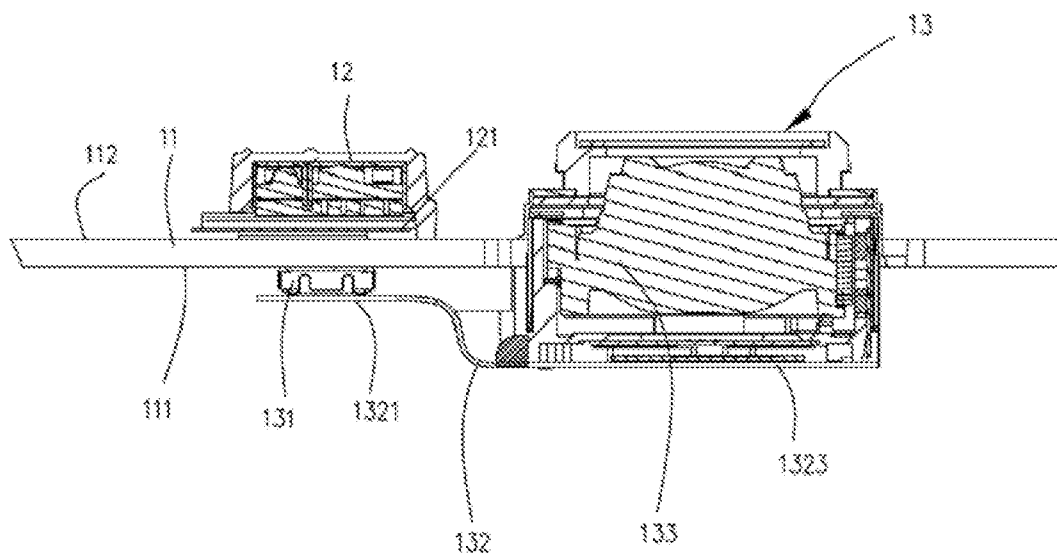


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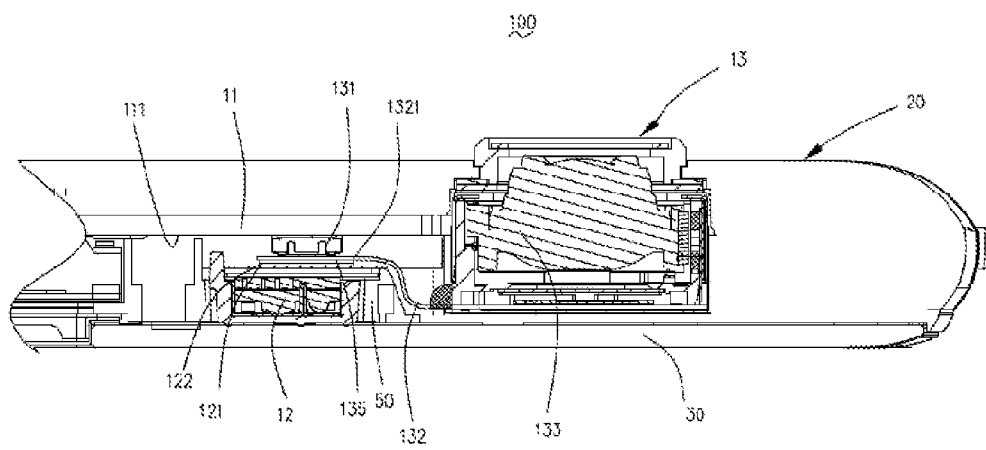


FIG. 4

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