

WE CLAIM:

1. A portable terminal characterized by comprising:
  - a control device (1) that receives an operator's operation input to a touch panel (3) and inhibits reception of the operator's operation input to a home button (2) until coupling to an onboard device (200) is intercepted when the portable terminal is coupled to the onboard device (200) and predetermined application software is operating.
2. The portable terminal as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined application software transmits details of the operator's operation input to a touch panel (3) of the portable terminal to application software that is operating in the onboard device (200) so as to control a screen displayed on an onboard display (6V).
3. The portable terminal as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the portable terminal is coupled to the onboard device (200) by near-field communication.
4. A control method of a portable terminal (100; 100A), characterized by comprising:
  - a step of receiving an operator's operation input to a touch panel (3) and inhibiting reception of the operator's operation input to a home button (2) until coupling of the portable terminal (100; 100A) to an onboard device (200) is intercepted when the portable terminal (100; 100A) is coupled to the onboard device (200) and predetermined application software is operating in the portable terminal (100; 100A).
5. A cradle for a portable terminal (100; 100A), which is disposed in a vehicle interior, characterized by comprising:
  - a guide portion that covers a home button (2) of the portable terminal (100; 100A) when the portable terminal (100; 100A) is attached to the cradle.

6. The cradle for a portable terminal (100; 100A) as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the guide portion extends to a height of about 3/2 of a short side of the portable terminal (100; 100A) along the short side when the portable terminal (100; 100A) is transversely attached to the cradle.

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