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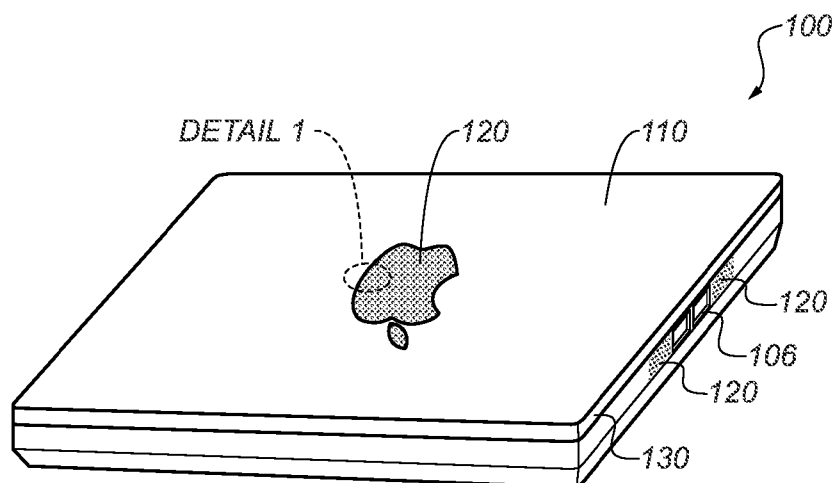
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**FIG. 1A**

(57) Abstract: Embodiments are directed to laser-based processes for forming features on the surface of a part. The feature may include a geometric element, a color element, and/or a surface finish element. In some cases, the laser-formed features are formed as a pattern of textured features that produce an aesthetic and/or tactile effect on the surface of the part. In some cases, the texture features may be sufficiently small that they may not be discerned by the unaided human eye. Also, in some cases, a multiple laser-based processes are combined to form a single feature or a finished part having a specific aesthetic and/or tactile effect.



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1. claims: 1-3

device having at least one feature formed into a surface

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2. claims: 4, 5

method for forming a feature on a surface

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3. claims: 6-18, 25

Device having a surface with a pattern of texture features

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4. claims: 19-24

device having a laser-formed feature

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