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CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Page 1 of 1)

First Named Inventor:	Mora	Nonprovisional Application Number (if known):	
Title of Invention:	MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE		

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION FOR THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

1. The processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), the prioritized examination fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c), and if not already paid, the publication fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d) have been filed with the request. The basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and any required excess claims and application size fees are filed with the request or have been already been paid.

2. The application contains or is amended to contain no more than four independent claims and no more than thirty total claims, and no multiple dependent claims.

3. The applicable box is checked below:

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i. (a) The application is an original nonprovisional utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). This certification and request is being filed with the utility application via EFS-Web.

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(b) The application is an original nonprovisional plant application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). This certification and request is being filed with the plant application in paper.

ii. An executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is filed with the application.

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i. A request for continued examination has been filed with, or prior to, this form.
ii. If the application is a utility application, this certification and request is being filed via EFS-Web.
iii. The application is an original nonprovisional utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), or is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. 371.
iv. This certification and request is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office action responsive to the request for continued examination.
v. No prior request for continued examination has been granted prioritized examination status under 37 CFR 1.102(e)(2).

Signature /Thomas M. Coester/	Date 4/16/2021
Name (Print/Typed) Thomas M. Coester	Practitioner Registration Number 39637

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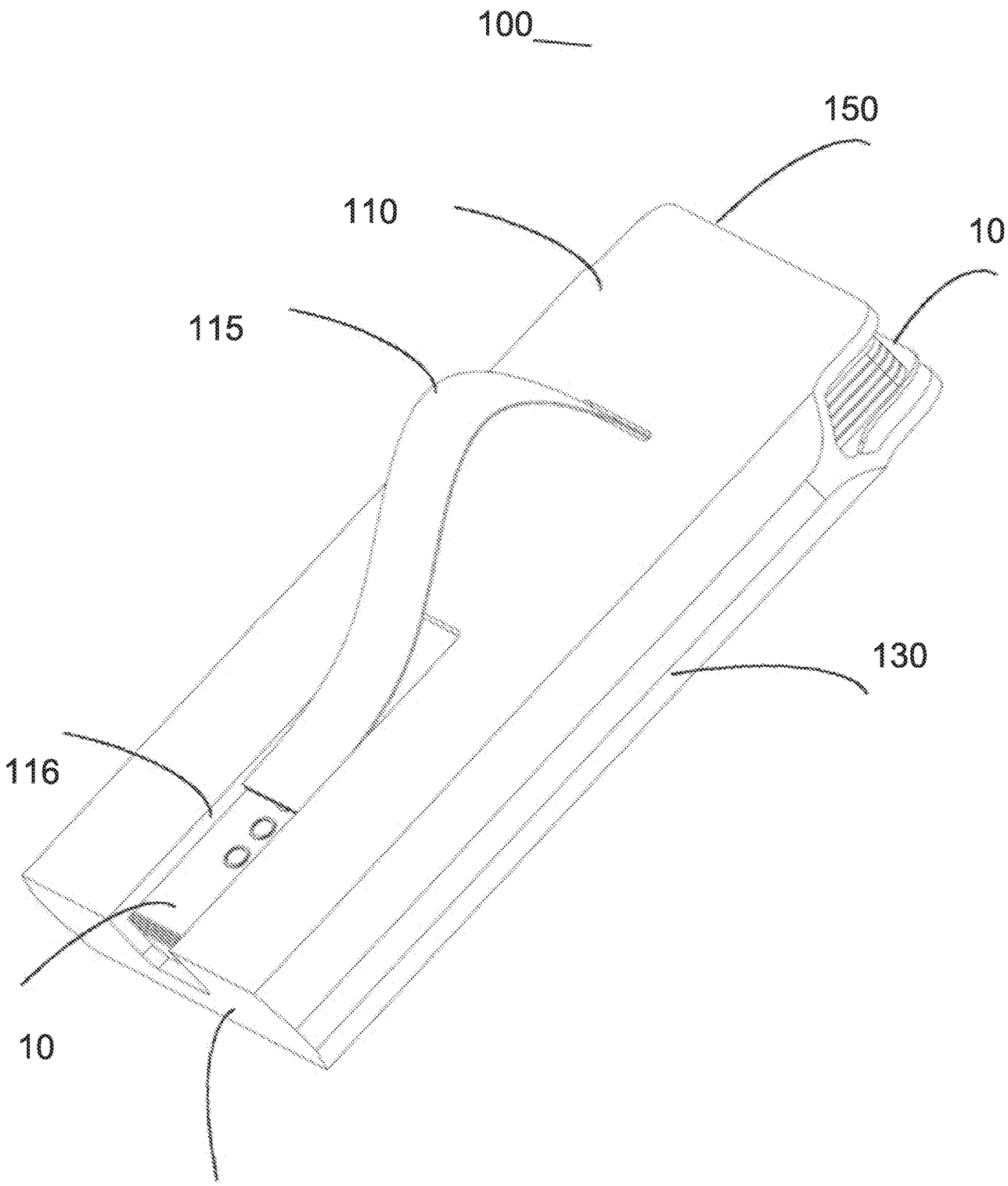


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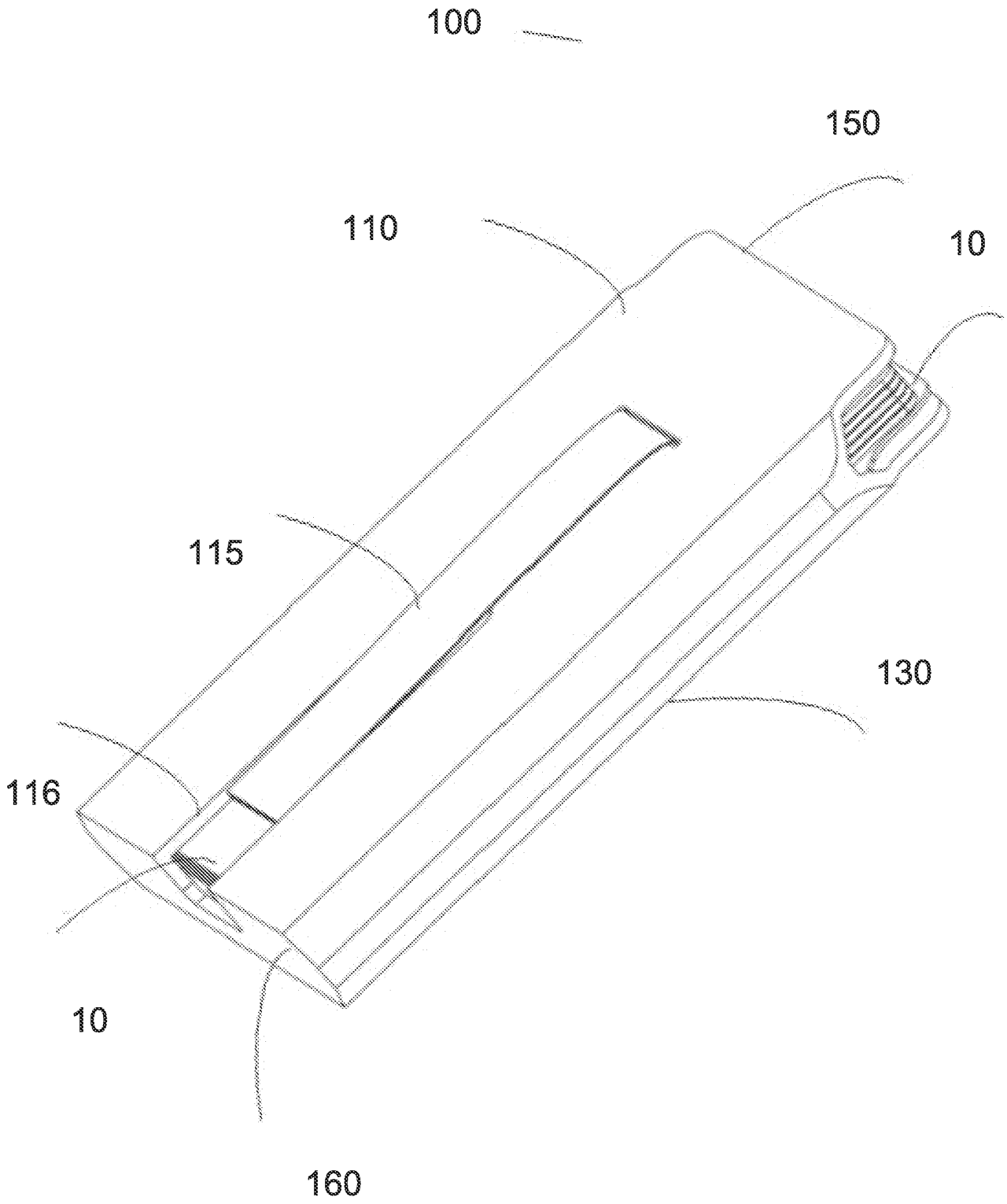


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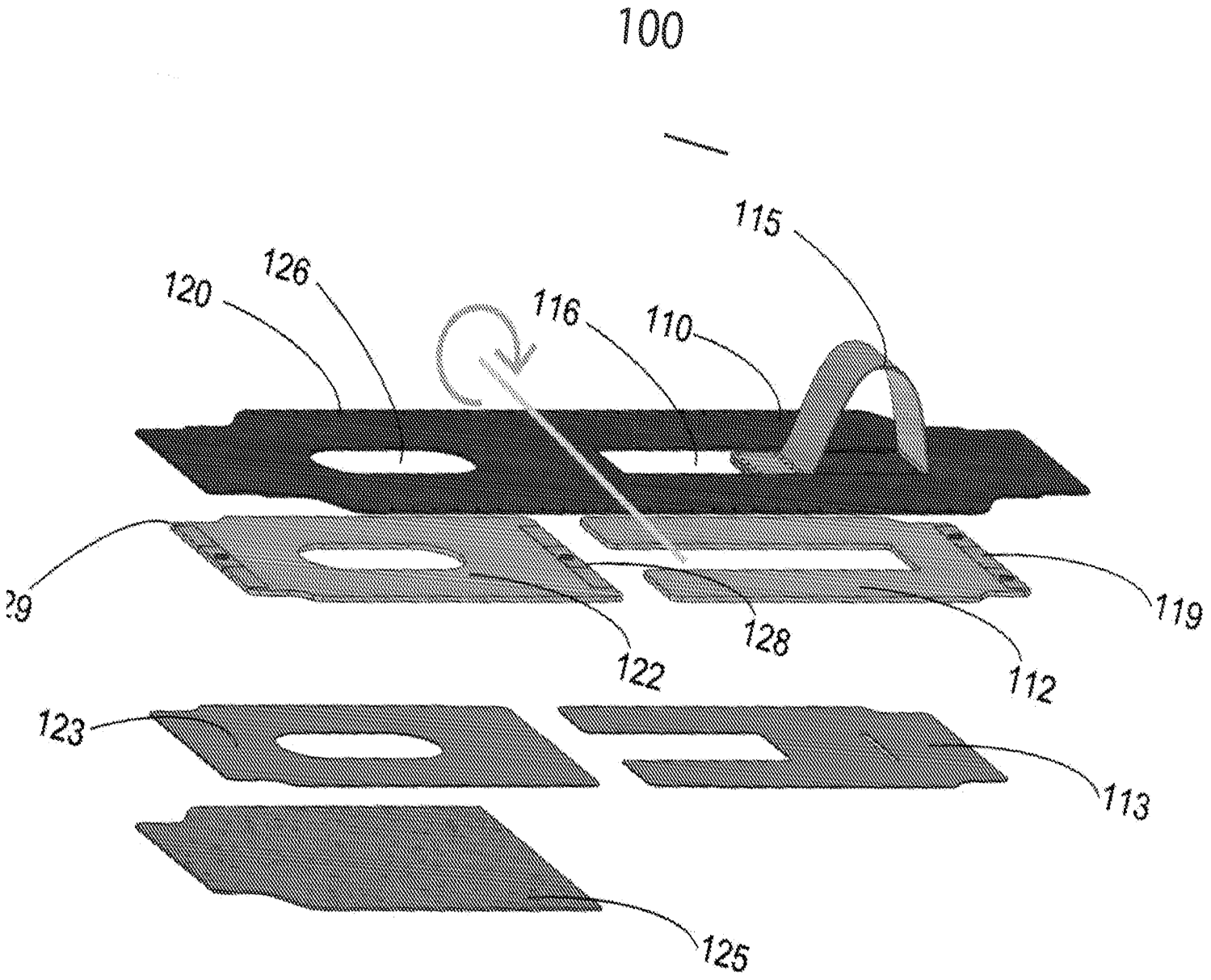


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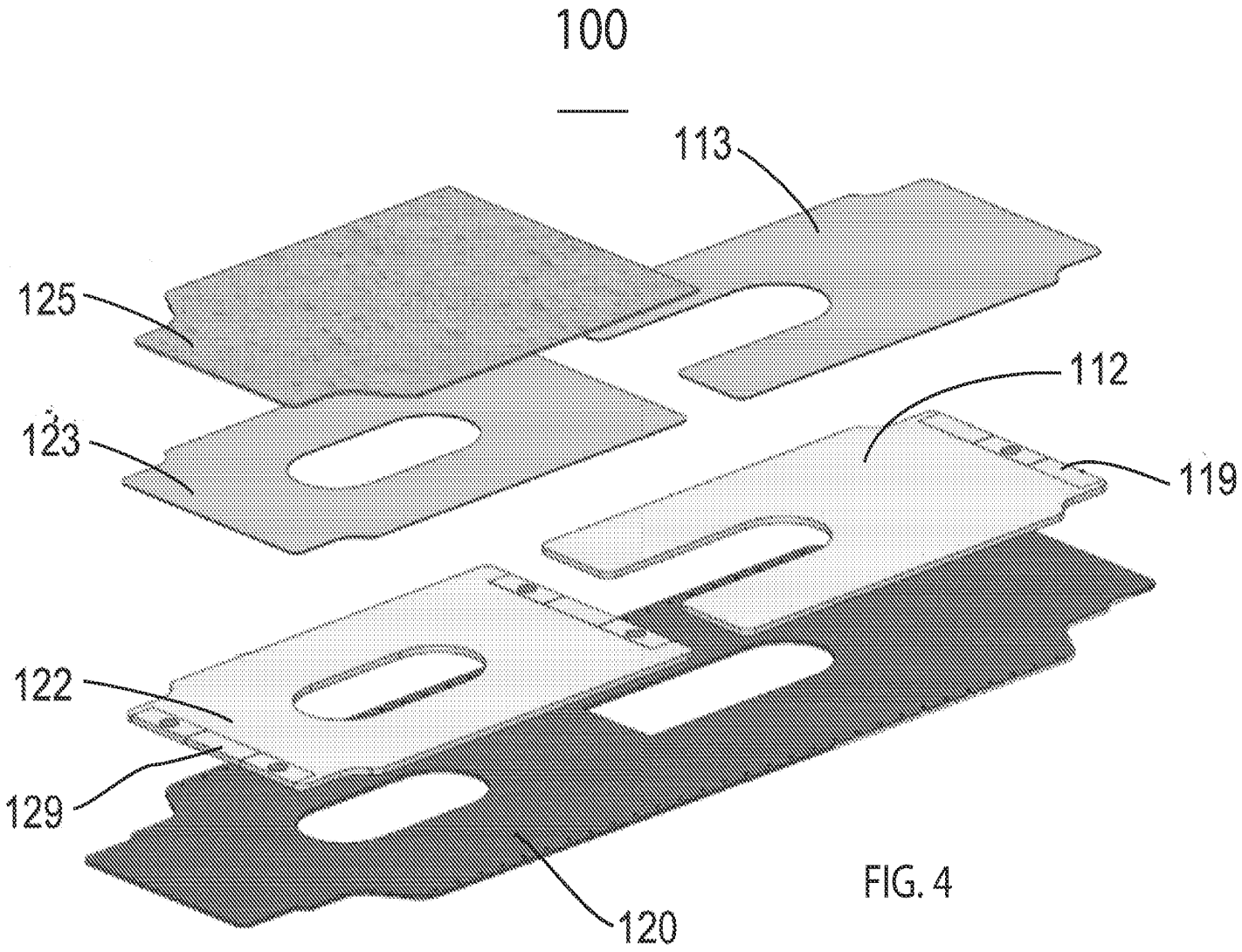


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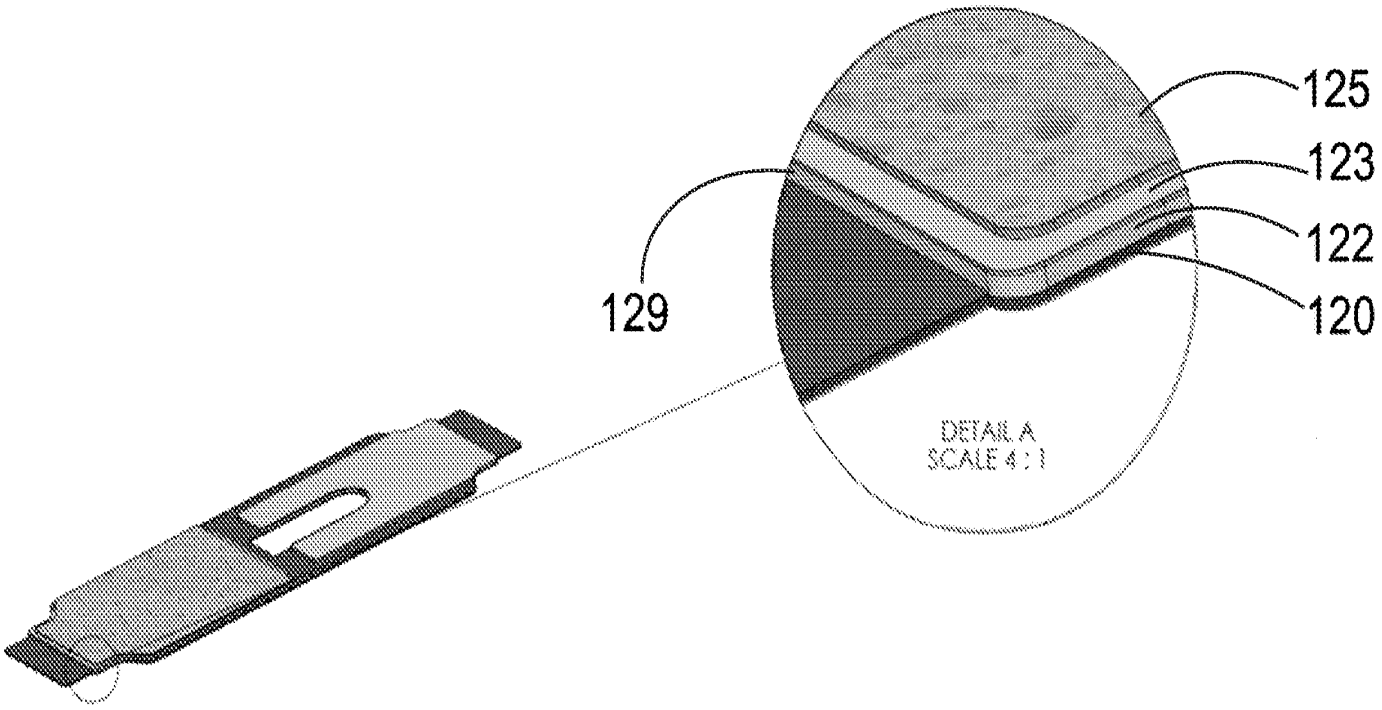


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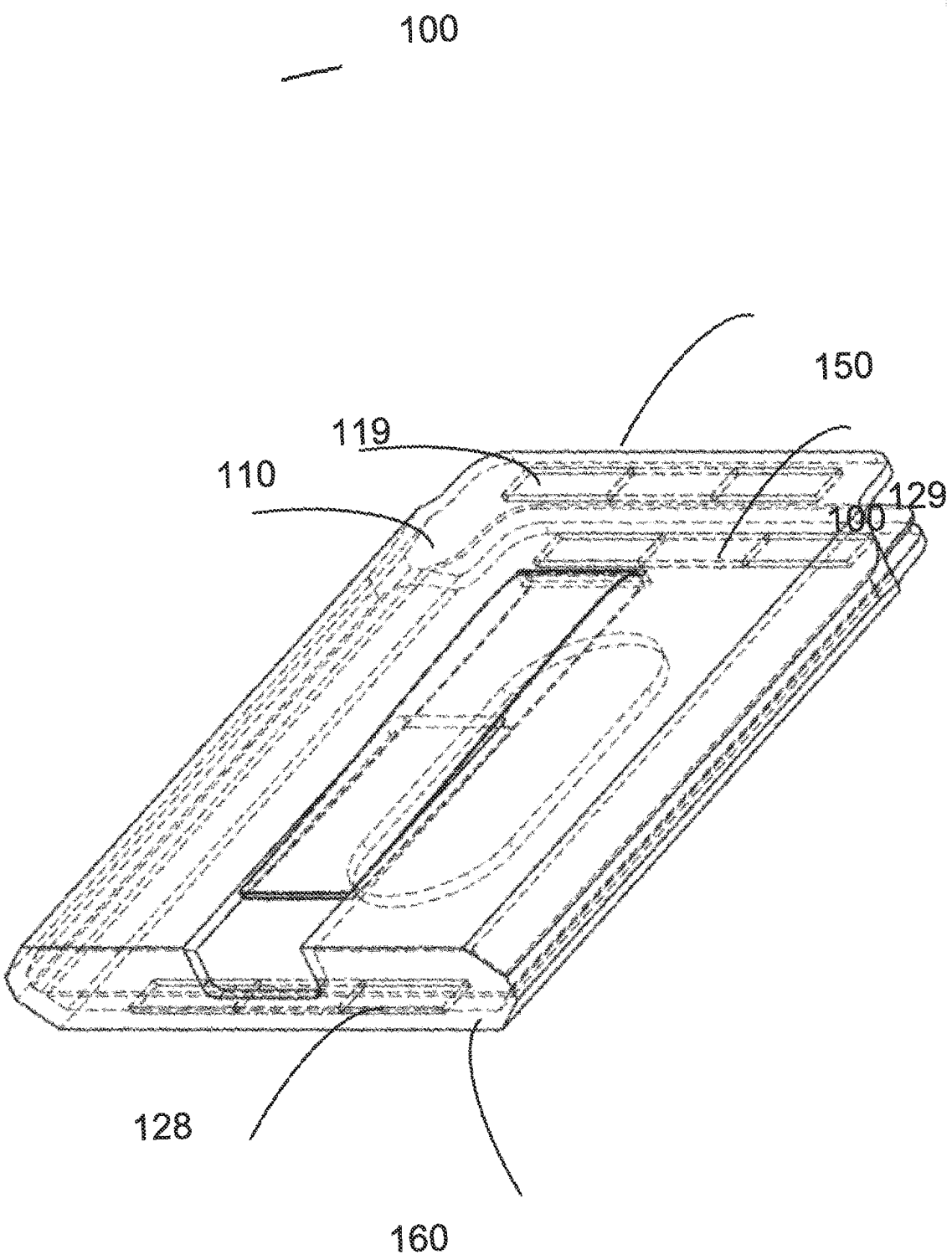


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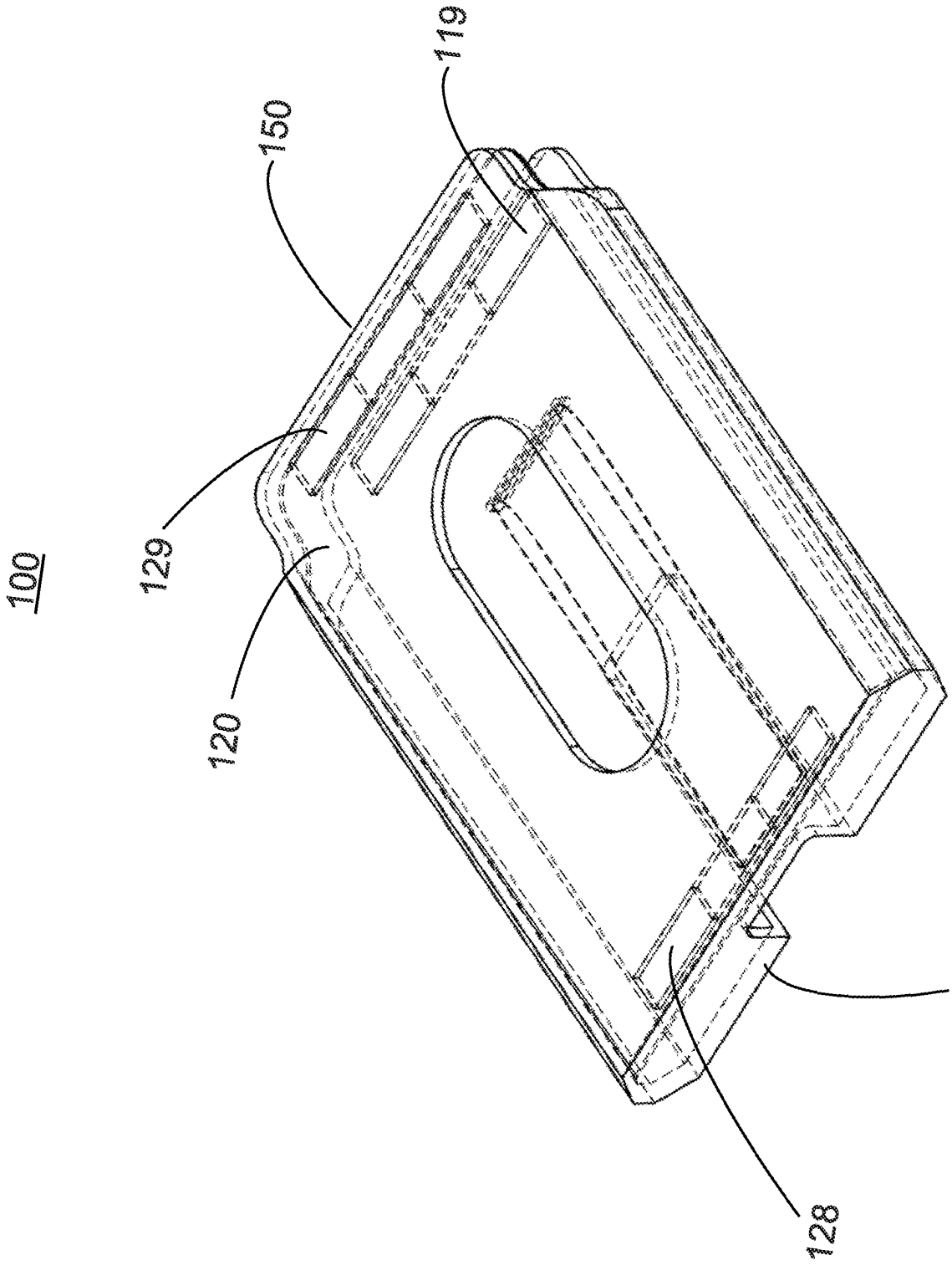


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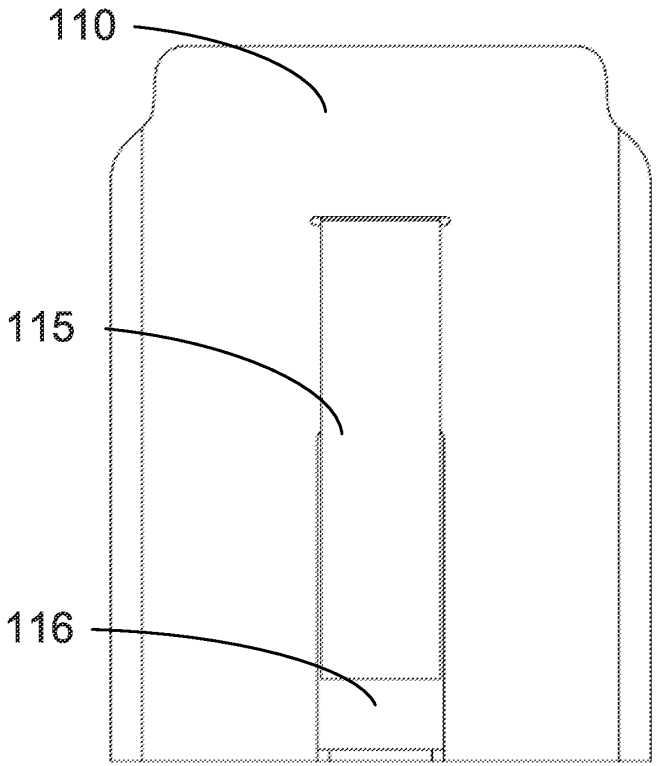


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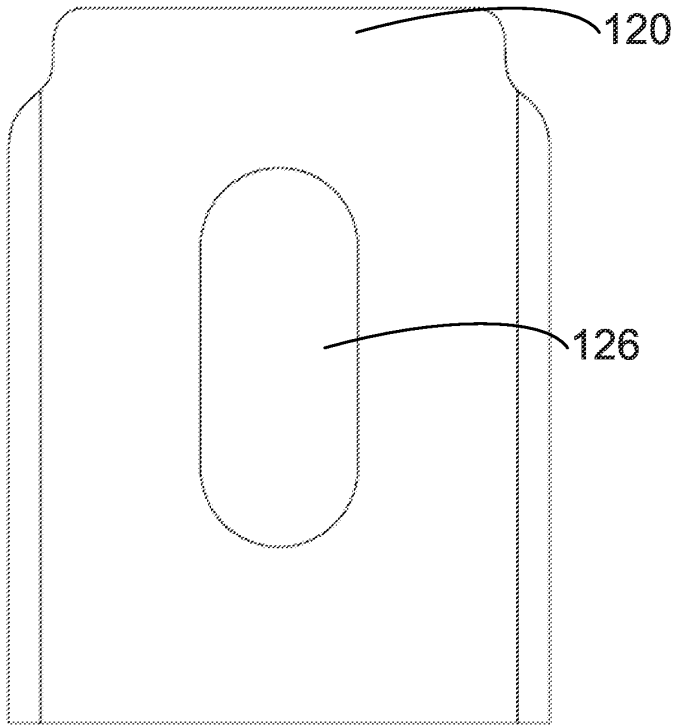


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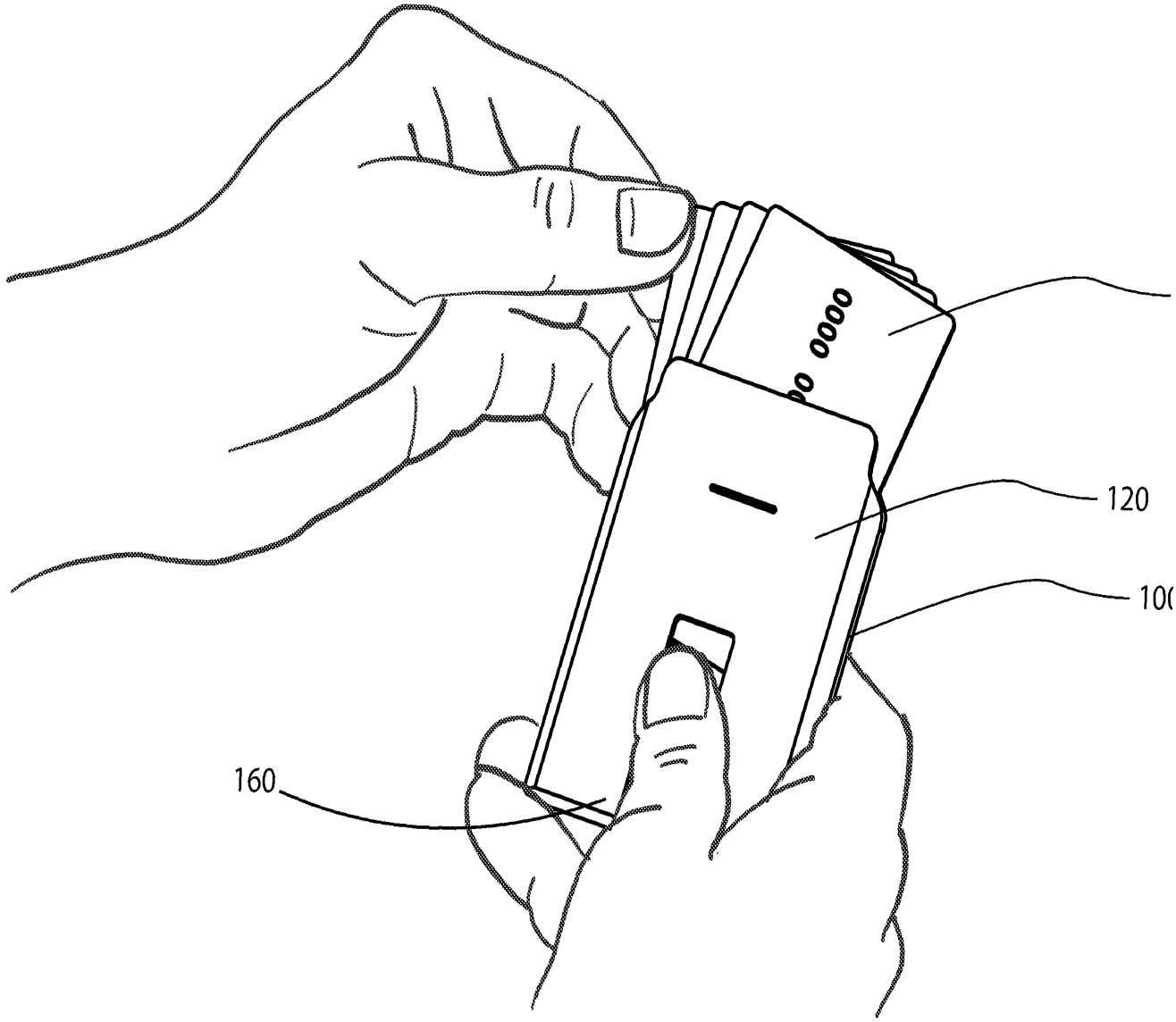


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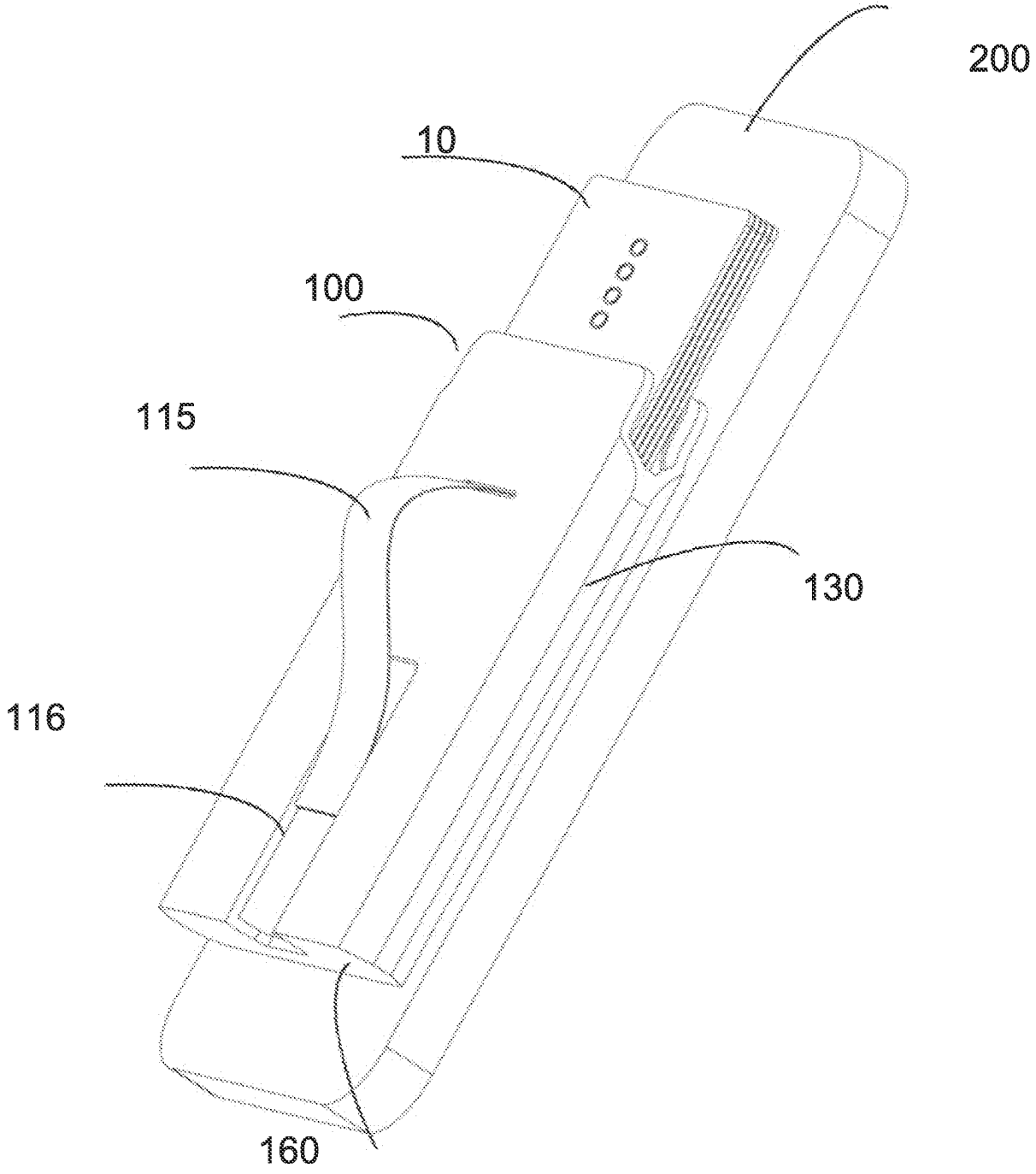


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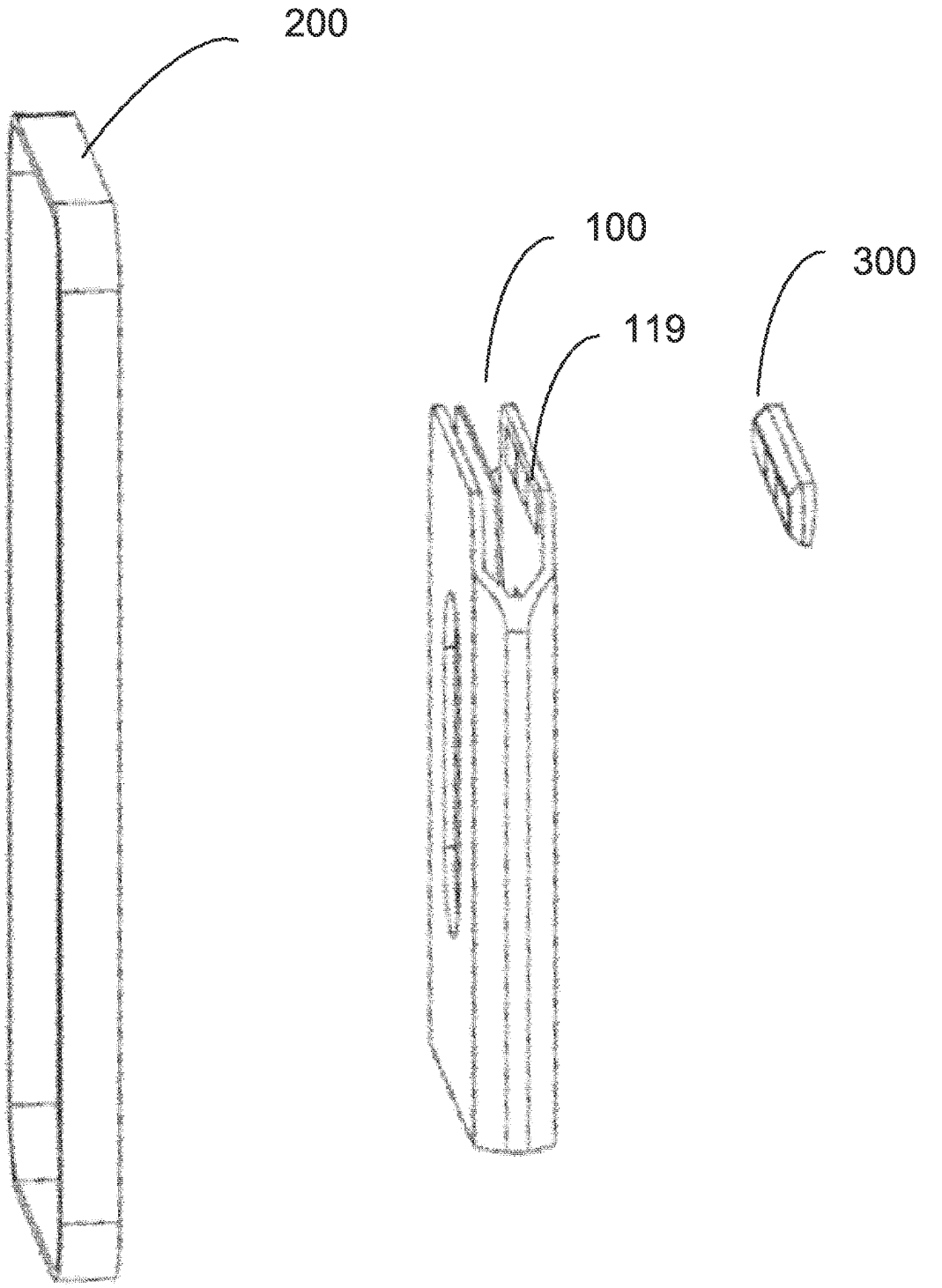


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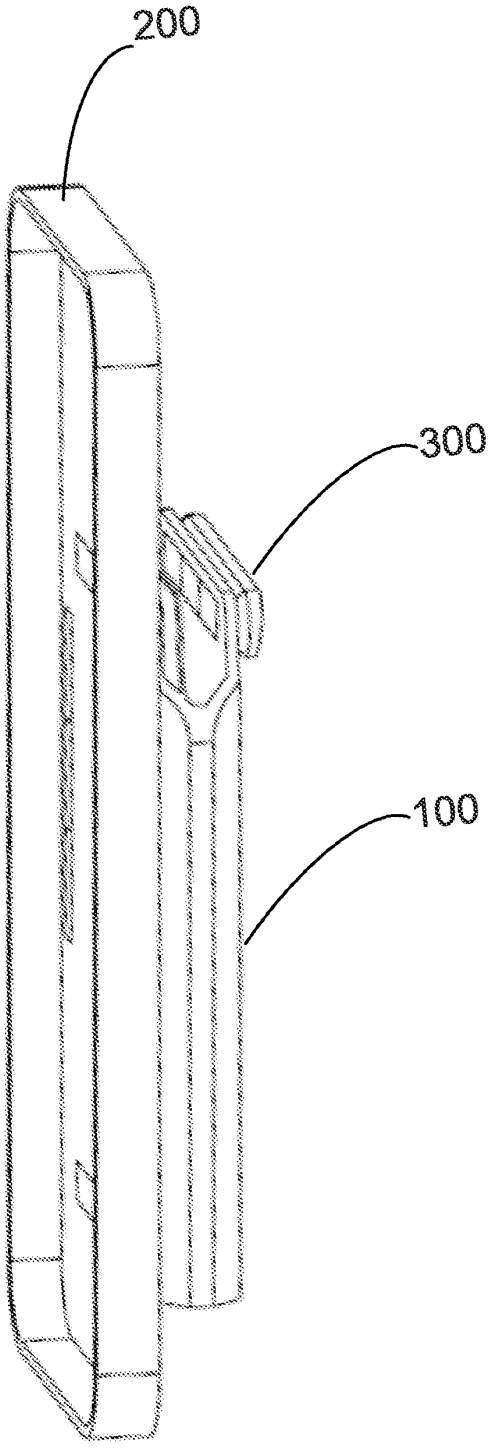


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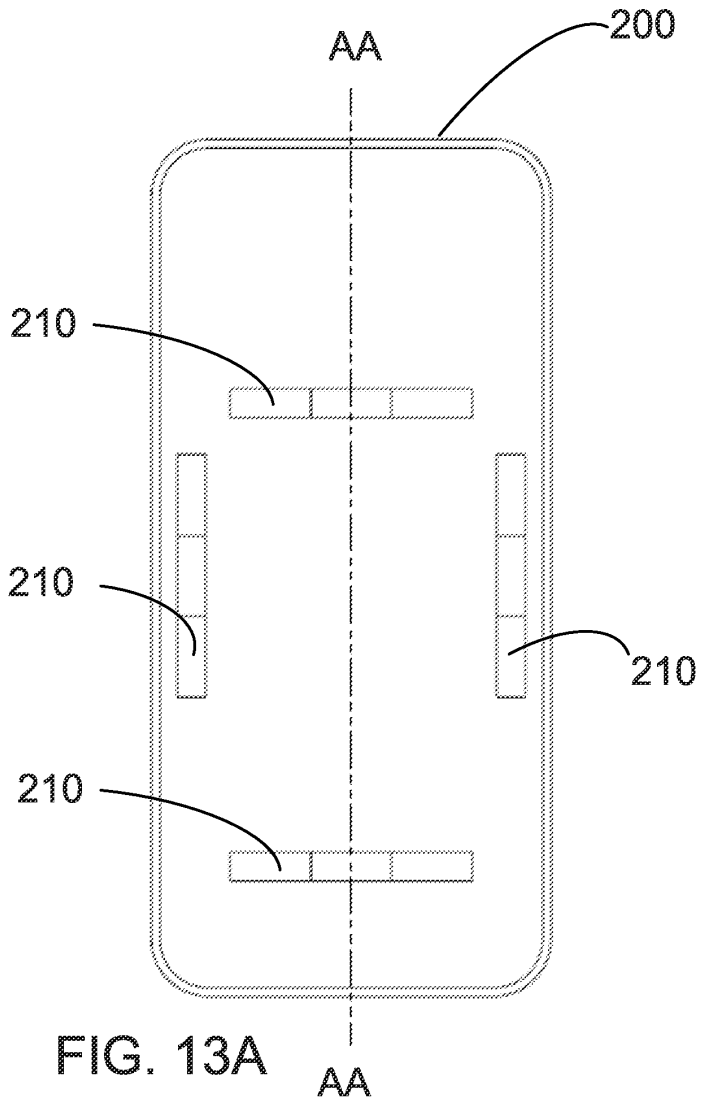


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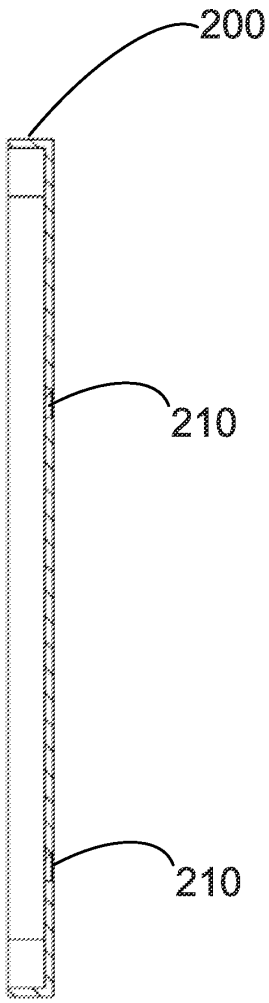


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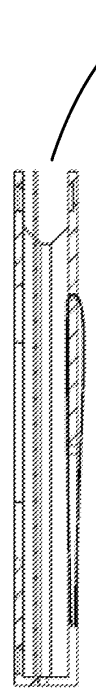


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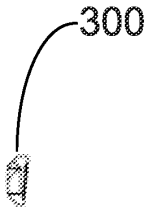


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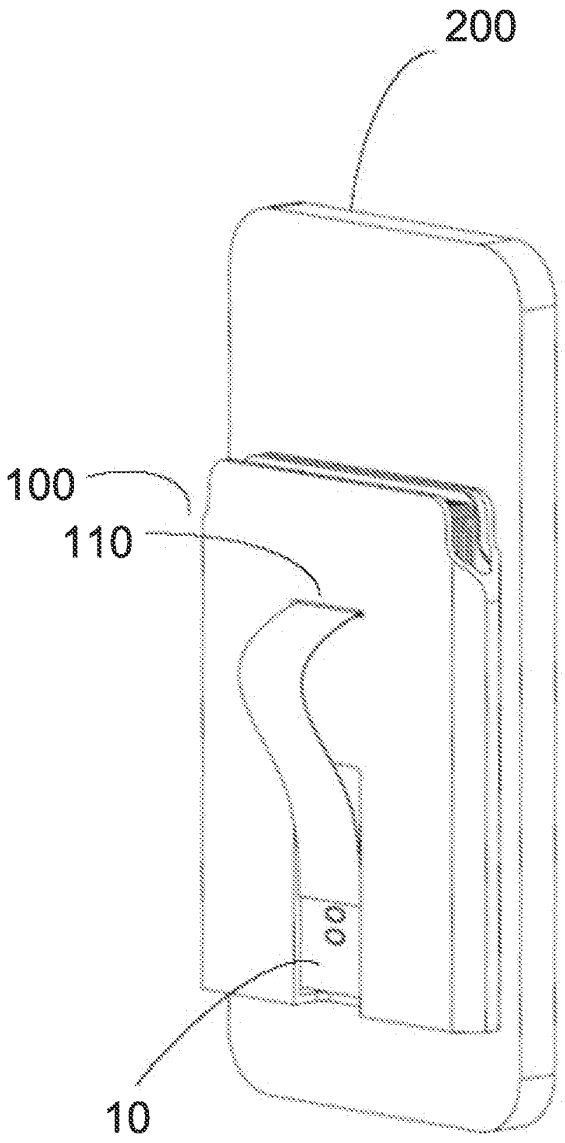


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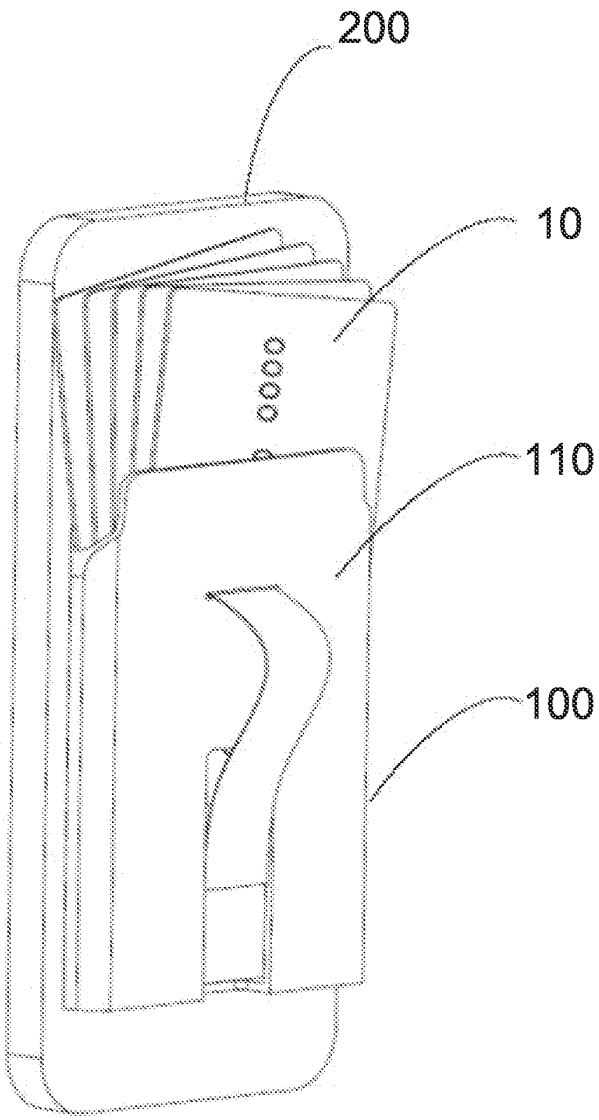


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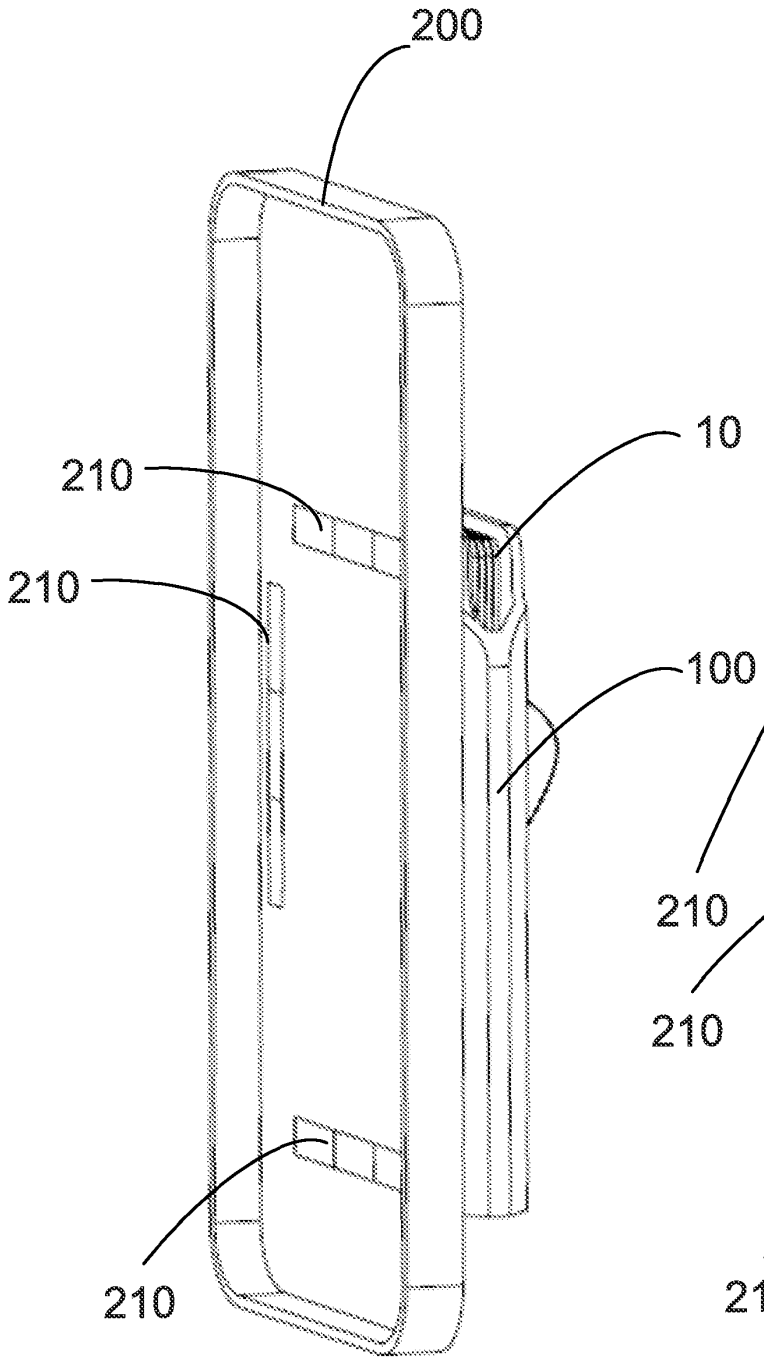


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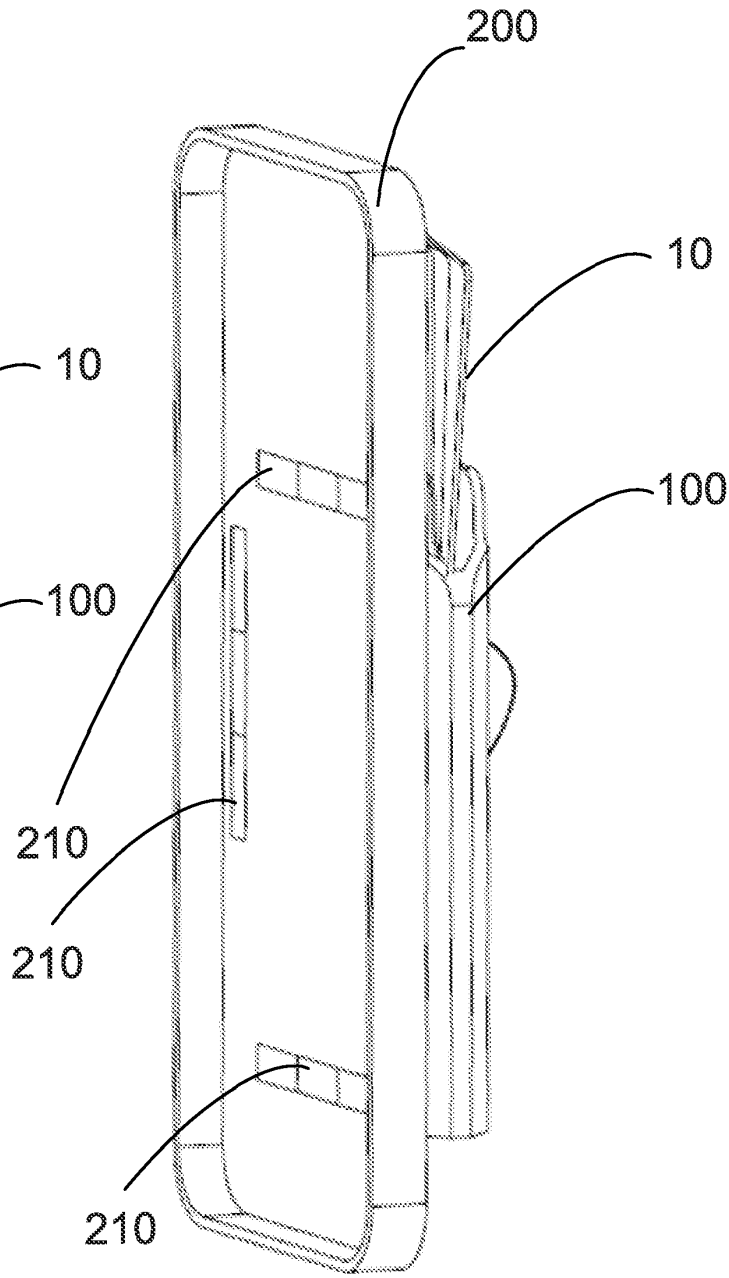


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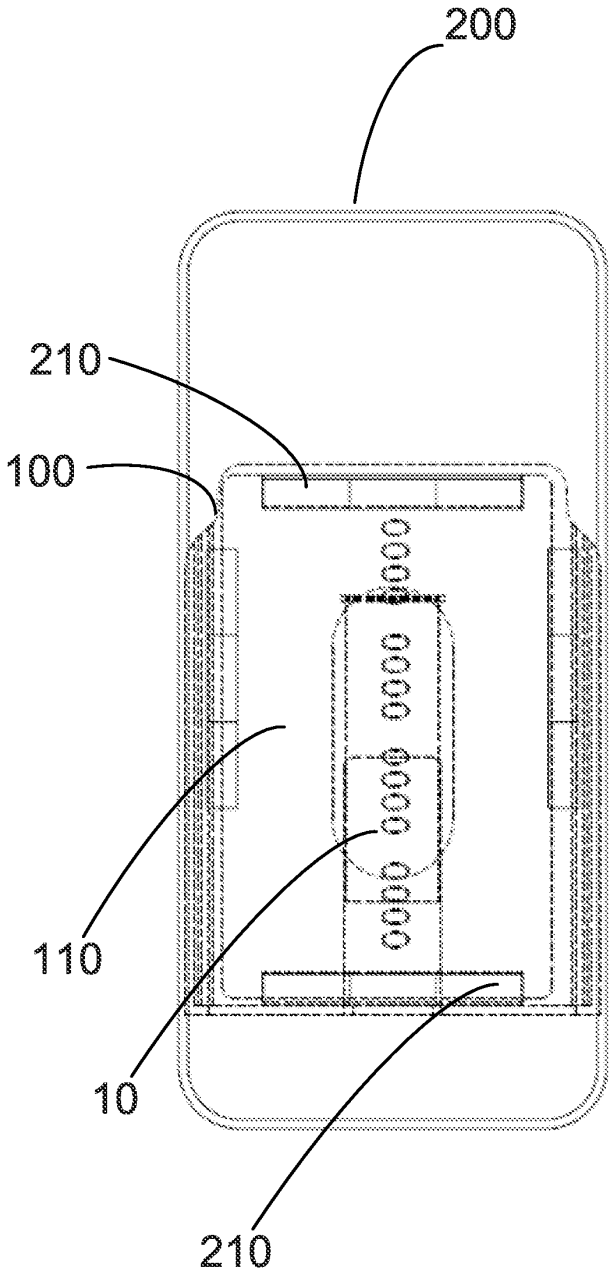


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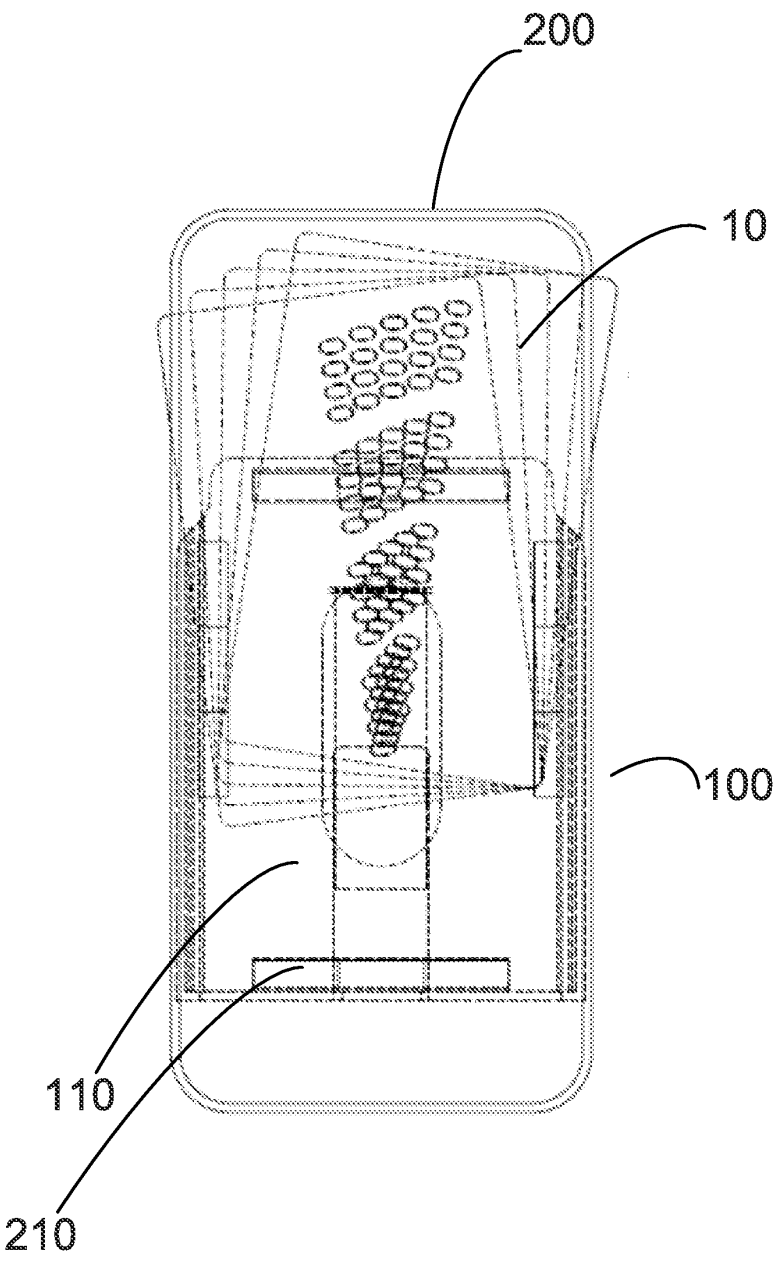


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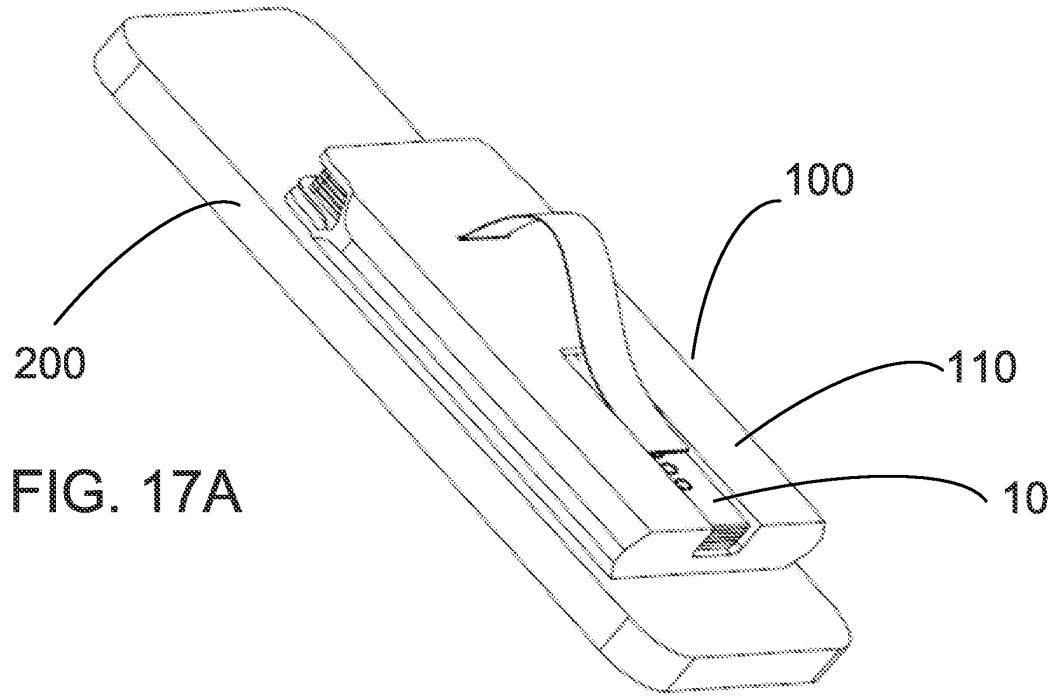


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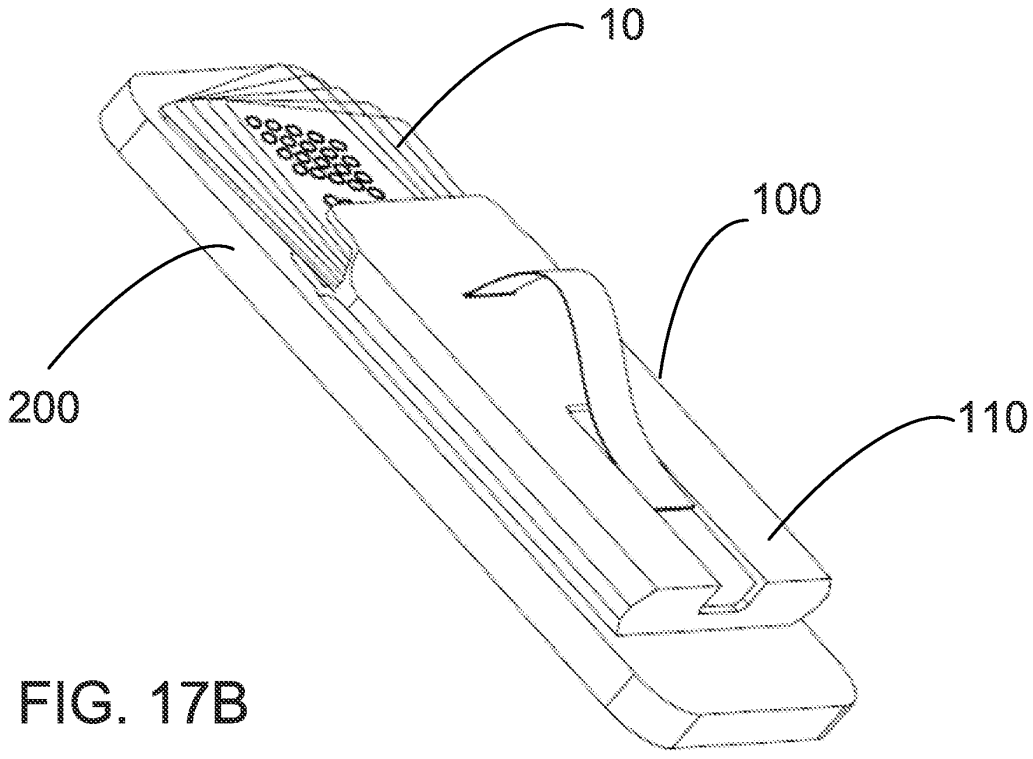


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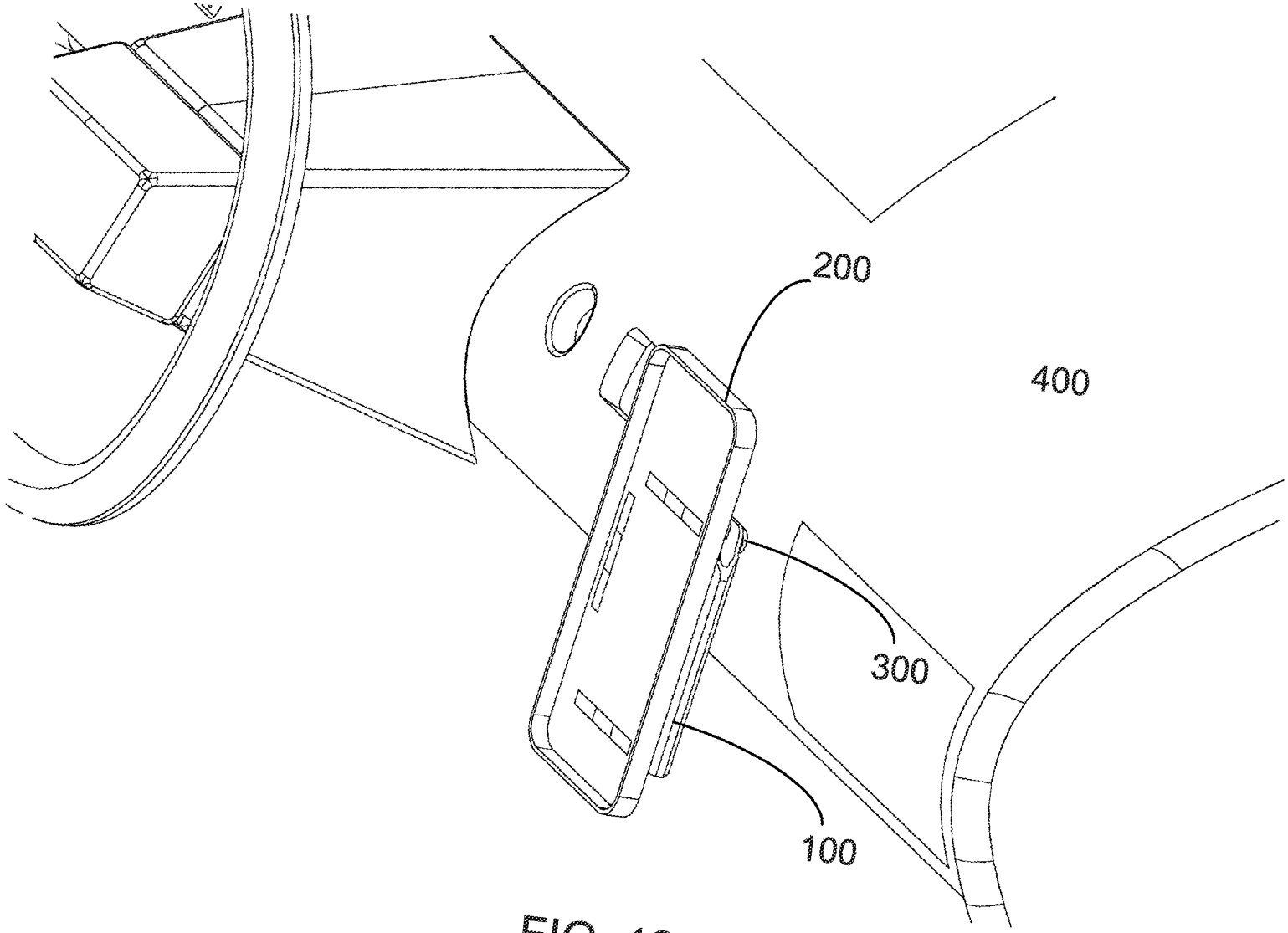


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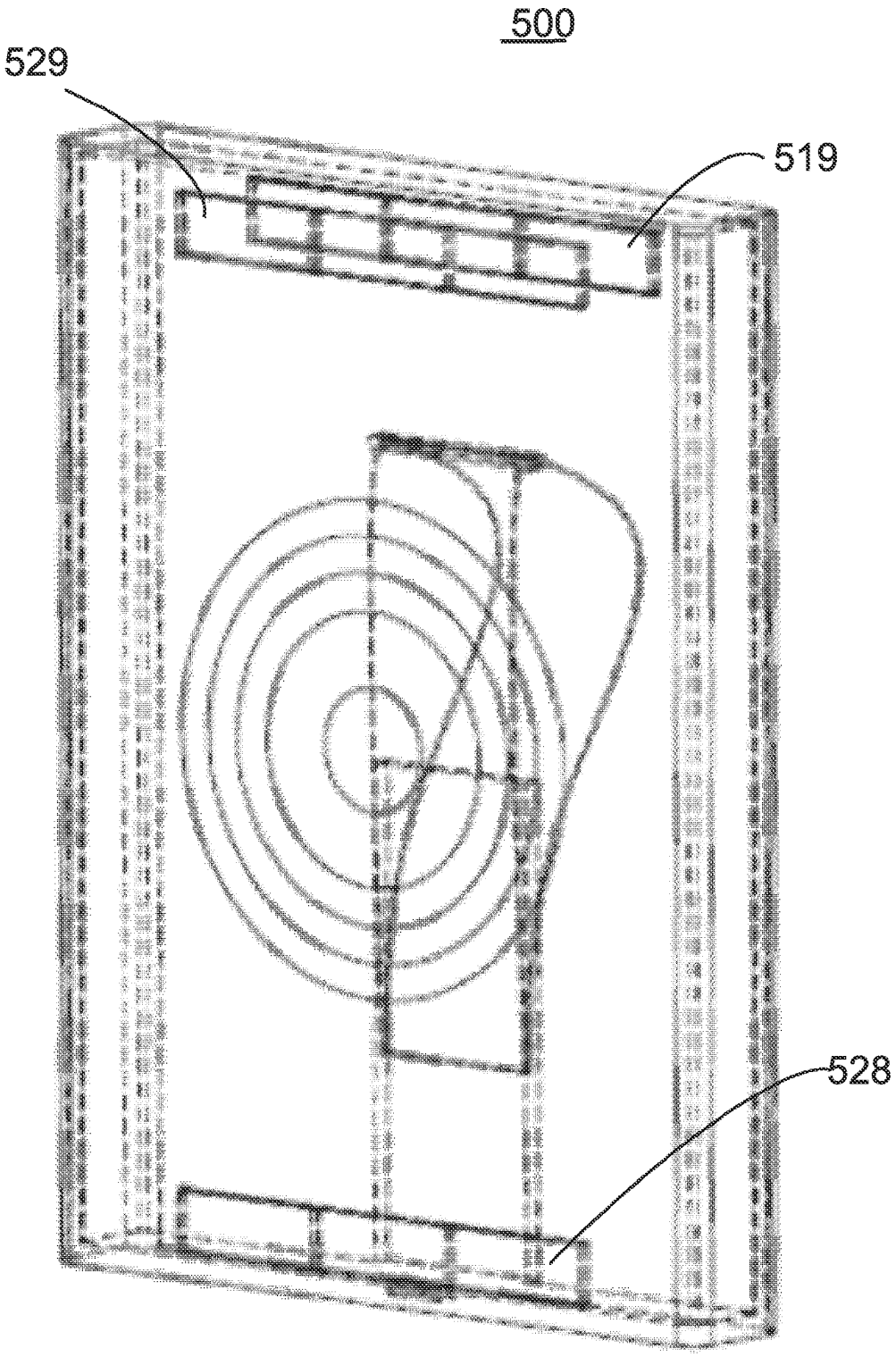


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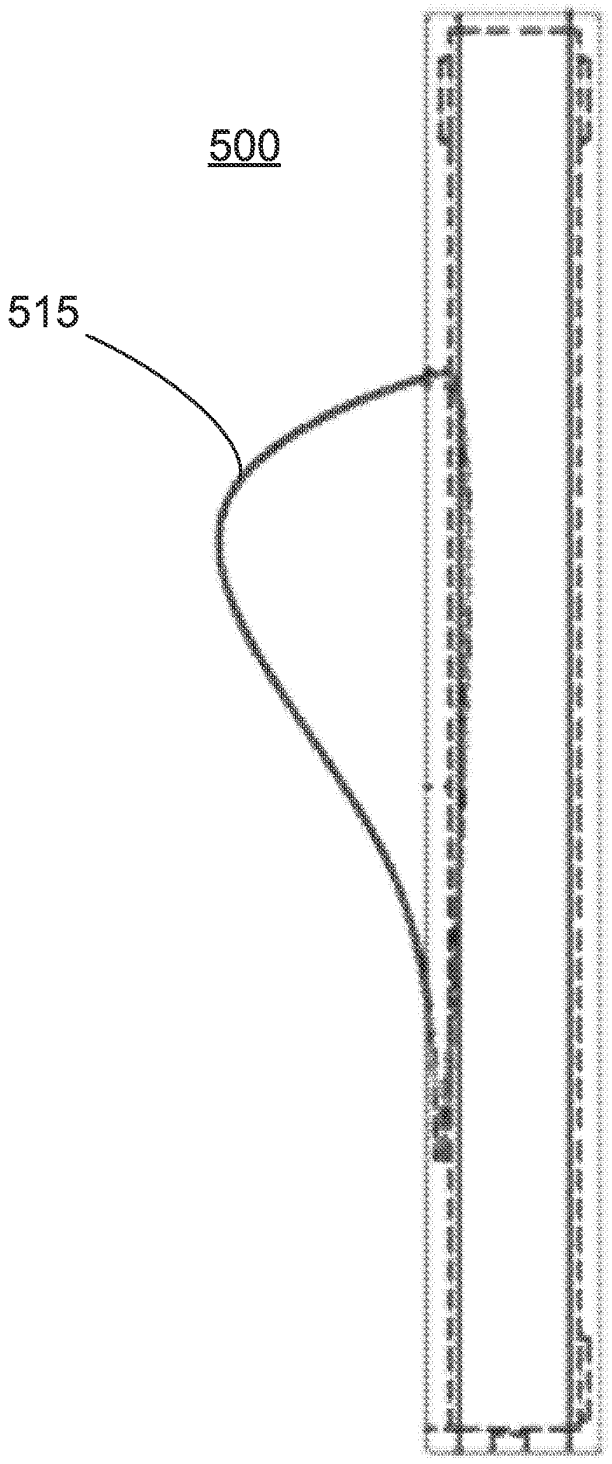


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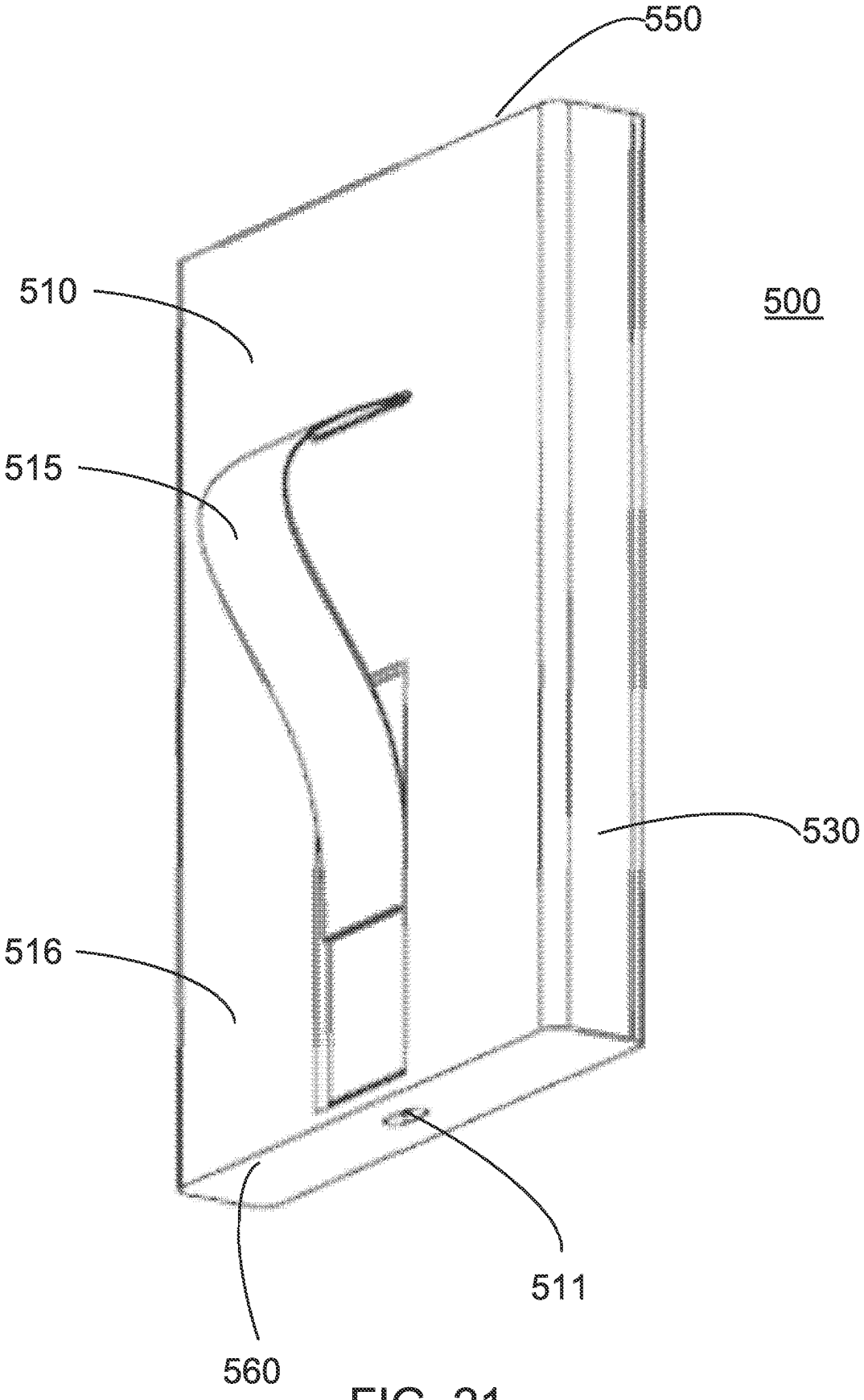


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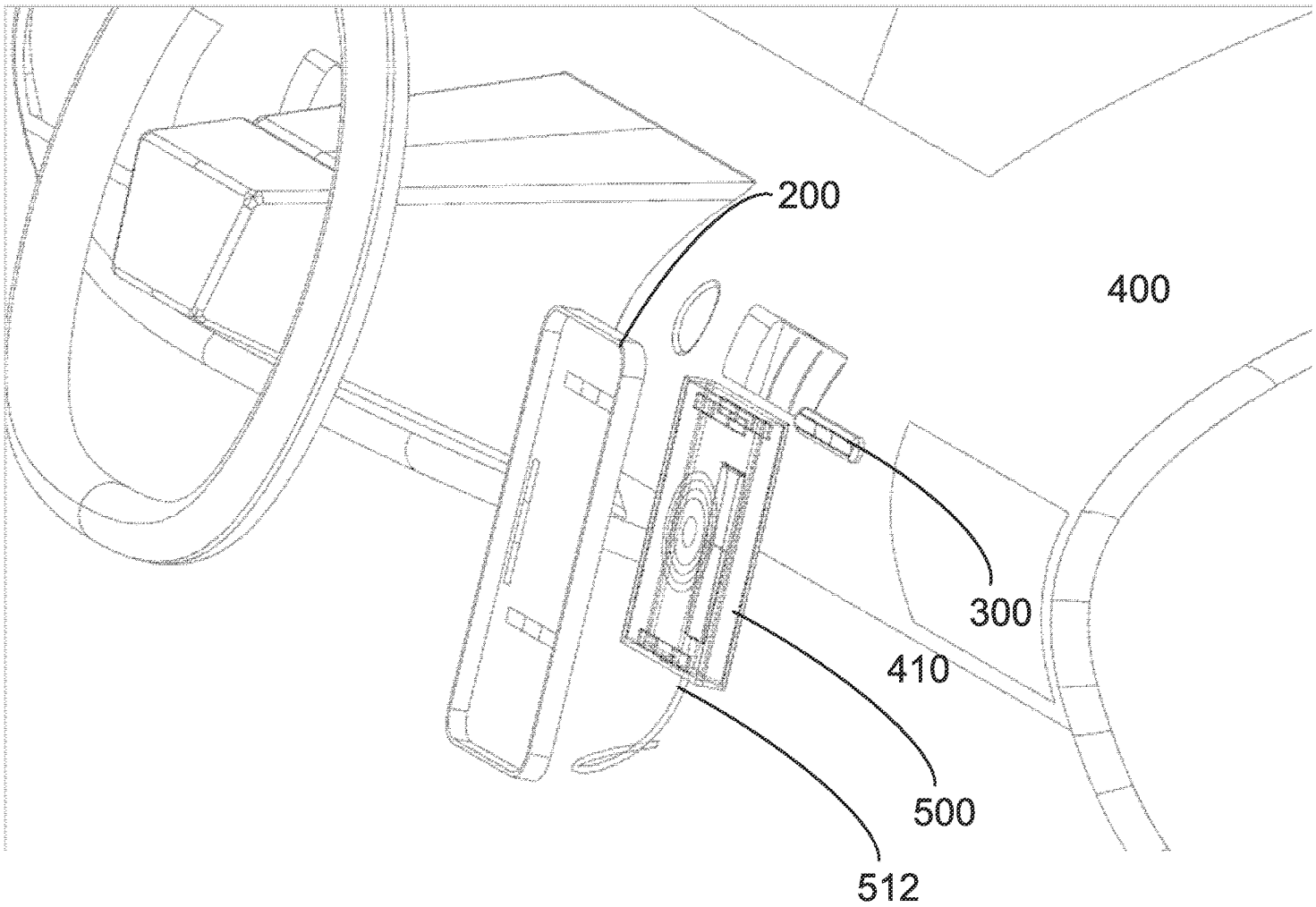


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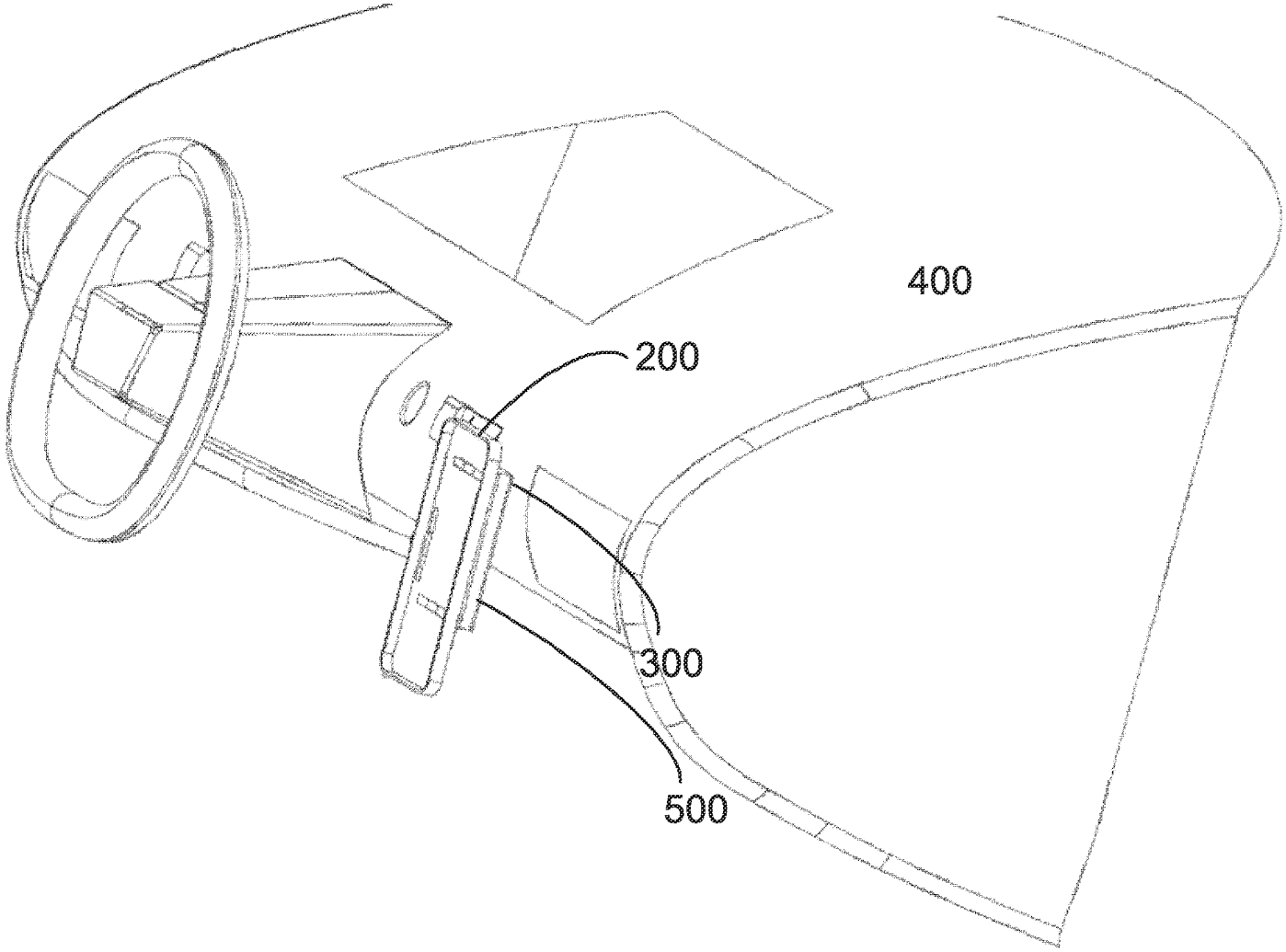


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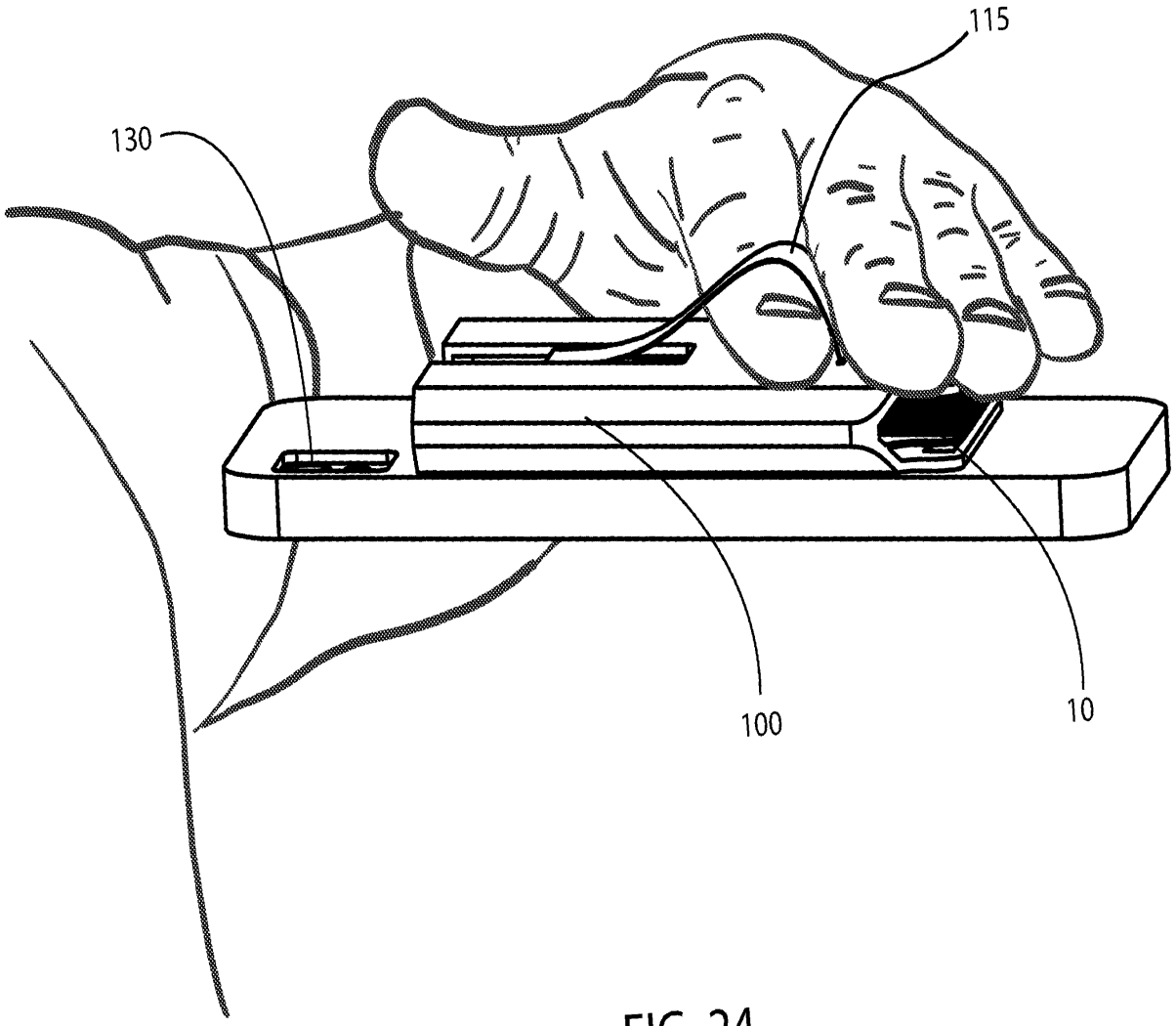


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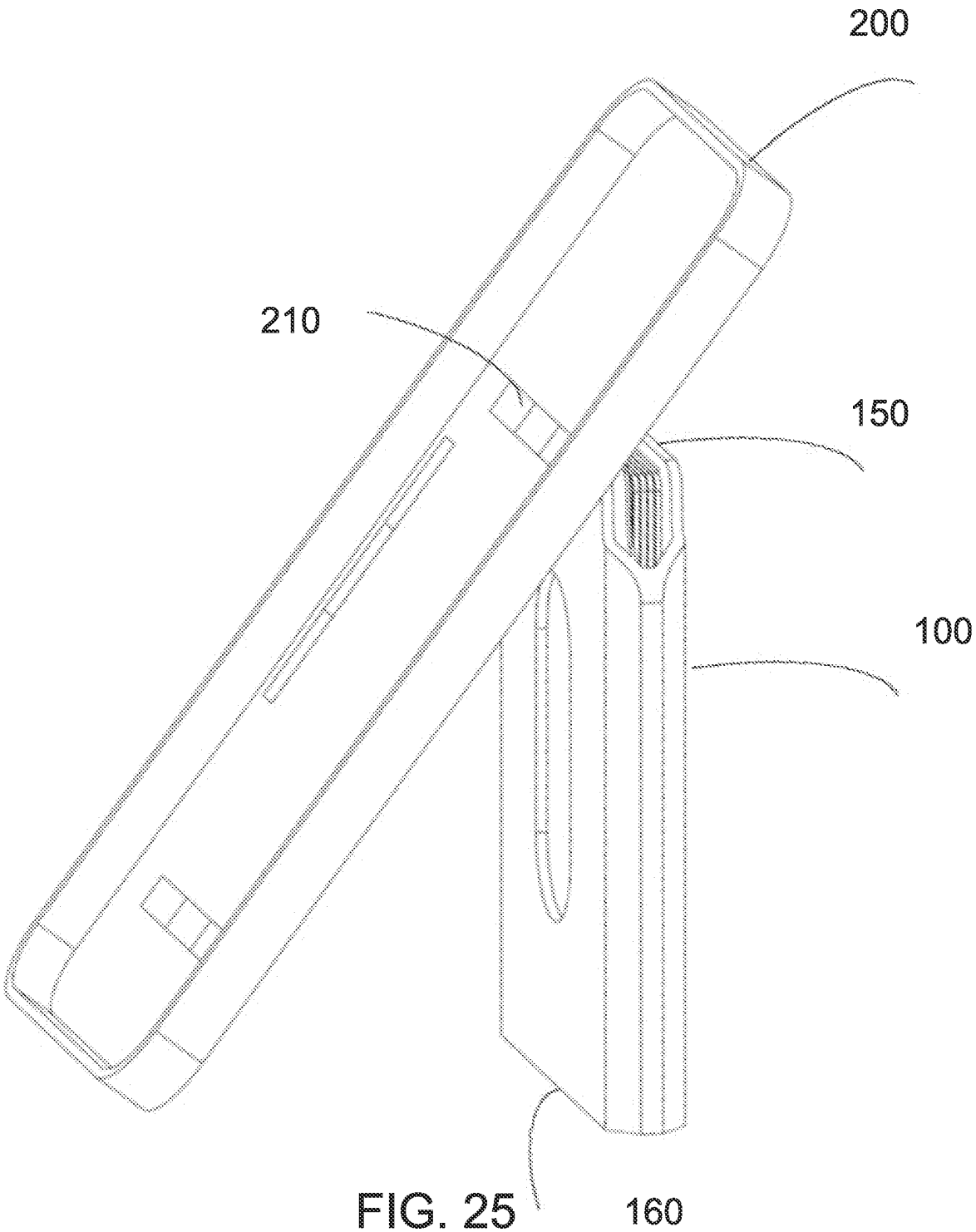


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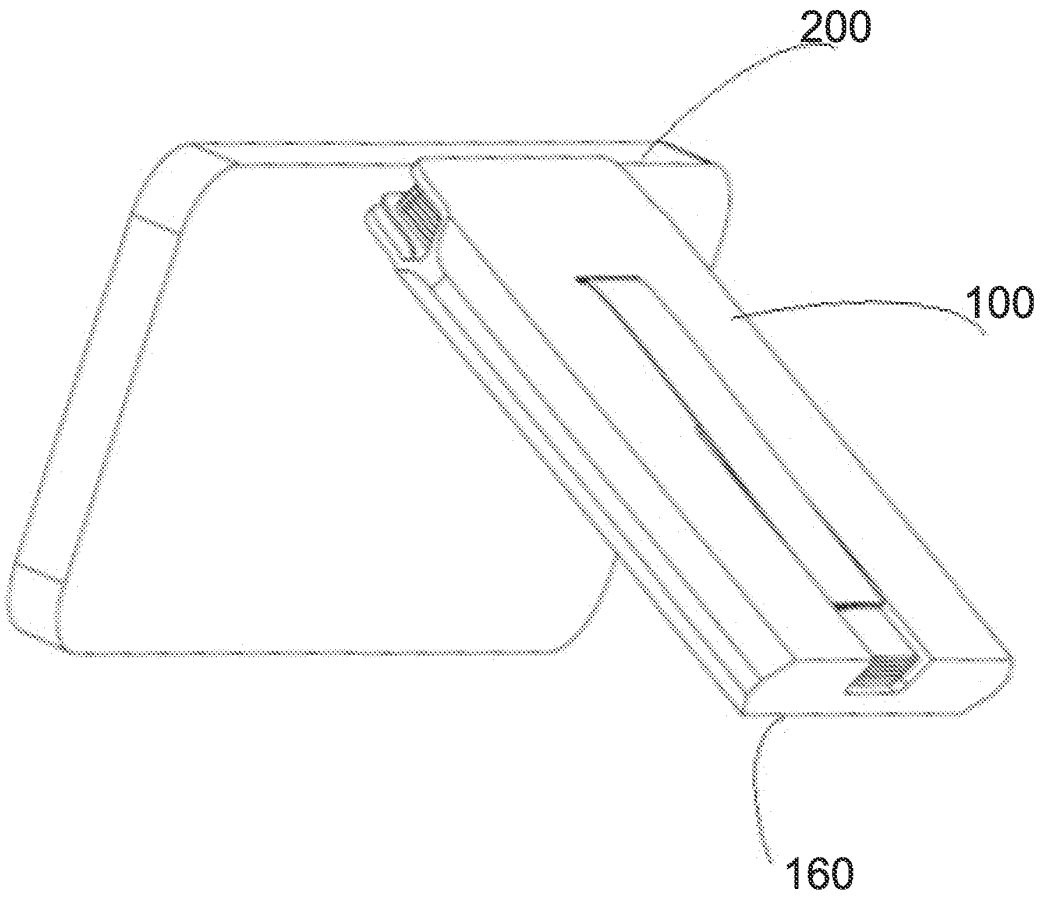


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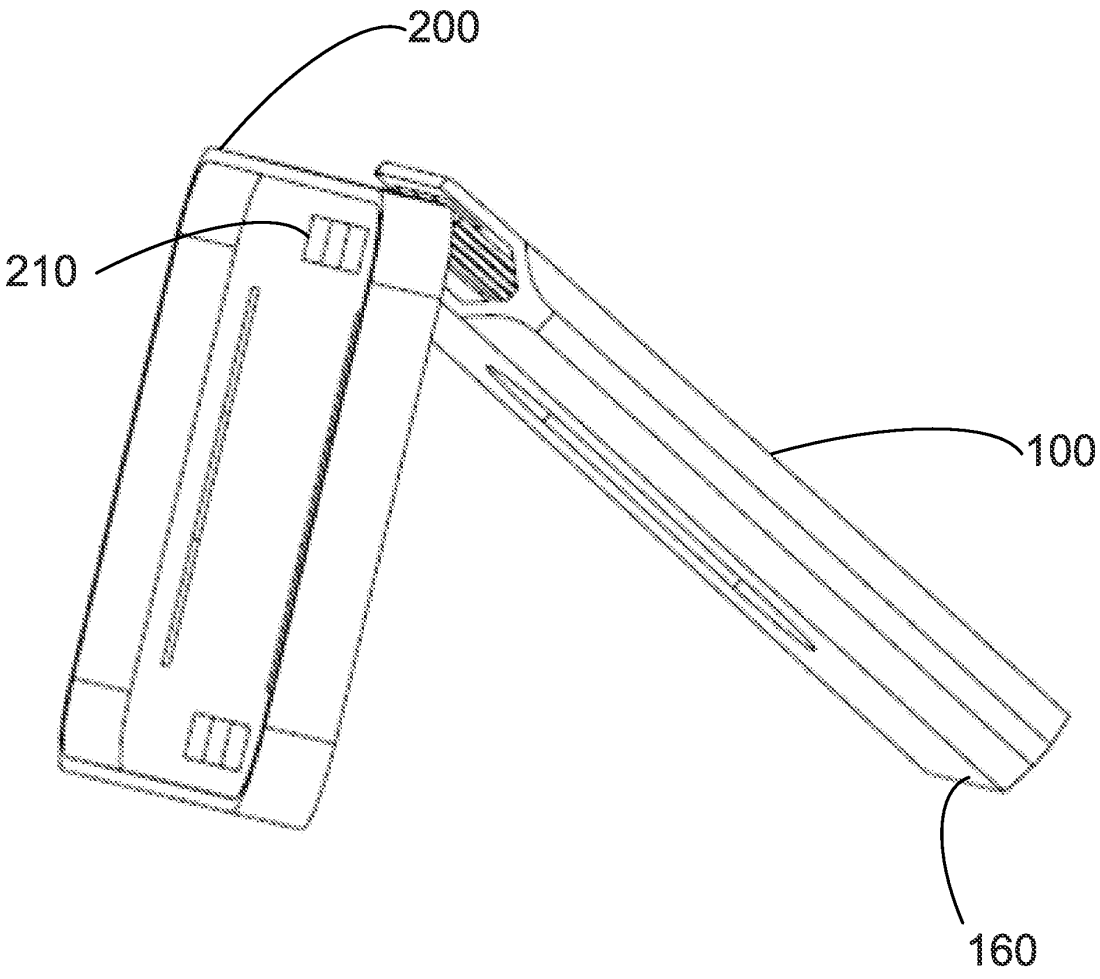


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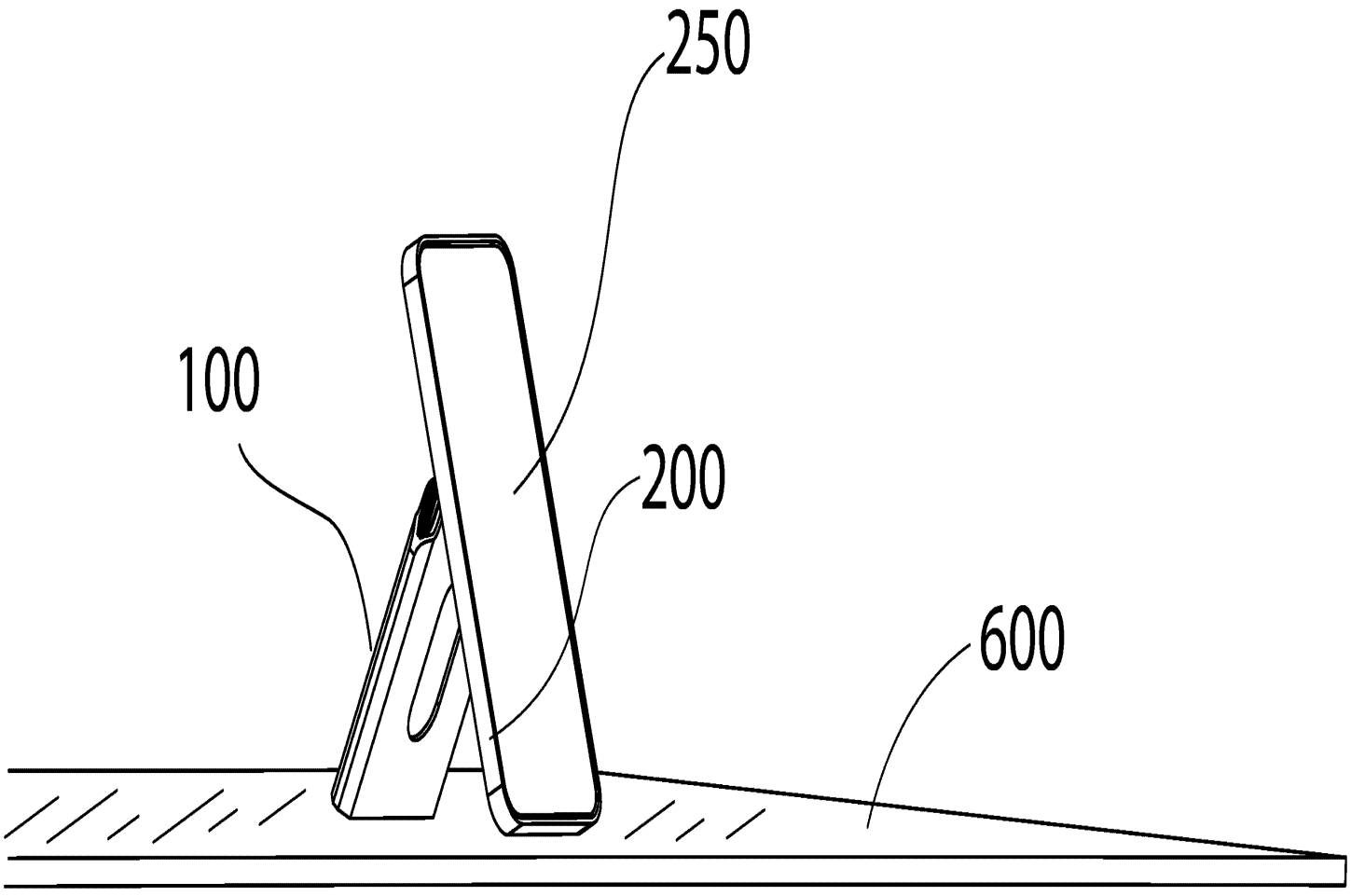


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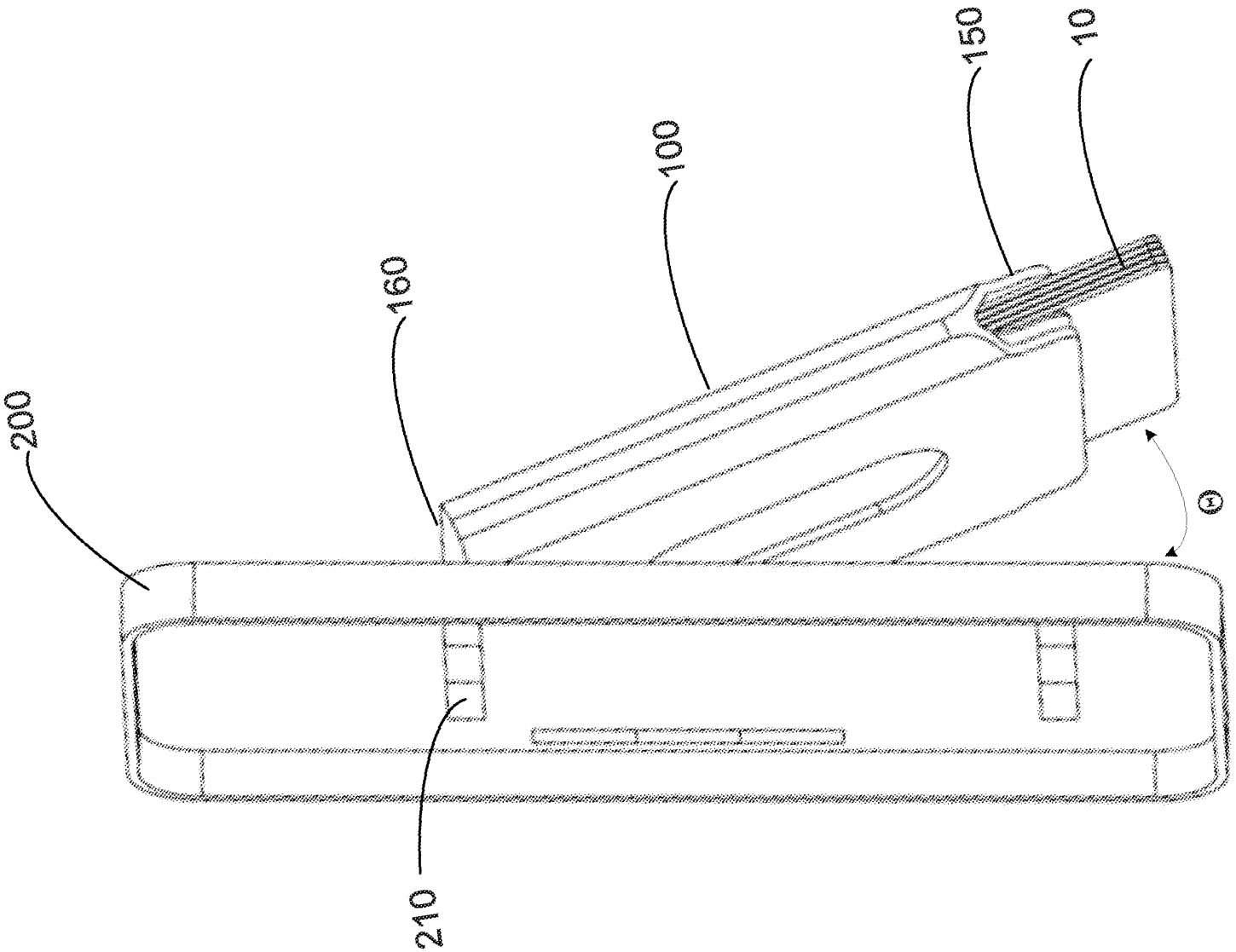


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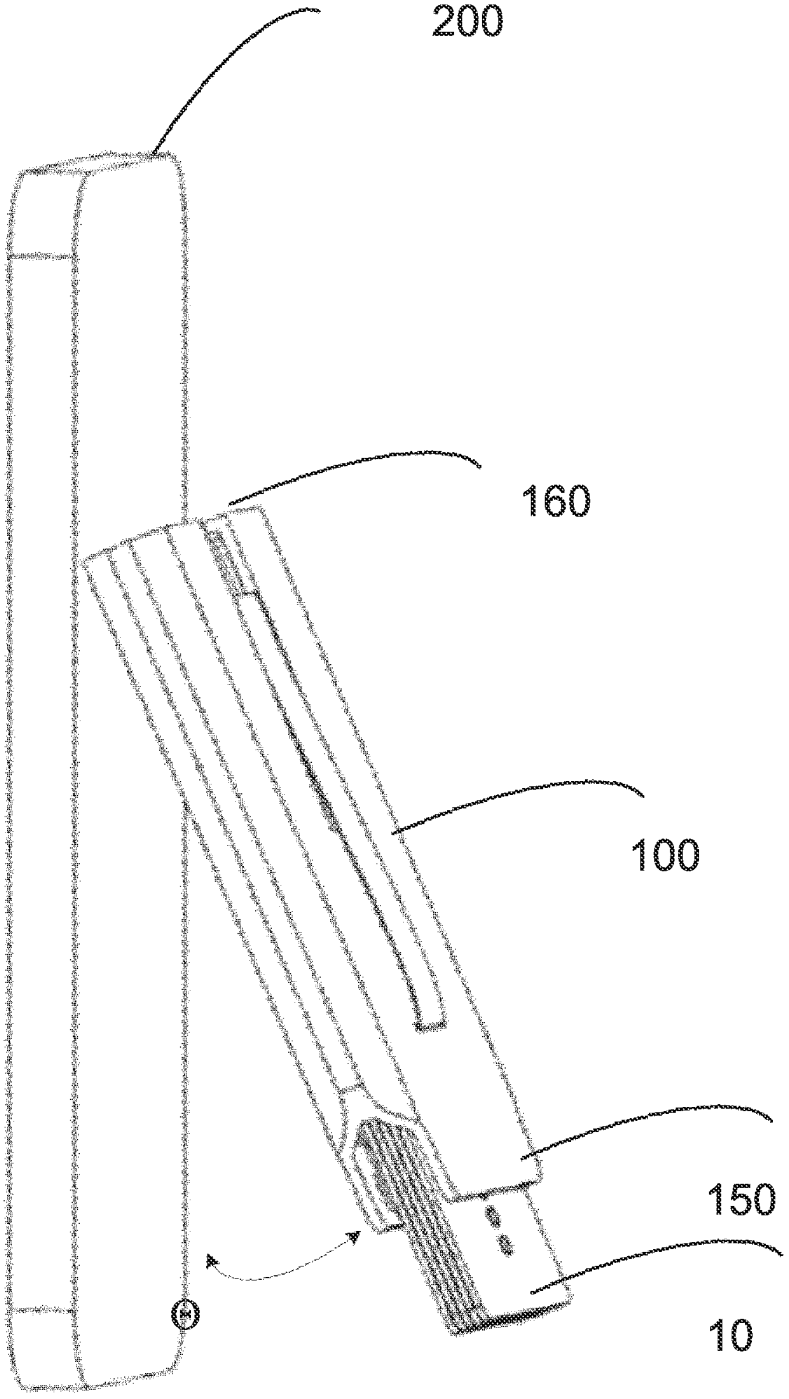


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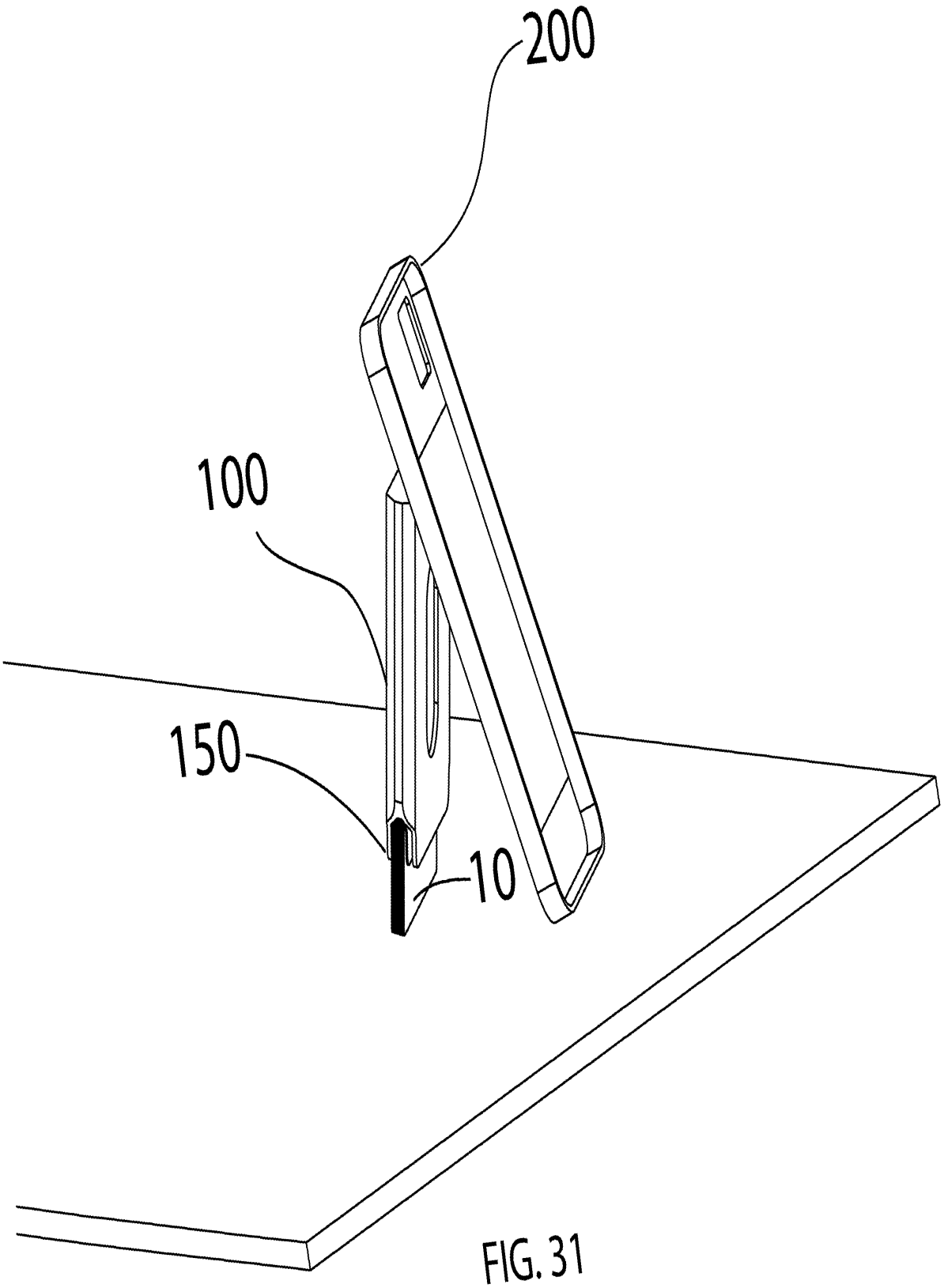


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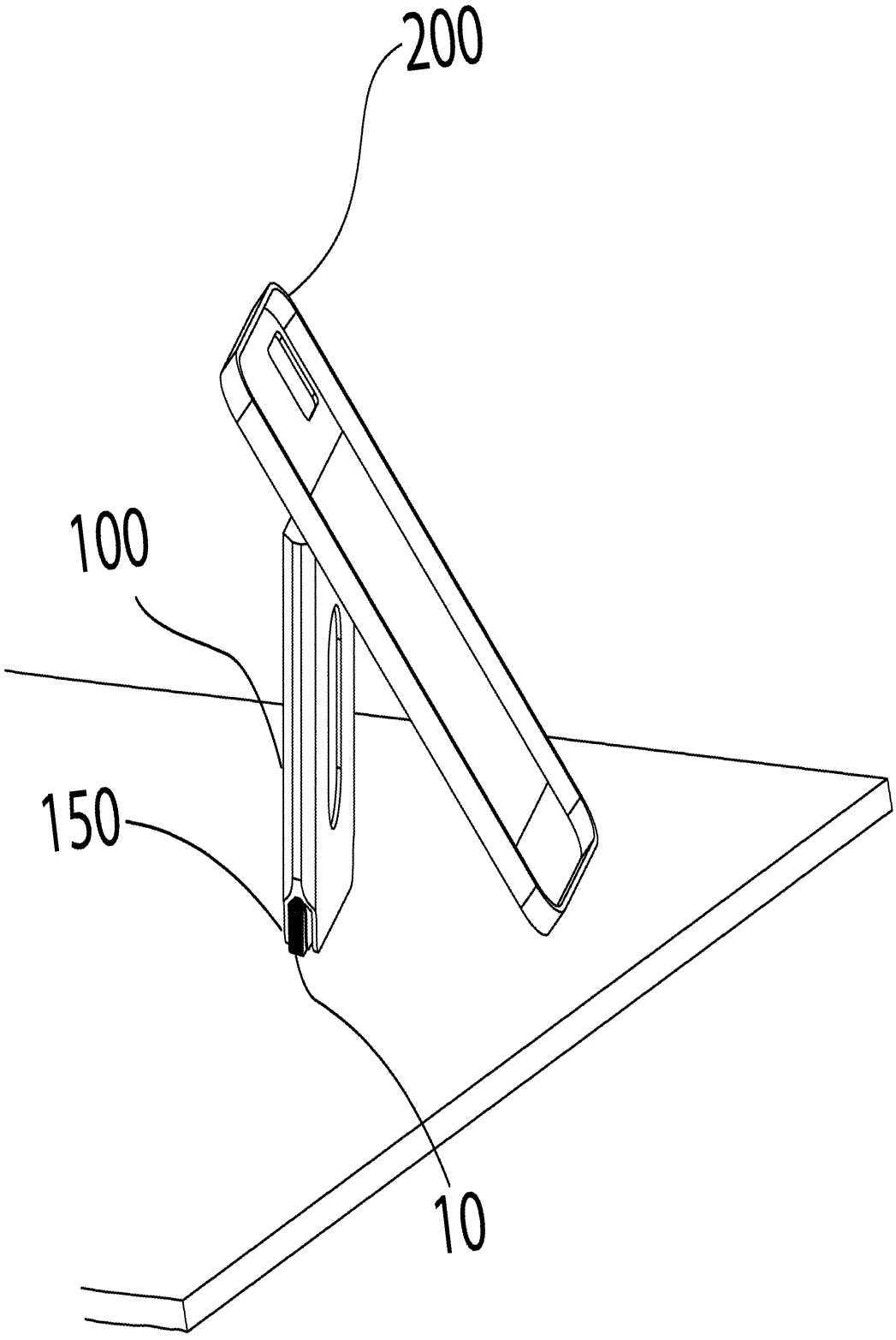


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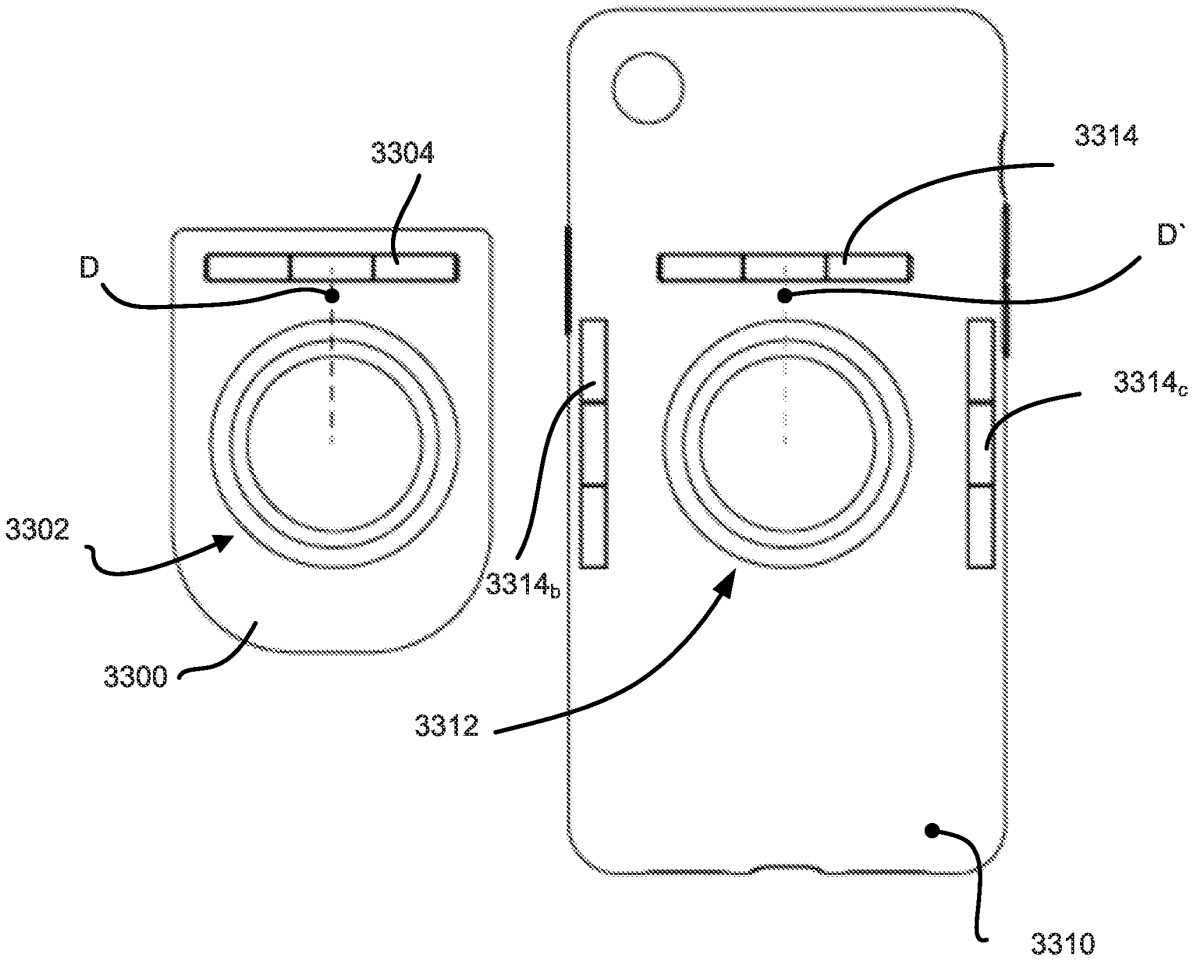


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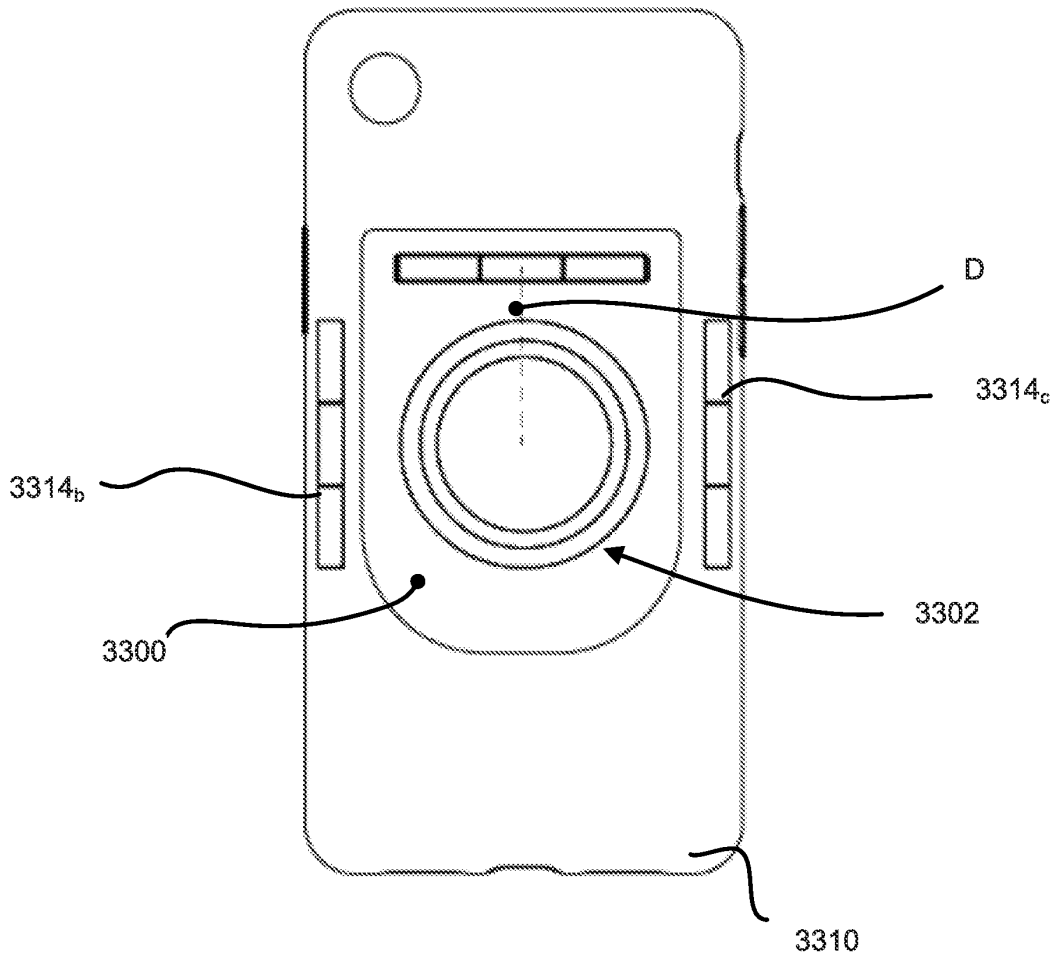


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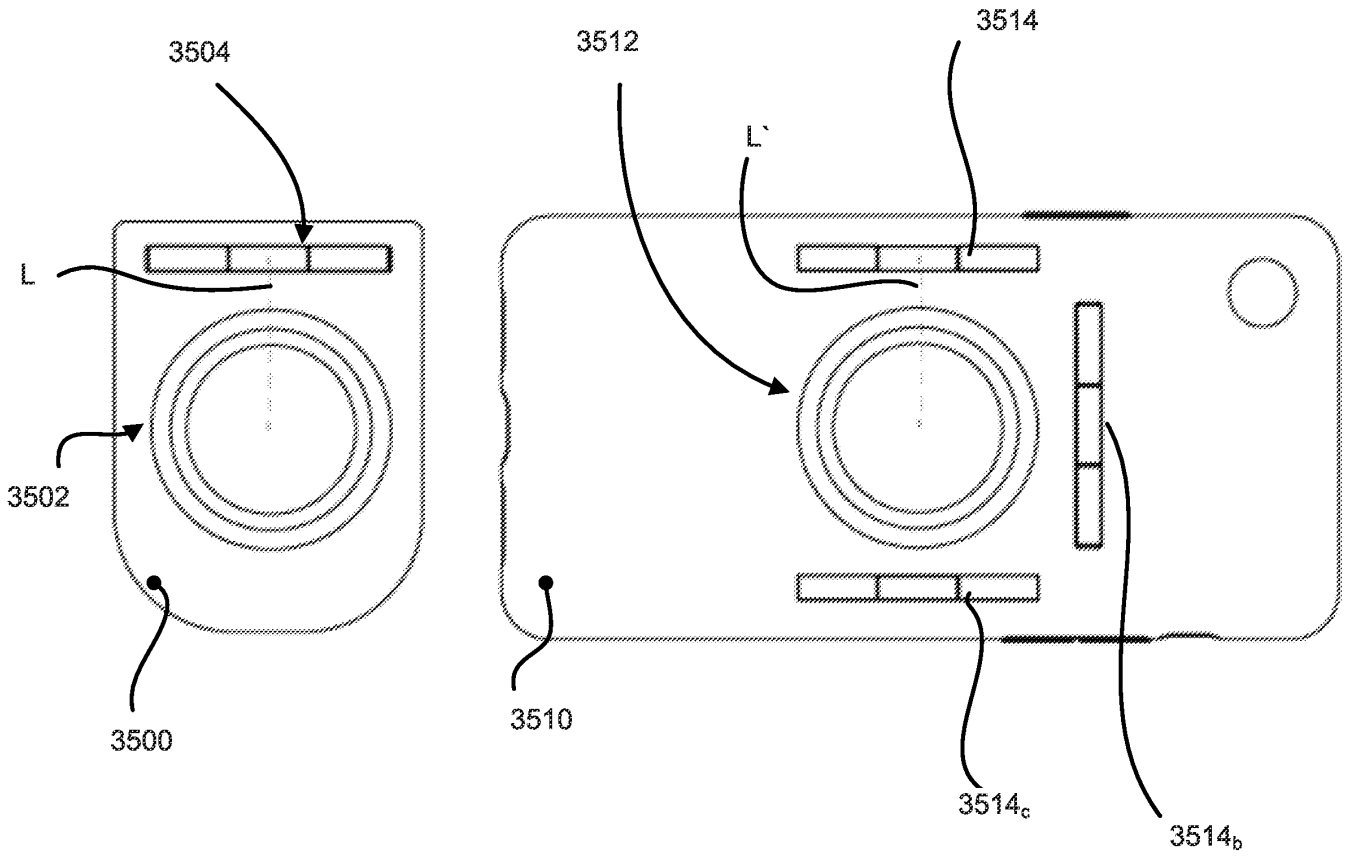


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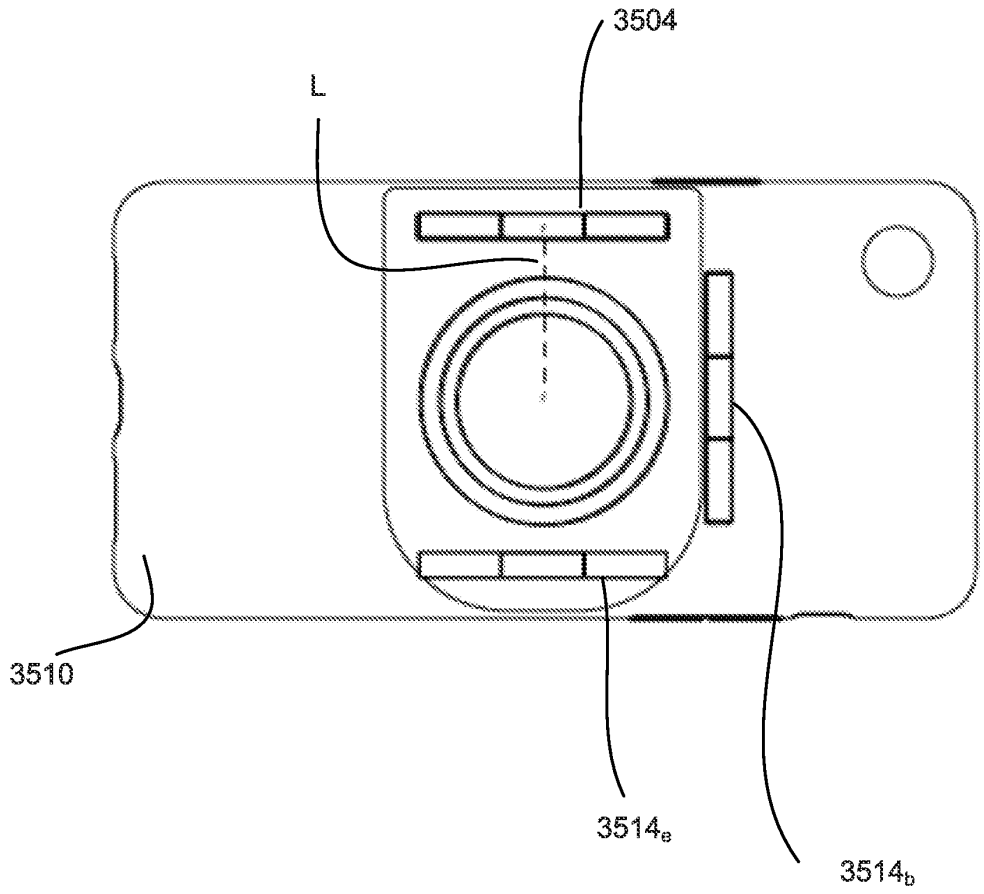


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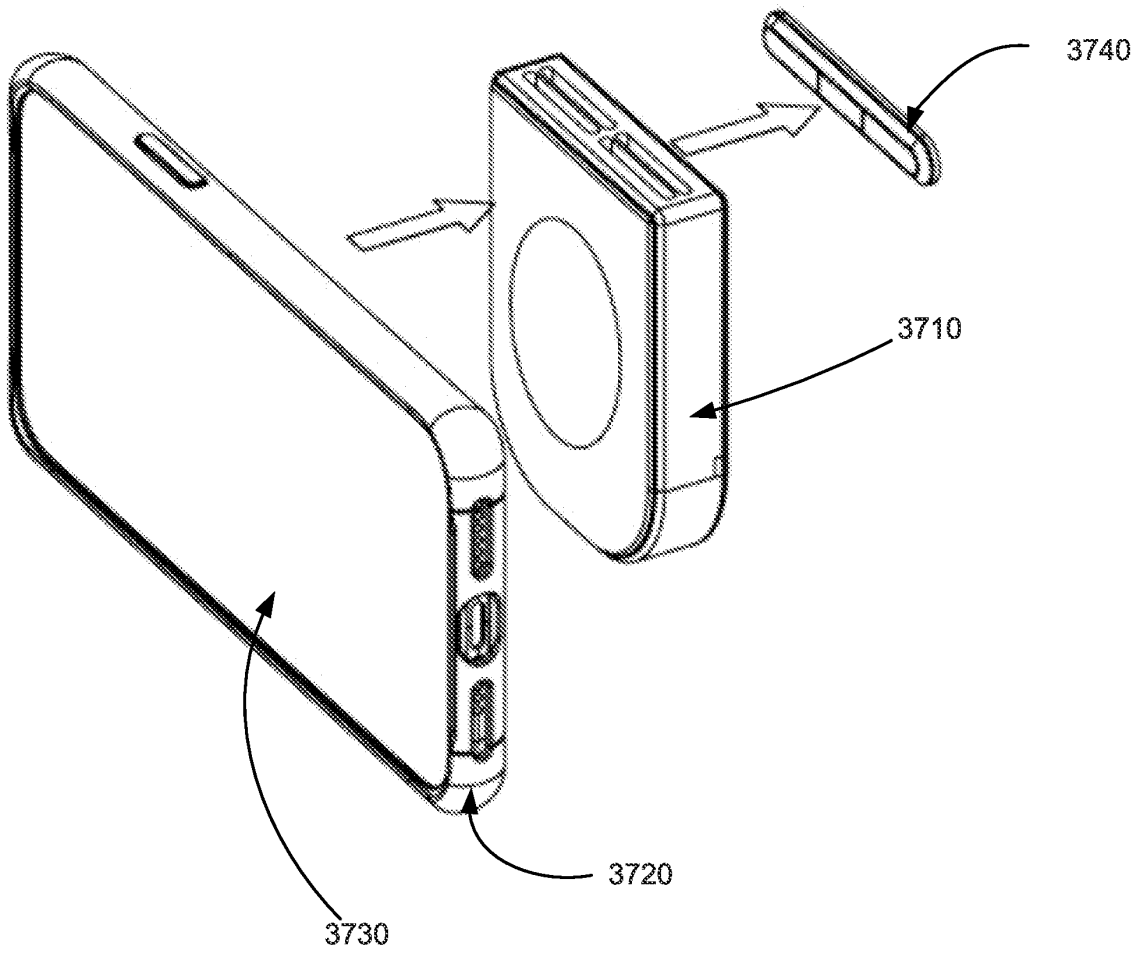


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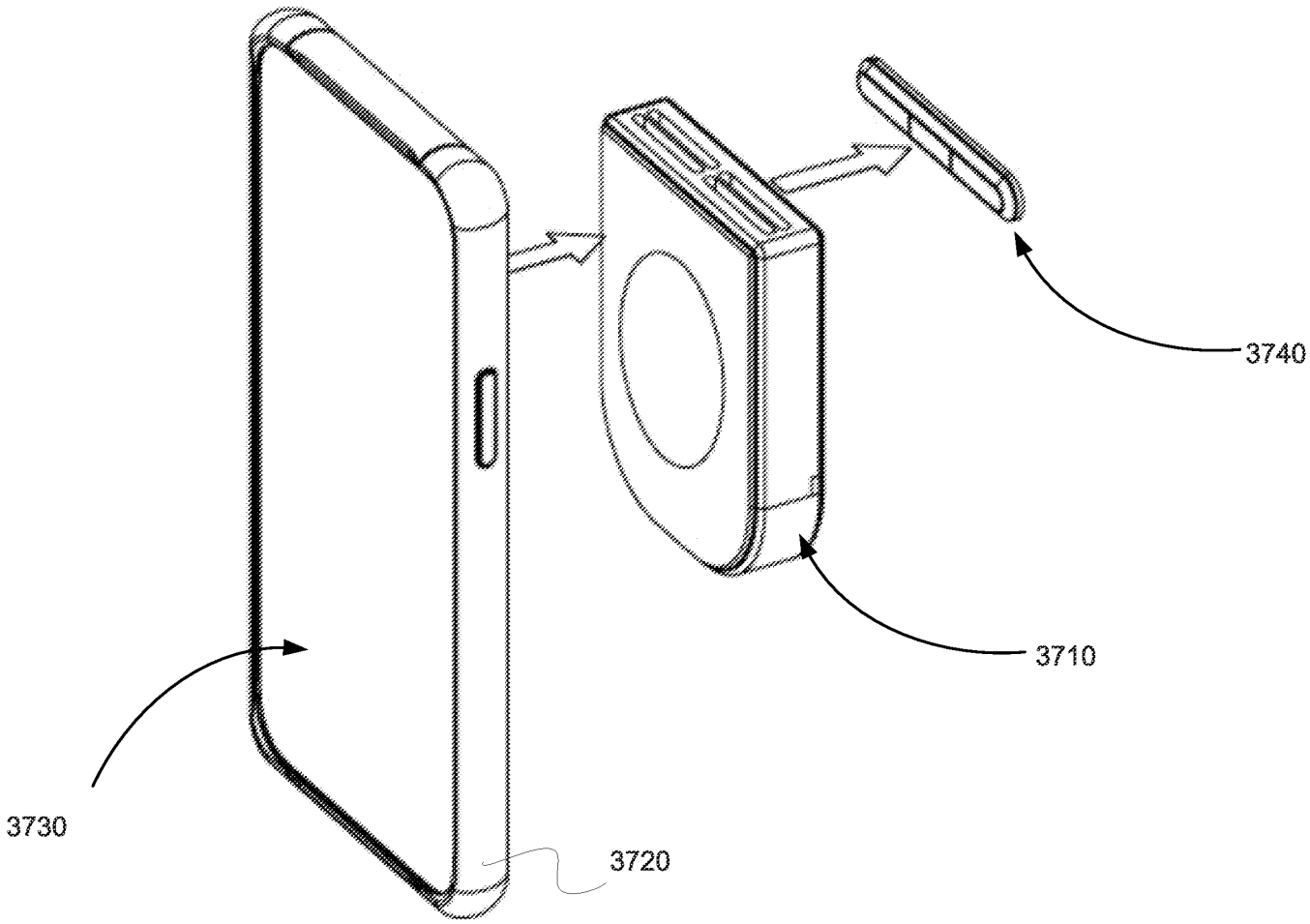


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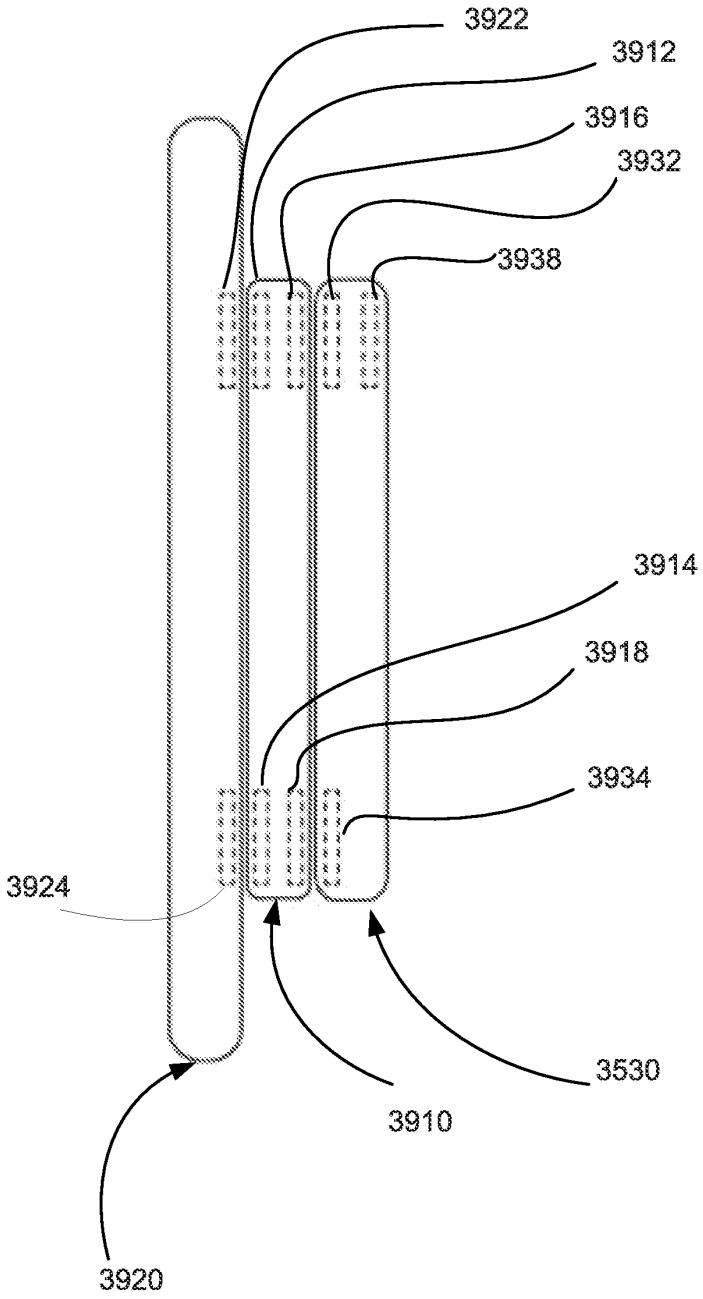


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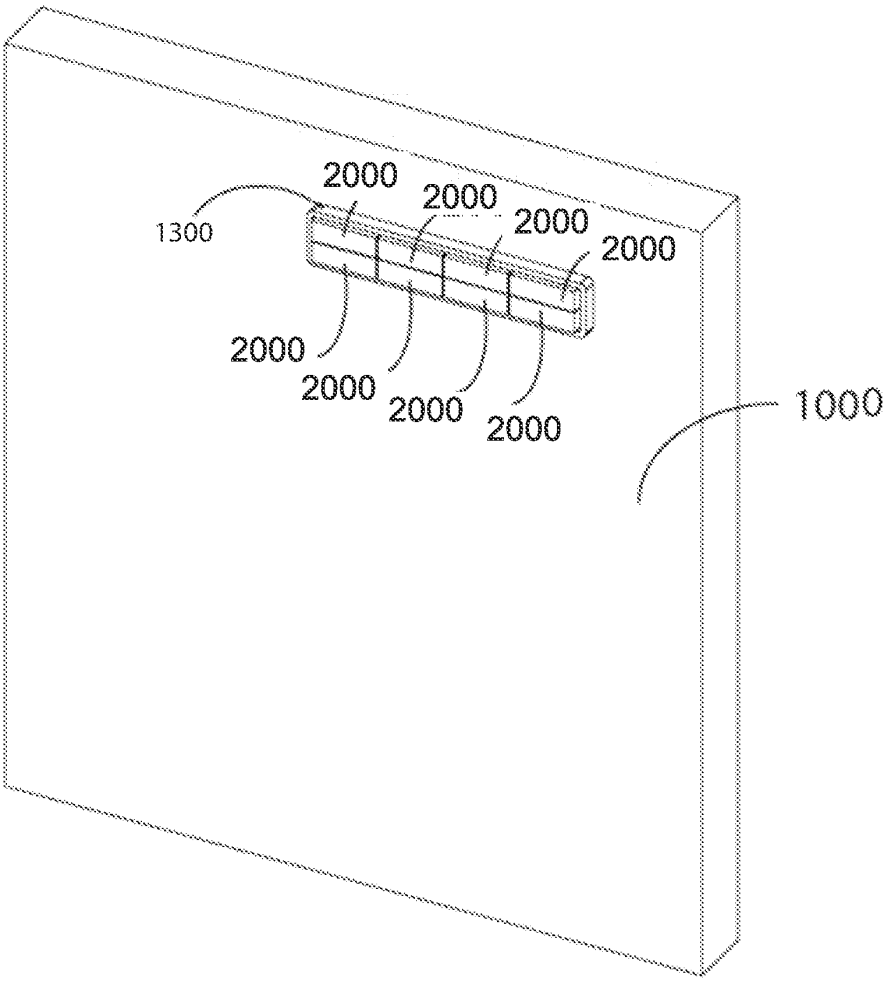


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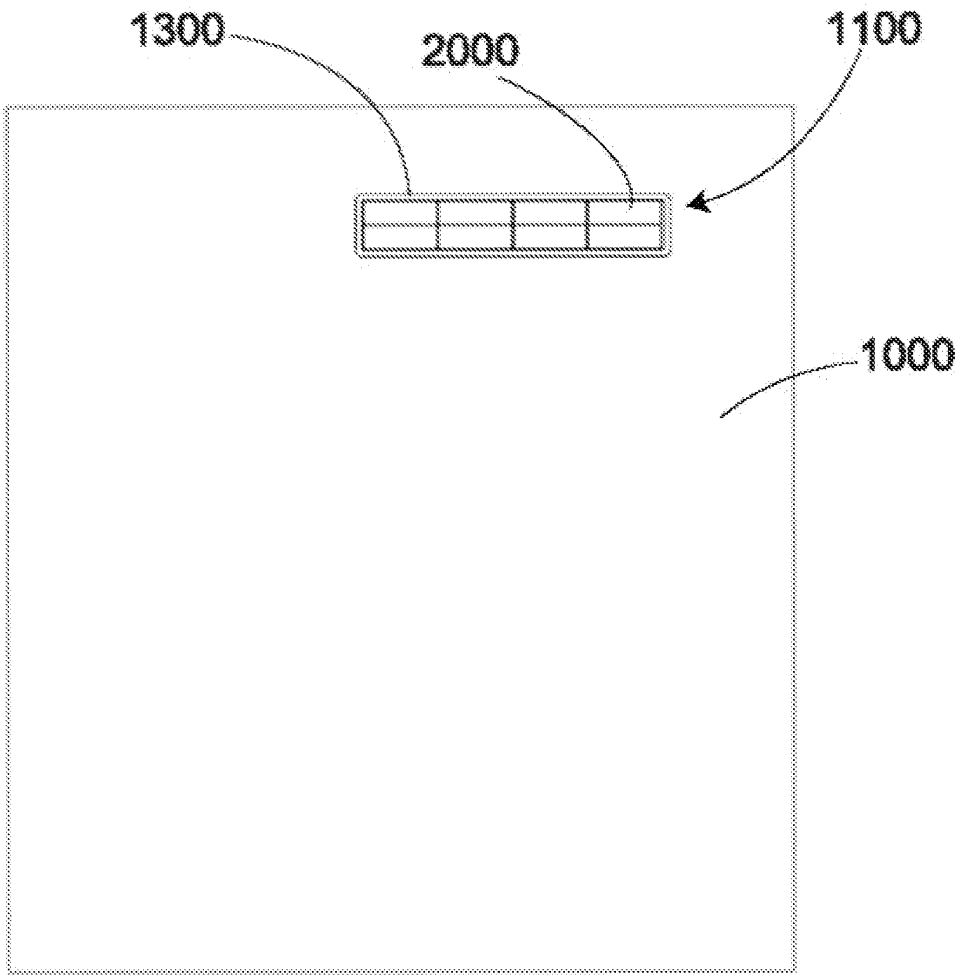


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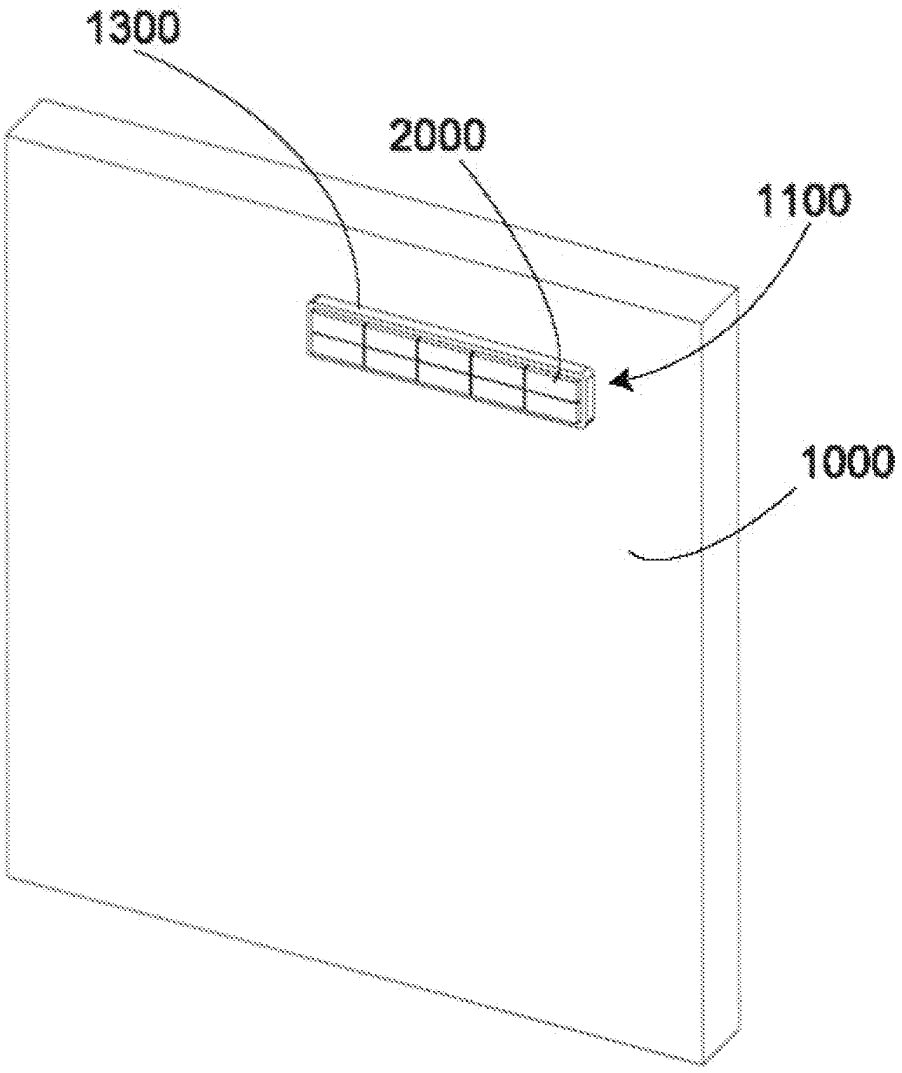


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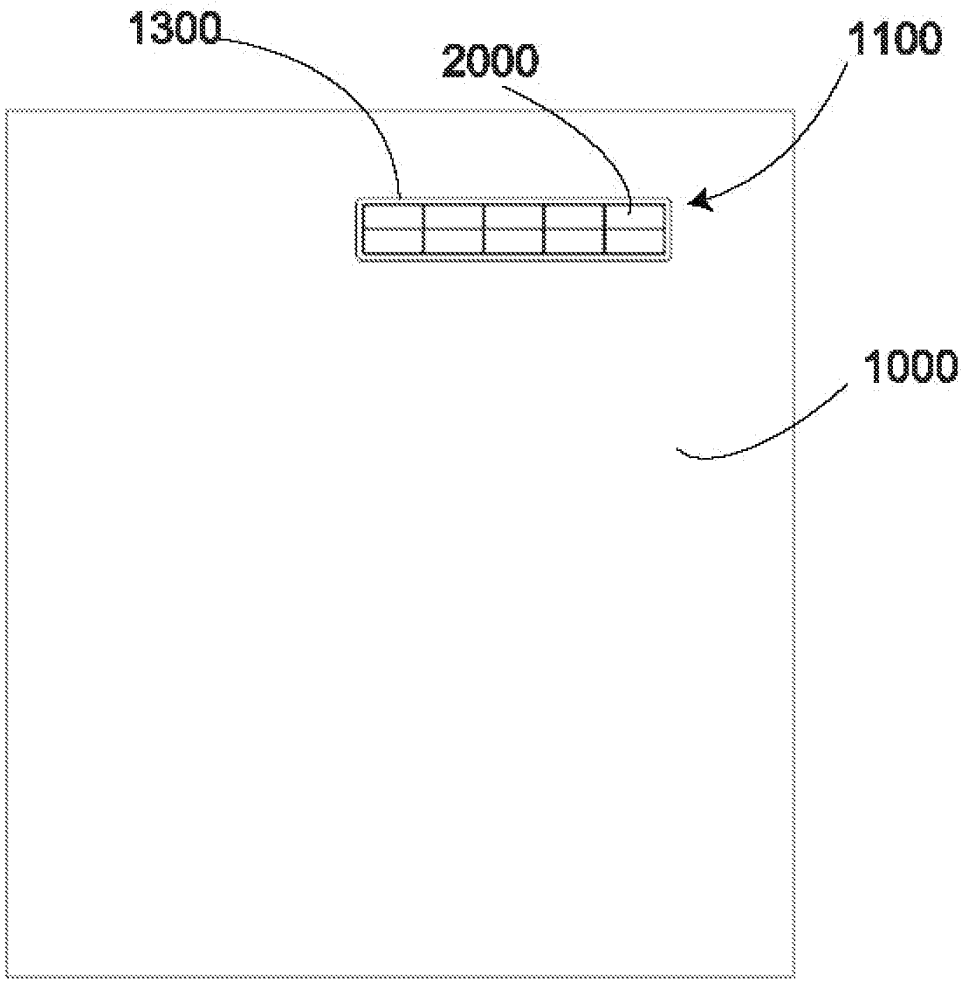


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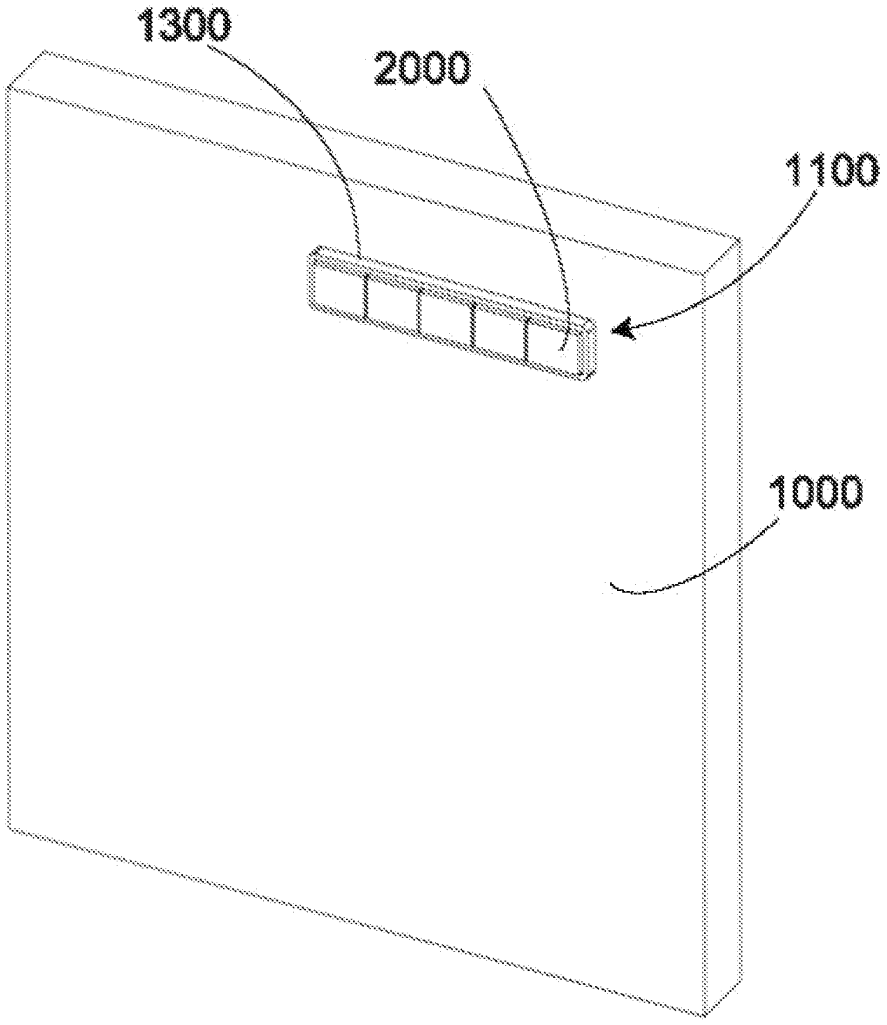


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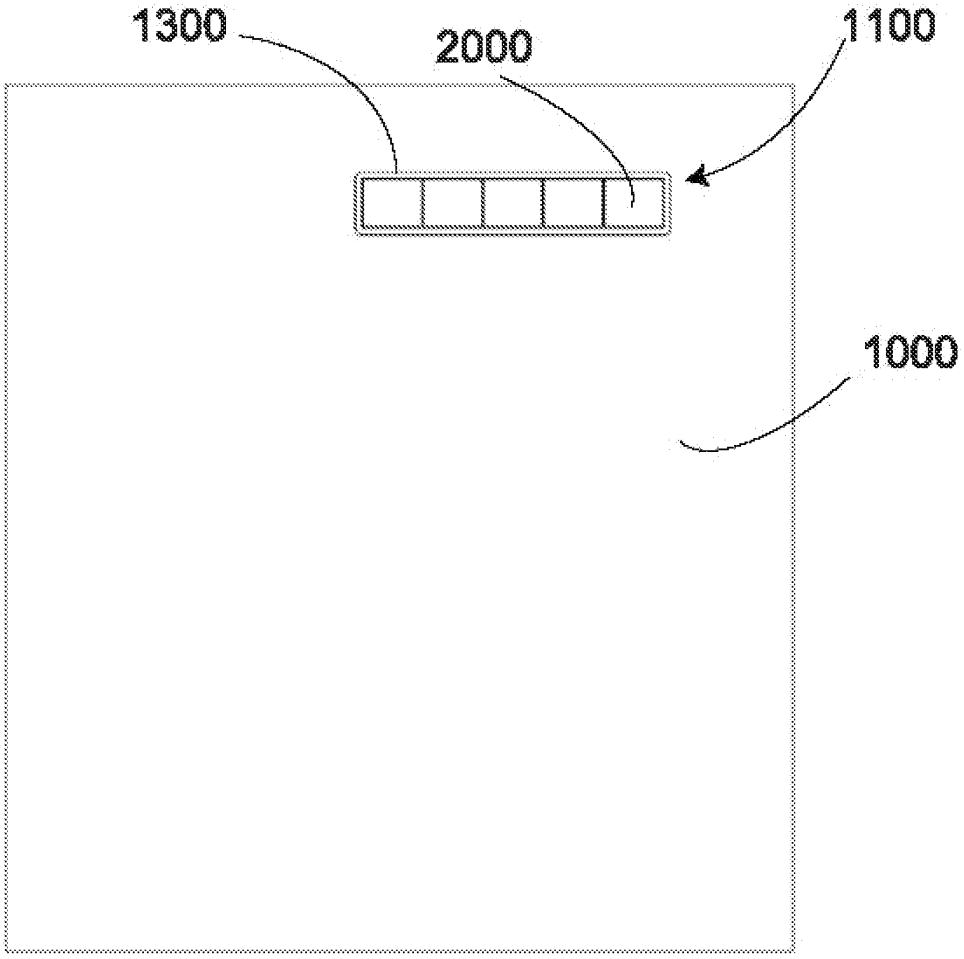


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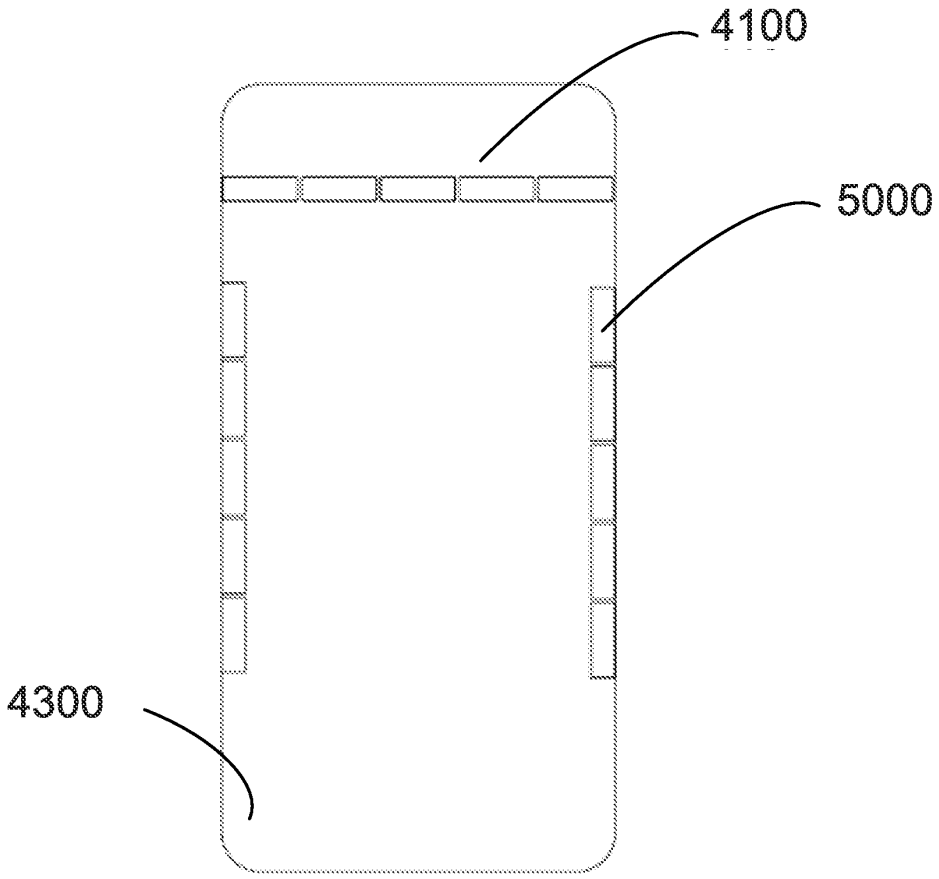


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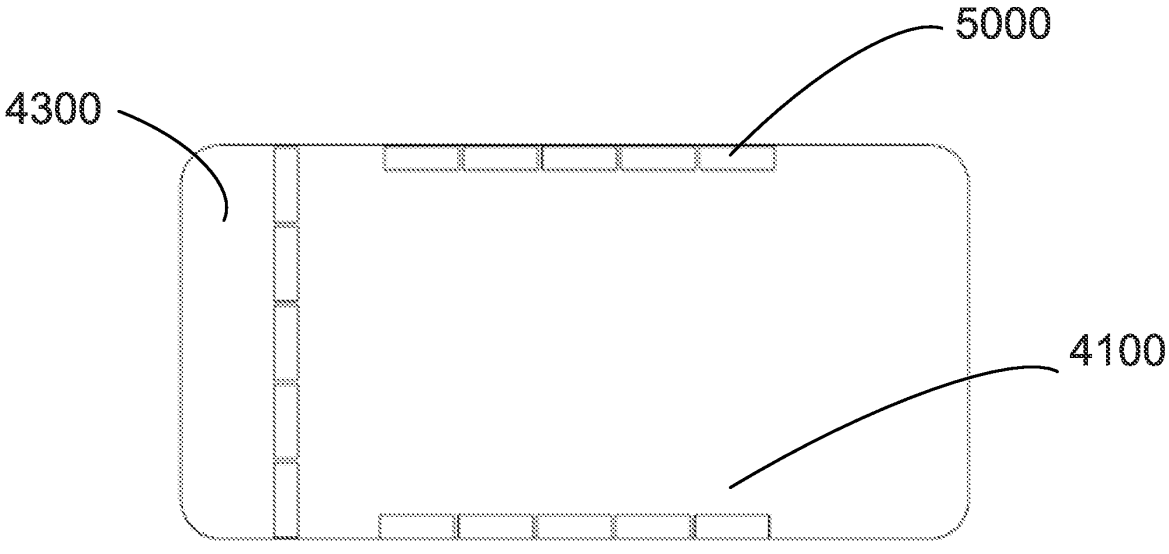


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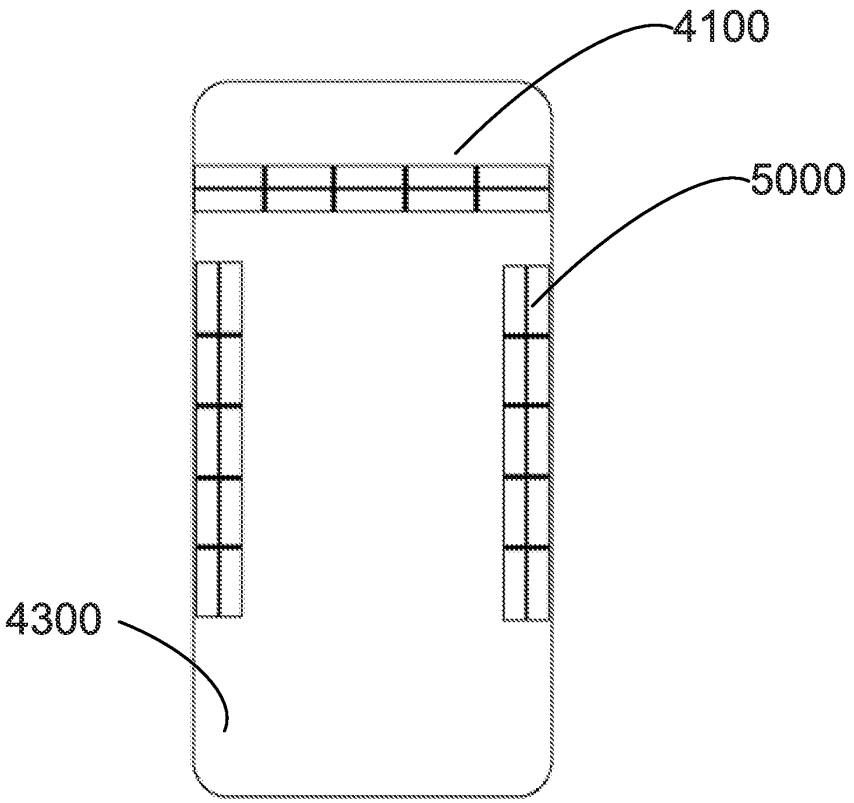


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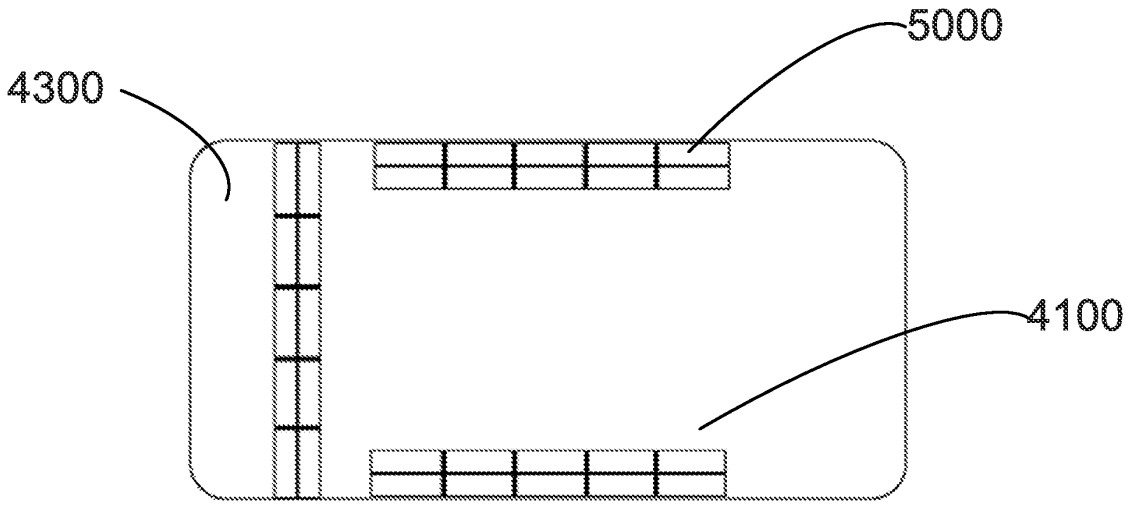


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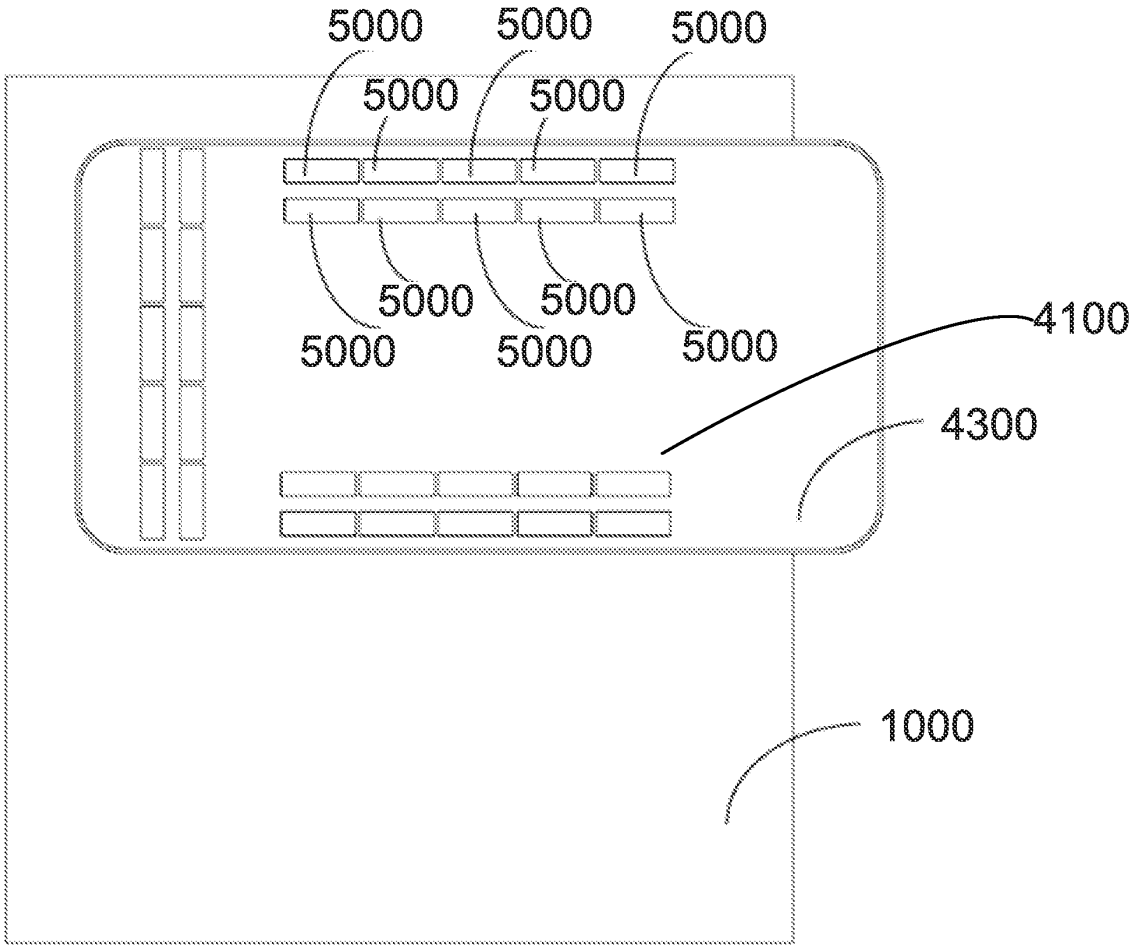

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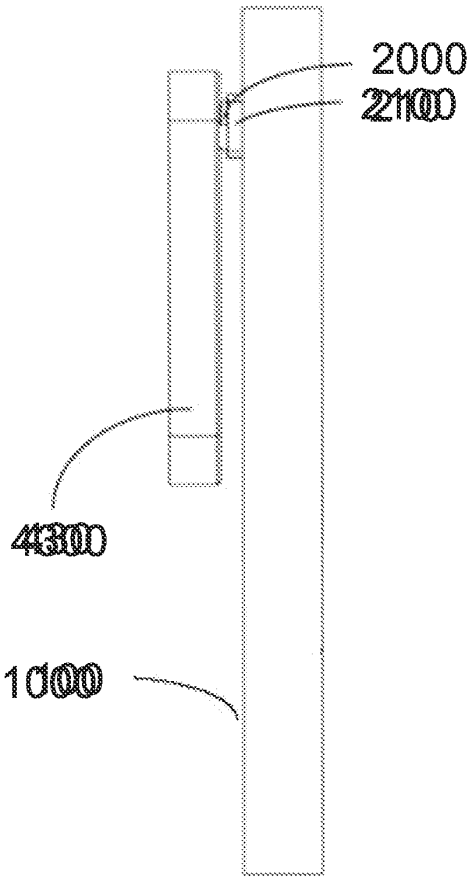


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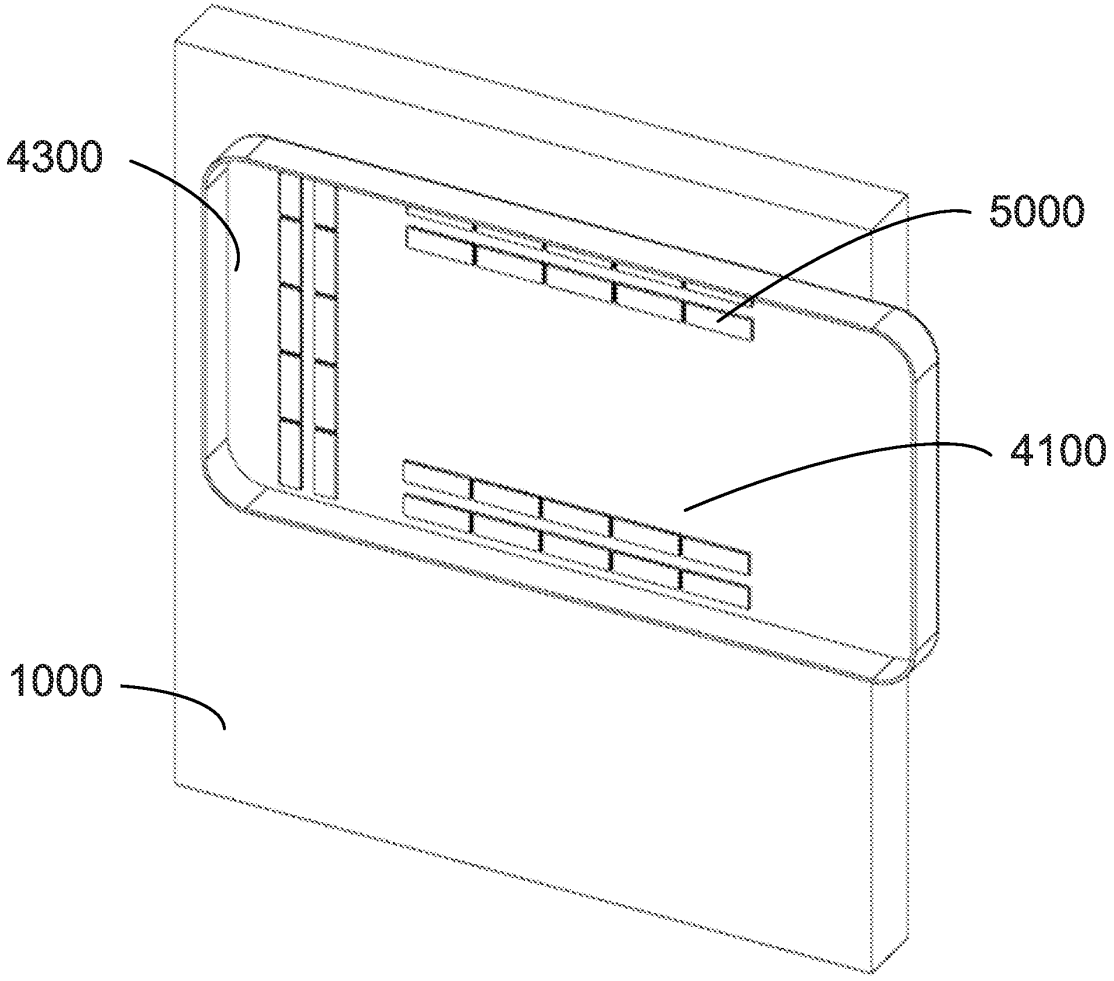


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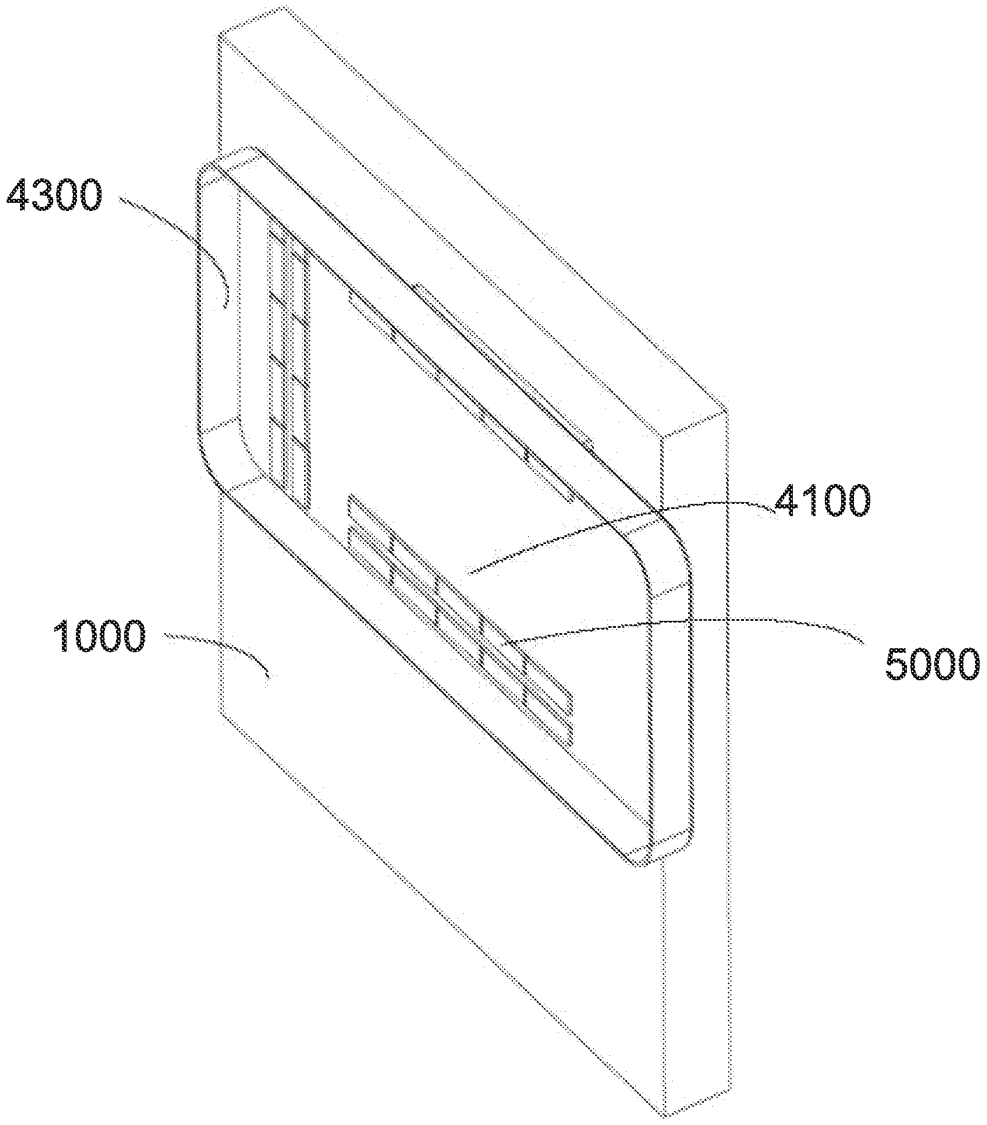


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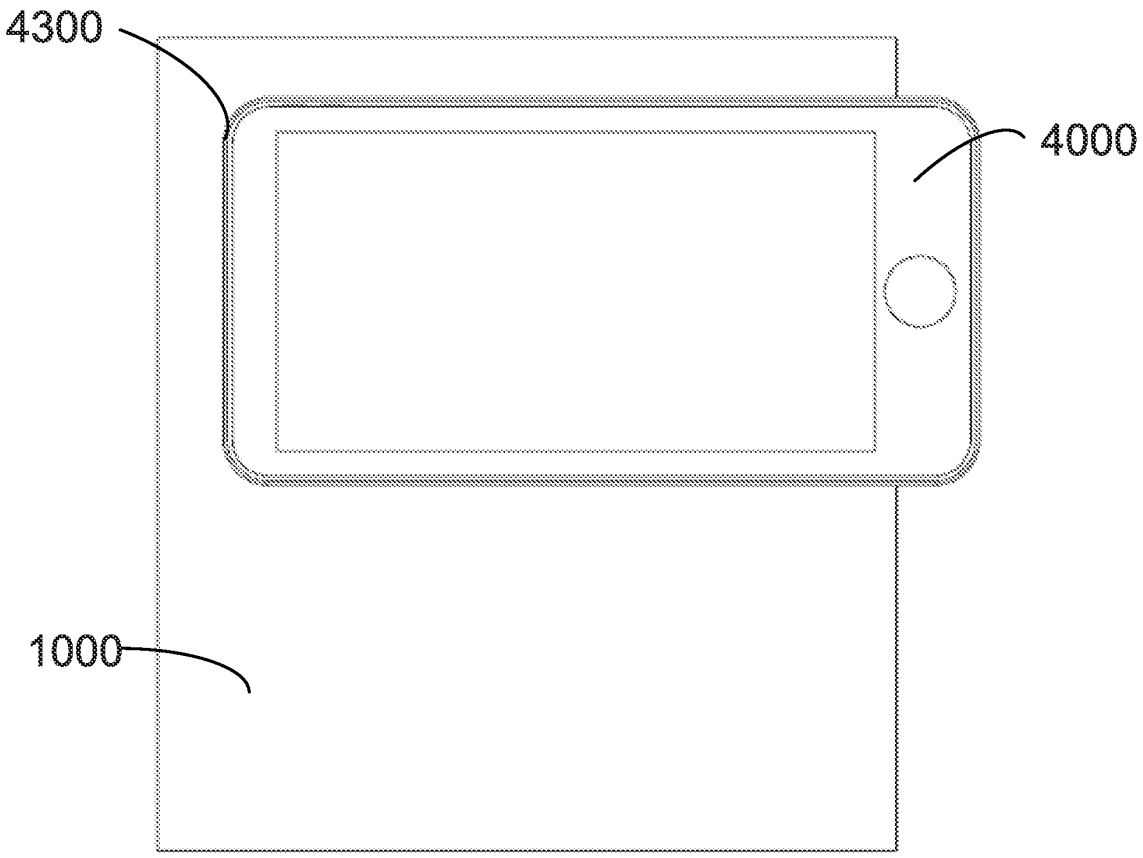


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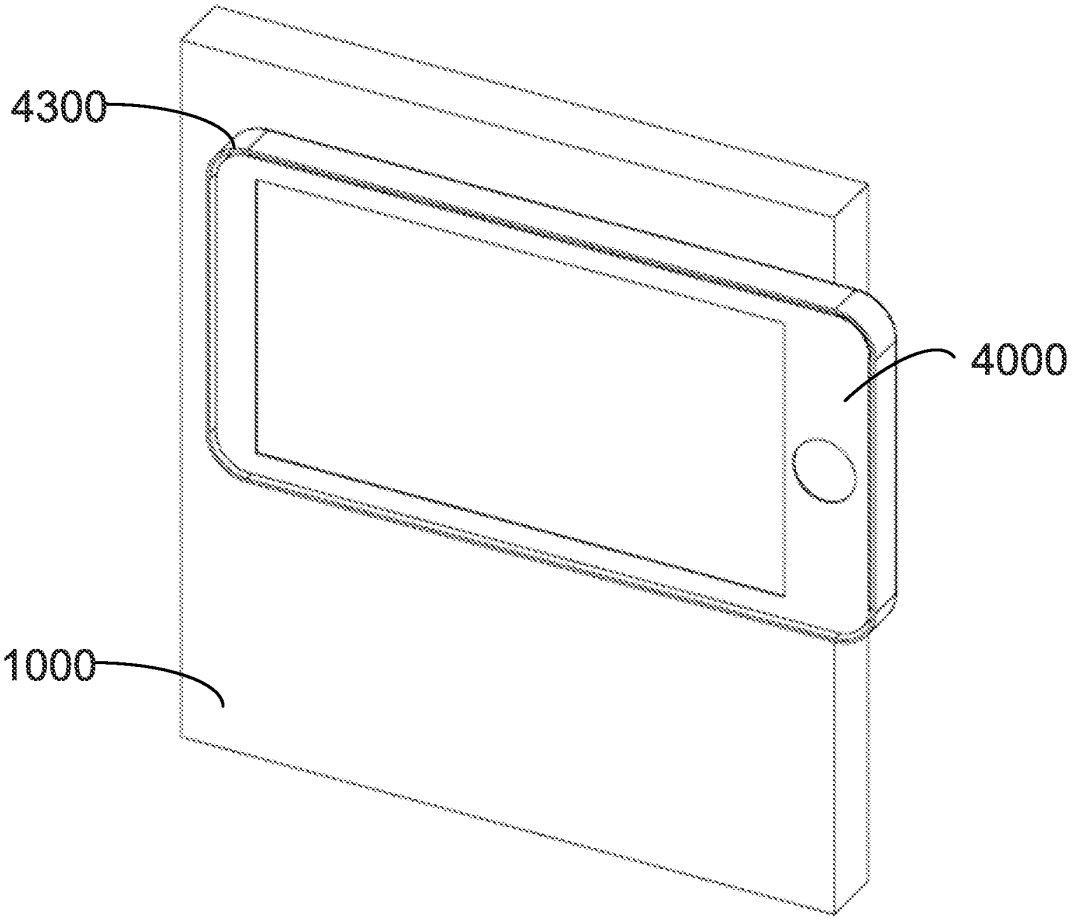


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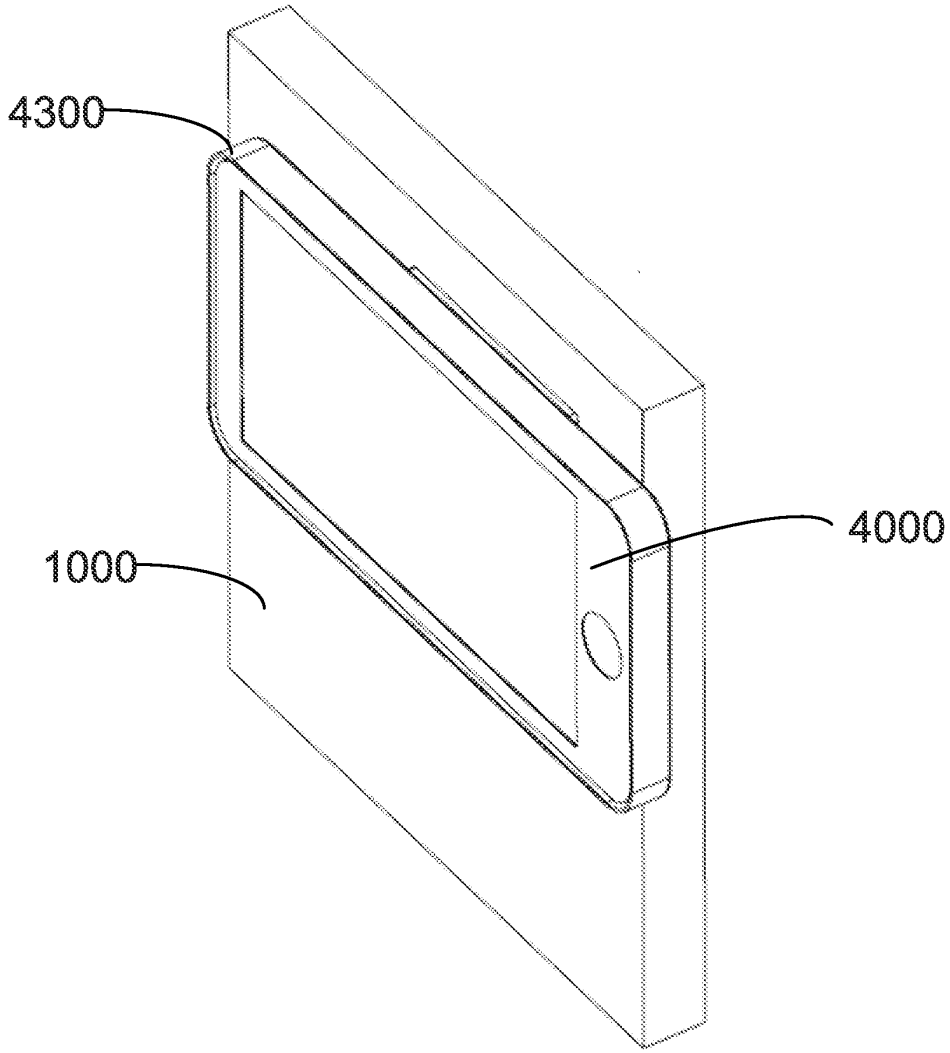


FIG. 42G

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FIG 43B

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FIG 43C

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FIG 43D

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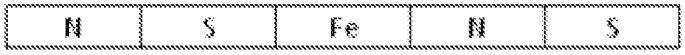


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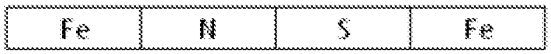
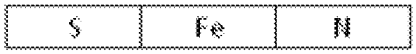


FIG 43L



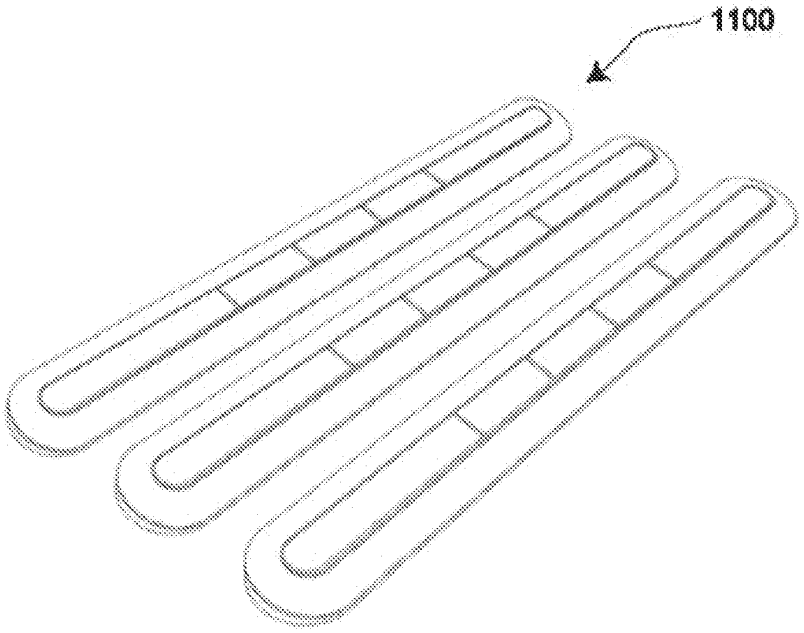


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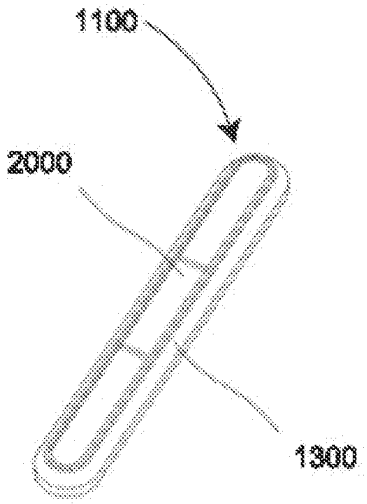


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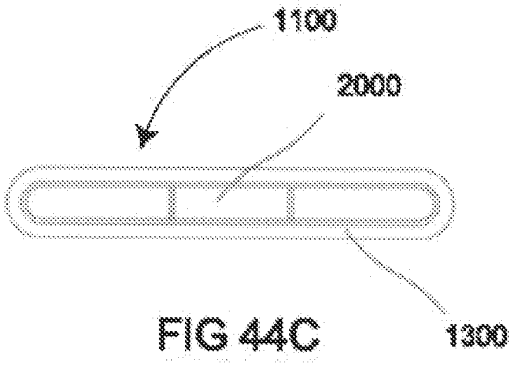


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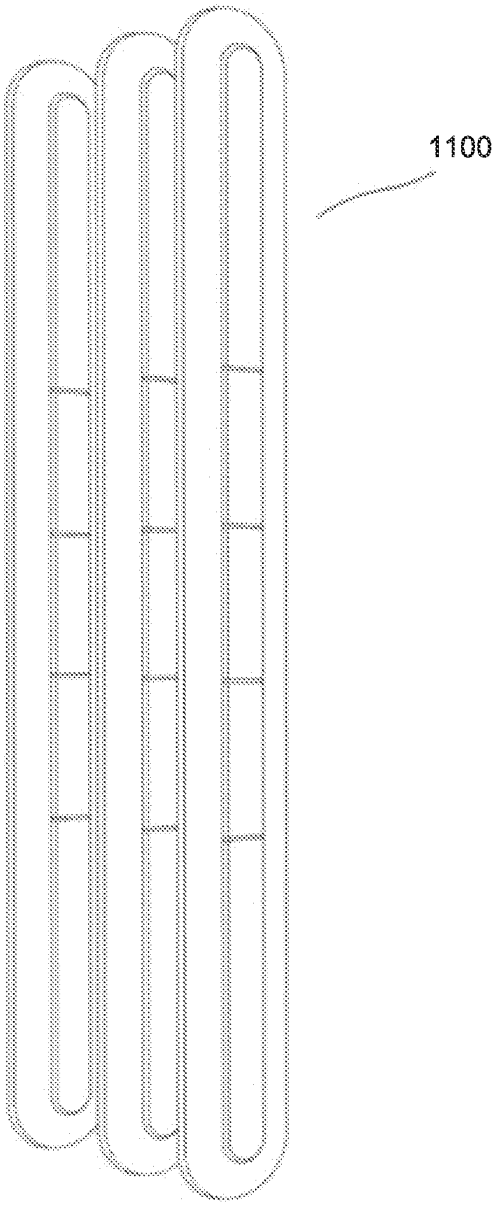


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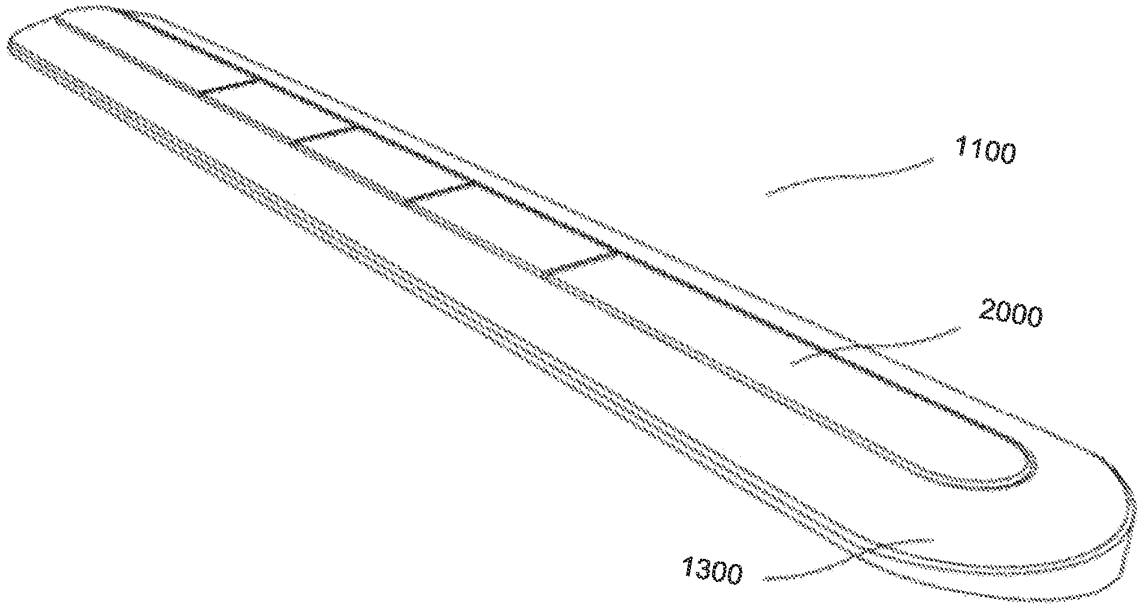


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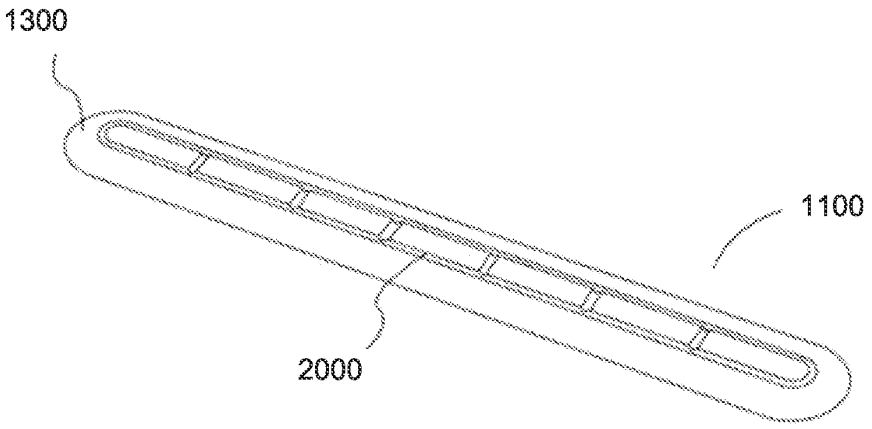


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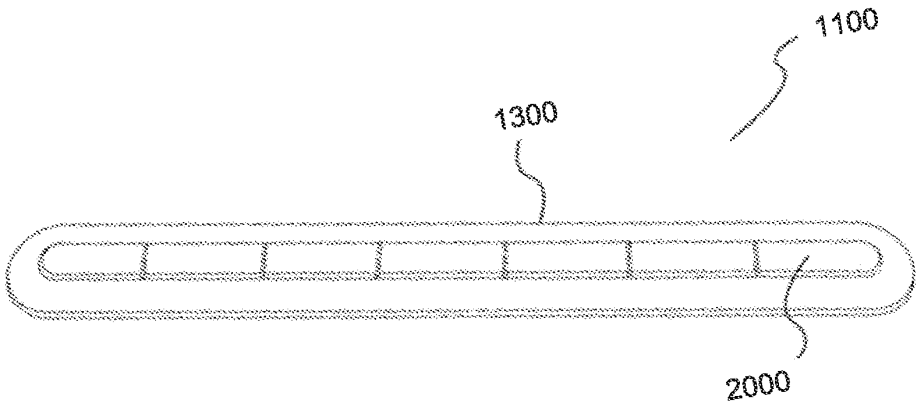


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Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: 5-26-2021

Titled: MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE

1Lss, Inc, a corporaton

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(Title of the Invention)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

☐ The attached application,

OR

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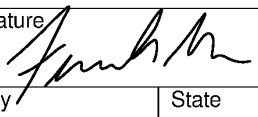
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MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 16/583,168 filed September 25, 2019 entitled INTERPOSABLE MAGNETICALLY COUPLED DEVICES, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/736,379, entitled INTERPOSABLE MAGNETICALLY COUPLED DEVICES, filed on September 25, 2018, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 14/288,243, entitled "LOW PROFILE MAGNETIC MOUNT FOR ELECTRONIC DISPLAY DEVICES," filed May 27, 2014, and to U.S. Patent Application No. 15/059,163, entitled "SELF-ALIGNING, MULTI-SURFACE MAGNETIC MOUNT FOR ELECTRONIC DISPLAY DEVICES," filed March 2, 2016 the disclosures of each which are incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Cell phones are an essential part of many people's lives and frequently carried by people throughout the day. Cell phones can provide navigation, entertainment, and function as a camera in addition to their primary purpose as a telecommunications device. Like cell phones, wallets are an integral part of daily life. Wallets come in a variety of sizes and configurations for organizing and securing credit cards, cash, checks, identification, photos, and other possessions.

[0003] A cell phone and wallet are the two important items that people carry with them throughout their day. These items can get buried in one's purse, fall between the seats of a vehicle, and otherwise become displaced. When driving, it is important to have a cell phone at the ready in case navigation is required without having to search for it. Also it is sometimes necessary to have one's wallet close by to pay tolls or swipe a badge to enter a parking garage. In addition, a battery pack or wireless charger may be needed for recharging of the cell phone and plug-in charging is unavailable. Thus, a need exists to better arrange one's cell phone, wallet and other related accessories.

SUMMARY

[0004] The embodiments described herein relate generally to mobile electronic display device accessories and mounts and, more specifically, to a mounting system that can be used to easily mount and unmount mobile electronic display devices and related accessories to each other and to various surfaces in various stacked and other configurations and in various orientations (e.g., landscape and portrait). Such accessories may include, for example, wallets, battery packs, wireless chargers, kickstands, finger loops and combinations thereof. In particular, the embodiments described herein utilize magnetic coupling to facilitate rapid mounting and unmounting of such accessories to and from mobile electronic display devices.

[0005] In one aspect the disclosure relates to a mobile device accessory including an accessory device having a surface. An arrangement of magnets of alternating polarity are included within the accessory device or attached to the surface. The arrangement of magnets are magnetically coupleable to a device-side attachment including a plurality of magnets. The device-side attachment may be attached to a mobile device or part of a protective case for the mobile device. The plurality of magnets may include a first plurality of magnets arranged in a first direction and a second plurality of magnets arranged in a second direction, thereby enabling the accessory device to be disposed in different orientations when magnetically coupled to the device-side attachment. When the device-side attachment is part of a protective case for a mobile device, the different orientations may include a portrait orientation and a landscape orientation relative to the mobile device.

[0006] The disclosure is also directed to a mobile device accessory system including a first accessory device having a first front side and a first back side. The first accessory device includes a first plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the first front side and a second plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the first back side. A second accessory device has a second front side and a second back side, the second accessory device having a third plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the second front side and a fourth plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the second back side. The first accessory device is magnetically coupled to a device-side attachment associated with a mobile device and is interposed between the device-side attachment and the second accessory device. The second plurality of alternating polarity magnets may be aligned with and magnetically coupled to the third plurality of alternating polarity magnets.

[0007] In addition, the second accessory device may be interposed between the first accessory device and a surface-side attachment including a fifth plurality of alternating polarity magnets. In this case the fourth plurality of alternating polarity magnets are magnetically coupled to the fifth plurality of alternating polarity magnets.

[0008] In another aspect the disclosure pertains to a system including a first plurality of alternating polarity magnets attached to a protective case for a mobile device. A first accessory device has a first front side and a first back side, the first accessory device having a second plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the first front side and a third plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the first back side. The second plurality of alternating polarity magnets are magnetically coupled to the first plurality of alternating polarity magnets. A second accessory device has a second front side and a second back side, the second accessory device having a fourth plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the second front side and a fifth plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the second back side. The fourth plurality of alternating polarity magnets are magnetically coupled to the third plurality of alternating polarity magnets.

[0009] The system may further include a third accessory device having a third front side and a third back side. The third accessory device includes a sixth plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the third front side and a seventh plurality of alternating polarity magnets on the third back side. The sixth plurality of alternating polarity magnets are magnetically coupled to the fifth plurality of alternating polarity magnets. In one implementation the first accessory device, the second accessory device and the third accessary device are configured in a stack. In addition, the first accessory device, the second accessory device and the third accessary device are configured to be able to be moved to different positions in the stack.

[0010] In another aspect the disclosure relates to an accessory wallet for use with a mobile electronic device. The wallet includes a layered front section including a plurality of front layers. The wallet further includes a layered back section including a plurality of back layers wherein the layered front side and the layered back side are arranged to form a compartment. A plurality of magnets are disposed on at least one of the plurality of front layers and one of the plurality of back layers. This arrangement of magnets renders the wallet magnetically coupleable to at least one of an external object and an external surface.

[0011] The plurality of front layers of the wallet may include a front portion and a front support and the plurality of back layers may include a back portion and a back support. The plurality of front layers may further include a metallic front shield and the plurality of back layers may further include a metallic back shield. In this case the metallic front shield and the metallic back shield form opposing surfaces of the compartment.

[0012] The disclosure is further directed to a mounting system including a device-side attachment having a first plurality of magnets disposed in a protective cover for an electronic device. The mounting system further includes a wallet including a second plurality of magnets and a third plurality of magnets wherein at least one of the first plurality of magnets is arranged to attractively couple with at least one of the second plurality of magnets. A surface-side attachment includes a fourth plurality of magnets arranged to attractively couple to the third plurality of magnets.

[0013] The wallet may be configured with a layered front section and a layered back section arranged to form a compartment. The second plurality of magnets may be disposed within the layered front section and the third plurality of magnets may be disposed within the layered back section.

[0014] The disclosure further pertains to a system including a device-side attachment having a first plurality of magnets disposed in a protective cover for an electronic device. The system also includes a wallet having a layered front section, a layered back section and a second plurality of magnets where the layered front section and the layered back section form a compartment. The first plurality of magnets are arranged to attractively couple with the second plurality of magnets.

[0015] The mounting systems disclosed herein may include a surface-side attachment affixed to a surface including a nonmagnetic surface and device-side attachment coupled to the electronic display device as described in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application No. 15/059,163. While it is recognized that the surface-side attachment can be affixed to a ferromagnetic surface, the present mounting system is especially suitable for nonmagnetic surfaces. In one implementation, a plurality of magnets is embedded within the surface-side attachment. Alternatively, a plurality of magnets may be directly attached to the nonmagnetic surface that is covered by a protective housing. In another implementation, the surface-side attachment is integrated into the nonmagnetic surface during its manufacture.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a wallet with extended loop, according to an embodiment.

[0017] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a wallet with retracted loop, according to an embodiment.

[0018] FIG. 3 is a perspective, exploded view of a wallet, according to an embodiment.

[0019] FIG. 4 is an exploded, perspective view of a wallet including exemplary materials of construction, according to an embodiment.

[0020] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a partially assembled wallet including a detail of exemplary materials of construction, according to an embodiment.

[0021] FIGS. 6 and 7 are perspective, hidden views of a wallet including placement of magnets therein, according to embodiments.

[0022] FIGS. 8A and 8B are views of a back portion and front portion of wallet , according to an embodiments.

[0023] FIG. 9 is a view of a user holding a wallet, according to an embodiment.

[0024] FIG. 10 is a perspective view of a wallet attached to an electronic display device case, according to an embodiment.

[0025] FIG. 11 is an exploded view of an electronic display device case, a wallet, and a magnetic surface-side attachment, according to an embodiment.

[0026] FIG. 12 is a view of a wallet interposed between an electronic display device case and a magnetic surface-side attachment, according to an embodiment.

[0027] FIG. 13A is a front view of an electronic display device case.

[0028] FIGS. 13B – 13D are cross-sectional views of the electronic display device case of FIG. 13A, a wallet, and a magnetic surface-side attachment, respectively.

[0029] FIGS. 14A and 14B are views of a back portion of wallet attached to an electronic display device case, according to an embodiments.

[0030] FIGS. 15A and 15B are views of a front portion an electronic display device case including electronic display device case magnets, according to an embodiments.

[0031] FIGS. 16A and 16B are hidden views of a back portion of wallet attached to an electronic display device case showing exemplary positions of electronic display device case magnets, according to an embodiments.

[0032] FIGS. 17A and 17B are views of a back portion of wallet attached to an electronic display device case, according to an embodiments.

[0033] FIG. 18 is a perspective view of a wallet interposed between an electronic display device case and a magnetic surface-side attachment, according to an embodiment.

[0034] FIG. 19 is a perspective view of a charging device, according to an embodiment.

[0035] FIG. 20 is a side view of a charging device with extended loop, according to an embodiment.

[0036] FIG. 21 is a perspective view of a charging device including power port, according to an embodiment.

[0037] FIG. 22 is an exploded, perspective view of an electronic display device case, a charging device, and a magnetic surface-side attachment attached to a vehicle dash, according to an embodiment.

[0038] FIG. 23 is a perspective view of an electronic display device case, a charging device, and a magnetic surface-side attachment attached to a vehicle dash, according to an embodiment.

[0039] FIG. 24 is a view of a user holding a wallet using the loop, according to an embodiment.

[0040] FIGS. 25-28 are perspective views of a wallet functioning as a kickstand, according to embodiments.

[0041] FIGS. 29-32 are perspective views of a wallet functioning as an adjustable kickstand, according to embodiments.

[0042] FIGS. 33 and 34 are partially transparent rear views of a battery pack with wireless charging and a protective cover for an electronic device.

[0043] FIGS. 35 and 36 are partially transparent rear views of a battery pack with wireless charging and a protective cover for an electronic device.

[0044] FIGS. 37 and 38 are perspective views of a charging device interposed between a protective case for a mobile device and a surface-side attachment, according to an embodiment.

[0045] FIG. 39 is a side view of a stacked arrangement of magnetically-coupled accessories for a mobile device, according to an embodiment.

[0046] FIG. 40A, 40C, and 40E are perspective views of a surface with a surface-side attachment, according to an embodiment.

[0047] FIGS. 40B, 40D, and 40F show front views of a surface-side attachment.

[0048] FIGS. 41A to 41D are front views of multiple device-side attachments embedded in the interior of a protective case for an electronic display device, according to an embodiment.

[0049] FIGS. 42A to 42D show multiple views of an embodiment of a protective case mounted in a landscape orientation.

[0050] FIGS. 42E to 42F show multiple views of an embodiment of an electronic display device mounted in a landscape orientation.

[0051] FIG. 42G is another prospective view of electronic display device within a protective case that is mounted to a surface.

[0052] FIGS. 43A to 43I depict examples of self-aligning arrangements of outwardly-facing magnet poles for use in device-side attachments and in surface-side attachments.

[0053] FIGS. 43J to 43L depict examples of self-aligning arrangements of magnets for device-side attachments and for surface-side attachments including ferrous inserts "Fe"

[0054] FIG. 44A is a prospective view of three surface-side attachments.

[0055] FIG. 44B is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment including three magnets within a surface-side attachment housing.

[0056] FIG. 44C is a front view of a surface-side attachment including three magnets within a surface-side attachment housing.

[0057] FIG. 45 is a prospective view of three surface-side attachments.

[0058] FIG. 46 is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment including five magnets and a surface-side attachment housing further including an angled face.

[0059] FIG. 47 is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment including seven magnets within a surface-side attachment housing.

[0060] FIG. 48 is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment including seven magnets within a surface-side attachment housing.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0061] All definitions, as defined and used herein, should be understood to control over dictionary definitions, definitions in documents incorporated by reference, and/or ordinary meanings of the defined terms.

[0062] The indefinite articles "a" and "an," as used herein in the specification and in the claims, unless clearly indicated to the contrary, should be understood to mean "at least one."

[0063] The phrase "and/or," as used herein in the specification and in the claims, should be understood to mean "either or both" of the elements so conjoined, i.e., elements that are conjunctively present in some cases and disjunctively present in other cases. Multiple elements listed with "and/or" should be construed in the same fashion, i.e., "one or more" of the elements so conjoined. Other elements may optionally be present other than the elements specifically identified by the "and/or" clause, whether related or unrelated to those elements specifically identified. Thus, as a non-limiting example, a reference to "A and/or B", when used in conjunction with open-ended language such as "comprising" can refer, in one embodiment, to A only (optionally including elements other than B); in another embodiment, to B only (optionally including elements other than A); in yet another embodiment, to both A and B (optionally including other elements); etc.

[0064] As used herein in the specification and in the claims, "or" should be understood to have the same meaning as "and/or" as defined above. For example, when separating items in a list, "or" or "and/or" shall be interpreted as being inclusive, i.e., the inclusion of at least one, but also including more than one, of a number or list of elements, and, optionally, additional unlisted items. Only terms clearly indicated to the contrary, such as "only one of" or "exactly one of," or, when used in the claims, "consisting of," will refer to the inclusion of exactly one element of a number or list of elements. In general, the term "or" as used herein shall only be interpreted as indicating exclusive alternatives (i.e. "one or the other but not both") when preceded by terms of exclusivity, such as "either," "one of," "only one of," or "exactly one of." "Consisting essentially of," when used in the claims, shall have its ordinary meaning as used in the field of patent law.

[0065] As used herein in the specification and in the claims, the phrase "at least one," in reference to a list of one or more elements, should be understood to mean at least one element selected from any one or more of the elements in the list of elements, but not necessarily

including at least one of each and every element specifically listed within the list of elements and not excluding any combinations of elements in the list of elements. This definition also allows that elements may optionally be present other than the elements specifically identified within the list of elements to which the phrase "at least one" refers, whether related or unrelated to those elements specifically identified. Thus, as a non-limiting example, "at least one of A and B" (or, equivalently, "at least one of A or B," or, equivalently "at least one of A and/or B") can refer, in one embodiment, to at least one, optionally including more than one, A, with no B present (and optionally including elements other than B); in another embodiment, to at least one, optionally including more than one, B, with no A present (and optionally including elements other than A); in yet another embodiment, to at least one, optionally including more than one, A, and at least one, optionally including more than one, B (and optionally including other elements); etc.

[0066] In the claims, as well as in the specification above, all transitional phrases such as "comprising," "including," "carrying," "having," "containing," "involving," "holding," "composed of," and the like are to be understood to be open-ended, i.e., to mean including but not limited to. Only the transitional phrases "consisting of" and "consisting essentially of" shall be closed or semi-closed transitional phrases, respectively, as set forth in the United States Patent Office Manual of Patent Examining Procedures, Section 2111.03.

[0067] As used herein in the specification and in the claims, an "electronic display device" should be understood to mean any electronic device or any display device including cell phones, computer tablets, phablets, electronic organizers, personal digital assistant, navigation devices (GPS), radar detectors, garage door openers, remote controls, wireless microphones and/or speakers, cameras, video recorders, music players, controllers and microcomputers. While the mounting system described herein is intended for electronic display devices, it should be understood that the mounting system is suitable for any object of similar size and dimensions as an electronic display device.

[0068] As used herein in the specification and in the claims, a "wallet" should be understood to mean any apparatus for holding at least one of a credit card, cash, identification, a check, a badge, a picture, a key, a piece of paper, a coupon, business cards, and combinations thereof. While the wallet described herein is intended for containing the aforementioned items, it should be understood that a wallet is also suitable for containing any objects of similar size and dimensions as these items. While the wallet's contents are generally described as credit

cards, it should be understood that a wallet can carry any number of the items identified above.

[0069] As used herein in the specification and in the claims, "outward" or "outwardly," should be understood to mean facing away from of an object or surface, rather than facing toward an object or surface to which it is affixed. The outward faces of the attachments are designed to couple to each other and can have complementary physical features which interact with each other. When the device-side attachment is mounted to the surface-side attachment, the outward face of the surface-side attachment is coupled to the outward face of device-side attachment.

[0070] As used herein in the specification and in the claims, "front" and "back," should be understood to mean facing away toward or away from a user during interaction with the object. For example, the wallet may be held in a person's hand with a finger extended through the loop or finger strap, which is on the back side of the wallet, and the front side of the wallet faces the user.

[0071] Each embodiment in this specification is to be applied *mutatis mutandis* to every other embodiment unless expressly stated otherwise.

[0072] In some embodiments, a wallet is magnetically coupleable to a case configured to contain an electronic display device is described herein. In some embodiments, a wallet is magnetically coupleable to a magnetic mount configured to attach to a surface is described herein. In some embodiments, a wallet is interposable between electronic display device and a magnetic surface mount is described herein.

[0073] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a wallet 100 with loop (finger strap) 115 in an extended position, according to an embodiment. Wallet 100 includes a back portion 110, left portion 130, top portion 150, and a bottom portion 160. Loop 115, also referred to as a finger strap, is shown in an extended position with a portion of a plurality of credit cards 10 visible through loop slot 116. Loop 115 provides a user with a secure grip on wallet 100.

[0074] In some embodiments, a Wallet 100 holds a plurality of credit cards 10 in an amount from 1 to 8 credit cards, in an amount of at least 2 credit cards, in an amount of at least 5 credit cards, in an amount from 3 to 10 credit cards, in an amount from 2 to 8 credit cards, in

an amount from 3 to 8 credit cards, in an amount from 4 to 8 credit cards, and/or in an amount from 3 to 8 credit cards.

[0075] In some embodiments, a Wallet 100 has overall dimensions of 70 mm wide x 90 mm tall, and 4 mm to 10 mm thick depending on credit cards 10 contained therein.

[0076] FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a wallet 100 with loop 115 in a retracted position, according to an embodiment. Loop 115 flattens to fit within loop slot 116. In some embodiments, loop slot 116 allows the loop 115 to flatten within loop slot 116 such that loop 115 is substantially flush with back portion 110 forming a substantially planer configuration. In some embodiments, loop slot 116 allows only a first portion of loop 115 to flatten within loop slot 116 such that a second portion of loop 115 protrudes from a plane defined by the back portion 110.

[0077] FIG. 3 is an perspective, exploded view of a wallet 100, according to an embodiment. Wallet 100 includes a back support 112 and a front support 122. Back support 112 and front support 122 can provide stiffness and rigidity to wallet 100. Back support 112 and front support 122 can also provide a substrate for attaching back-side magnets 119, and front-side bottom magnets 128 and front-side top magnets 129. Back shield 113 and front shield 123 protect magnetically sensitive credit cards from exposure to the magnetic fields created by back-side magnets 119, front-side bottom magnets 128, and front-side top magnets 129. Exemplary configurations of back-side magnets 119, front-side bottom magnets 128, and front-side top magnets 129 are disclosed in U.S. Publication No. 2016-0260532, and in particular the disclosure of the device-side attachments that provide self-alignment with surface-side attachments. To assemble wallet 100, back portion 110 and front portion 120 are folded about an axis to form a compartment for storing credit cards 10. An optional divider 125 separates a one compartment into two compartments. In some embodiments, wallet 100 includes one or more dividers. A divider is a useful means to separate the credit cards from the cash bills and other contents of the wallet 100.

[0078] FIG. 4 is an exploded, perspective view of a wallet 100 including exemplary materials of construction, according to an embodiment. Divider 125 can be made from materials such as plastic, cardboard, paper, metal, composites, laminations, and combinations thereof. Back shield 113 and front shield 123 can be made from magnetic field blocking materials including metal, foil coated plastic, foil coated cardboard, carbon filled composites, and combinations

thereof. Back support 112 and front support 122 can be made from materials such as plastic, cardboard, paper, metal, composites, laminations, and combinations thereof. Back portion 110 and front portion 120 can be made from a single substrate and folded together, or in other embodiments, back portion 110 and front portion 120 can be made from two or more pieces and joined together. Back portion 110 and front portion 120 can be made from materials such as plastic, leather, composites, laminations, fabric, synthetic material, and combinations thereof.

[0079] FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a partially assembled wallet 100 including a detail of exemplary materials of construction, according to an embodiment. Components can be bonded together with adhesive.

[0080] FIGS. 6 and 7 are perspective, hidden views of a wallet 100 including placement of magnets therein, according to embodiments. In FIG. 6, the back portion 110 is facing upwards, while in FIG. 7, the front portion 120 is facing upwards. In these embodiments, only the front side includes magnets. In other embodiments, both the front side and the back side include magnets.

[0081] FIGS. 8A and 8B are views of a back portion and front portion of wallet , according to an embodiments. Wallet 100 includes a content removal slot 126 that facilitates the removal of credit cards 10. A user can place their finger through the content removal slot 126 and slide credit cards 10 through the top portion 150 of wallet 100. Content removal slot 126 also provides a window into the compartment of wallet 100 for visually inspecting its contents.

[0082] FIG. 9 is a view of a user holding a wallet 100, according to an embodiment. Wallet 100 can hold a plurality of credit cards 10 in a compartment formed between front portion 120, back portion 110, bottom portion 160, top portion 150, left portion 130 and right portion 140.

[0083] FIG. 10 is a perspective view of the wallet 100 as attached to an electronic display device case 200, according to an embodiment. The front portion 120 of wallet 100 is temporarily affixed to the back side of electronic display device case 200 by magnetic attraction between the magnets embedded in the wallet 100 and magnets embedded in the electronic display device case 200. Loop 115 allows a user to securely grip the wallet 100, which in turn also provides a secure grip on the electronic display device case 200. In this

manner, loop 115 is removable from the back side of the electronic display device case 200 when wallet 100 is detached from the electronic display device case 200. Wallet 100 provides the added functionality of a convenient, removable grip that allows a user to easily use electronic display device 250. Loop 115 (along with wallet 100), are quickly and easily removed for wirelessly charging electronic display device 250. After wirelessly charging, Loop 115 (along with wallet 100), are quickly and easily attached to the electronic display device case 200.

[0084] In these embodiments, wallet 100 is configured and designed so that it can be used while attached to the electronic display device case 200.

[0085] FIG. 11 is an exploded view of an electronic display device case 200, a wallet 100, and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300, according to an embodiment. The back side magnets 119 are configured to magnetically align and attach to surface-side attachment 300. The front-side top magnets 129 and front-side bottom magnets 128, in turn, are configured to magnetically align and attach to electronic display device case 200.

[0086] FIG. 12 is a view of a wallet 100 interposed between an electronic display device case 200 and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300, according to an embodiment. In this manner, a single surface-side attachment 300 is able to securely hold both a wallet and an electronic display device case 200 (with electronic display device therein) at the same time.

[0087] FIG. 13A is a front view of an electronic display device case 200. FIGS. 13B – 13D are cross-sectional views of the electronic display device case 200, a wallet 100, and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300, respectively. In FIG. 13A, electronic display device case 200 is bisected by line AA, and the relative positions of electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210 that are embedded within the electronic display device case 200 can be seen in the cross-sectional view of FIG. 13B. The cross-sectional view of wallet 100 also shows back-side magnets 119, front-side bottom magnets 128, and front-side top magnets 129 embedded within the back portion 110 and front portion 120, respectively.

[0088] FIGS. 14A and 14B are views of a back portion 110 of wallet 100 attached to an electronic display device case 200, according to an embodiments.

[0089] FIGS. 15A and 15B are views of a front portion 120 an electronic display device case 200 including electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210, according to an embodiments.

[0090] FIGS. 16A and 16B are hidden views of a back portion 110 of wallet 100 attached to an electronic display device case 200 showing exemplary positions of electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210, according to an embodiments.

[0091] FIGS. 17A and 17B are views of a back portion 110 of wallet 100 attached to an electronic display device case 200, according to an embodiments.

[0092] FIG. 18 is a perspective view of a wallet 100 interposed between an electronic display device case 200 and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300, according to an embodiment. In this embodiment, the surface-side attachment 300 is affixed to a vehicle dash or dashboard 400. In this manner, an electronic display device 250 and wallet 100 are at an arm's reach for a driver of the vehicle. Another advantage is that a single surface-side attachment 300 can be used to mount two items (i.e. a cell phone and wallet). In some embodiments, the electronic display device 250 mounted to wallet 100 is in a portrait orientation. In some embodiments, the electronic display device 250 mounted to wallet 100 is in a landscape orientation.

[0093] FIG. 19 is a perspective view of a charging device 500, according to an embodiment. Charging device 500 can have a configuration similar to wallet 100 meaning that it can have similar physical dimensions as well as the placement of the front-side bottom magnets 528, front-side top magnets 529, and back-side magnets 519. Charging device 500 can be a wireless charging device that transmits energy through an electronic display device case 200 and into electronic display device 250 to recharge its battery. Charging device 500 can be a battery pack that wirelessly transmits energy through an electronic display device case 200 and into electronic display device 250 to recharge its battery. In some embodiments, charging device 500 is a battery pack only. In some embodiments, charging device 500 is wireless charging device only. In some embodiments, charging device 500 is both a battery pack and a wireless charging device together.

[0094] FIG. 20 is a side view of a charging device 500 with loop 515 shown in an extended position, according to an embodiment.

[0095] FIG. 21 is a perspective view of a charging device 500 including power port 511, according to an embodiment. Charging device 500 can be externally powered through power port 511. For example, power port 511 can be a USB connector that receive a cable that electrically couples charging device 500 to a power supply such as a vehicle battery or power outlet.

[0096] In other embodiments, charging device 500 can be a battery pack that transfers an electrical charge to an electronic display device 250 through a cable connected to power port 511. In this manner, the charging device 500 has a wired connection to electrically charge the electronic display device 250.

[0097] FIG. 22 is an exploded, perspective view of an electronic display device case 200, a charging device 500, and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300 attached to a vehicle dashboard 400, according to an embodiment. Charging device 500 is magnetically coupled to the back side of electronic display device case 200 and wirelessly charges electronic display device 250. Power cable 512 is attached to power port 511. In embodiments, power cable 512 electrically couples charging device 500 to a power source. In embodiments, power cable 512 electrically couples charging device 500 to an electronic display device 250. The concentric circles shown on charging device 500 represents a wireless charging pad, according to some embodiments.

[0098] FIG. 23 is a perspective view of a charging device 500 interposed between an electronic display device case 200 and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300 that is affixed to a vehicle dashboard 400, according to an embodiment. It should be noted and appreciated that one or more charging devices 500 and/or wallets can be interposed between an electronic display device case 200 and a magnetic surface-side attachment 300. In this manner, multiple devices can be stacked one on top of each other.

[0099] FIG. 24 is a view of a user holding a wallet 100 using the loop 115, according to an embodiment. Wallet 100 contains a plurality of credit cards 10 and is magnetically attracted to one or more device-side attachments directly adhered to an electronic display device 250. In this embodiment, no electronic display case is used.

[00100] FIGS. 25-28 are perspective views of a wallet 100 functioning as a kickstand to prop up electronic display device case 200, according to embodiments. The front-side top magnets 129 are attracted and coupled to electronic display device case magnets 210,

however, front-side bottom magnets 128 are positioned a distance apart from the electronic display device case 200. In this manner, the wallet 100 form an upside down "V" shape with the electronic display device case 200 and functions as a kickstand. The friction between the bottom of electronic display device case 200 and a horizontal surface, and the bottom portion 160 of wallet 100 and a horizontal surface help retain the kickstand configuration. Charging device 500 has similar functionality to wallet 100 and can function as a kickstand. In some embodiments, charging device 500 is a battery pack and functions as a kickstand.

[00101] In FIG. 25, an electronic display device case 200 is in a portrait configuration. In FIGS. 26 and 27, an electronic display device case 200 is in a landscape configuration. FIG. 28 is a picture of an electronic display device case 200 is in a portrait configuration on a horizontal surface 600.

[00102] FIGS. 29-32 are perspective views of a wallet 100 functioning as an adjustable kickstand to prop up electronic display device case 200, according to embodiments., according to embodiments. In these embodiments, the wallet 100 is inverted such that a bottom portion 160 of wallet 100 is attracted and coupled to electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210. A plurality of credit cards 10 can be extended through a top portion 150 of wallet 100 to adjust an angle Θ to position electronic display device case 200 in closer to a vertical orientation. The top portion 150 of wallet 100 has sufficient friction to grip a plurality of credit cards 10 and hold them in a partially extended position.

[00103] An electronic display device 250 can include a plurality of electric display case magnets (device-side attachments) 210 coupled to the electronic display device case 200 or directly to the electronic display device without using a protective case. The electronic display device 250 can be, for example, cellphone, a tablet computer, a smartphone, a television, or an LCD display. In some embodiments, the electronic display device 400 can be an Apple iPad or iPhone, an Android smartphone, or eBook reader.

[00104] Magnets for the surface-side attachment 300 , wallet 100, charging device 500, electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210, and any other accessory configured to attach to these devices are preferably made out of rare earth metals including alloys of neodymium or samarium-cobalt. Rare earth magnets are selected based

on their strongly magnetic properties that include a higher maximum energy product (related to magnetic flux per unit volume) than other types of magnets including ferrite and alnico magnets. Neodymium magnets of grade N48 and higher are preferred, and neodymium magnets of grade N52 and higher are more preferred.

[00105] Magnets can generally be uniform or different in shape, size, magnetic and/or other properties within surface-side attachment 300 , wallet 100, charging device 500, electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210, and any other accessory configured to attach to these devices. While these magnets can be somewhat different in shape, size, magnetic and/or other properties, it is preferred that when mounted, each magnet is uniform in shape, size, magnetic and/or other properties to its complementary magnet.

[00106] The magnets for the surface-side attachment 300, wallet 100, charging device 500, electronic display device case magnets (device-side attachments) 210, and any other accessory configured to attach to these device are arranged to be self-aligning during mounting. The magnets are arranged so that when the attachments are coupled together during mounting, at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole is attracted to a corresponding magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole, and vice versa.

[00107] Attention is now directed to FIGS. 33 and 34, which are partially transparent rear views of a battery pack with wireless charging 3300 and a protective cover 3310 for an electronic device. In FIG. 33, the battery pack with wireless charging 3300 is separated from the protective cover 3310. In FIG. 34, the battery pack with wireless charging 3300 is magnetically-coupled to the protective cover 3310 in a portrait mode configuration. For purposes of clarity, only coils 3312 of an electronic device disposed within the protective cover 3310 are illustrated in FIG. 33. The battery pack with wireless charging 3300 can have a configuration similar to wallet 100 meaning that it can have similar physical dimensions as well as similar placement of magnets.

[00108] As may be appreciated from FIG. 33, the coils 3302 and magnets 3304 of the battery pack with wireless charging 3300 are preferably configured to mirror the arrangement of the coils 3312 of the electronic device and the magnets 3314 of the protective cover 3310. Specifically, note that a distance D between the coils 3302 and the magnets 3304 of the battery pack with wireless charging 3300 is substantially identical to a distance D' between

the coils 3312 of the electronic device and the magnets 3314a of the protective cover 3310 (when the electronic device is disposed within the protective cover 3310). As a consequence, when the battery pack with wireless charging 3300 becomes connected to the protective cover 3310 (FIG. 34), its coils 3302 align with the coils 3312 of the electronic device so that energy may be transmitted through the protective cover 3310 and into the electronic device to recharge its battery.

[00109] Attention is now directed to FIGS. 35 and 36, which are partially transparent rear views of a battery pack with wireless charging 3500 and a protective cover 3510 for an electronic device. In FIG. 35, the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 is separated from the protective cover 3510. In FIG. 36, the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 is magnetically-coupled to the protective cover 3510 in a landscape mode configuration. For purposes of clarity, only coils 3512 of an electronic device disposed within the protective cover 3510 are illustrated in FIG. 35.

[00110] As may be appreciated from FIG. 35, the coils 3502 and magnets 3504 of the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 are preferably configured to mirror the arrangement of the coils 3512 of the electronic device and the magnets 3514 of the protective cover 3510. Specifically, note that a distance L between the coils 3502 and the magnets 3504 of the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 is substantially identical to a distance L' between the coils 3512 of the electronic device and the magnets 3514a of the protective cover 3510 (when the electronic device is disposed within the protective cover 3510). As a consequence, when the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 becomes connected to the protective cover 3510 (FIG. 36), its coils 3502 align with the coils 3512 of the electronic device so that energy may be transmitted through the protective cover 3510 and into the electronic device to recharge its battery.

[00111] In one embodiment the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 is implemented as a unitary device. In other embodiments a battery pack may be substituted for the battery pack with wireless charging 3500. In this case the battery pack would be connected by a cable or the like to the electronic device. In still other embodiments the battery pack with wireless charging 3500 may be implemented as a battery pack mechanically or magnetically coupled to a wireless charger.

[00112] FIGS. 37 and 38 are perspective views of a charging device 3710 interposed between a protective case 3720 for a mobile device 3730 and a surface-side attachment 3740, according to an embodiment. In the embodiment of FIGS. 37 and 38, the charging device is coupled magnetically to the protective case 3720 and to the surface-side attachment 3740 using arrangements of alternating polarity magnets of the type disclosed herein. As shown, in the embodiment of FIG. 37 the charging device 3710 is arranged in a landscape orientation relative to a direction of the surface-side attachment 3740. In the embodiment of FIG. 38, the charging device 3710 is arranged in a portrait orientation relative to a direction of the surface-side attachment 3740.

[00113] FIG. 39 is a side view of a stacked arrangement of magnetically-coupled accessories for a mobile device, according to an embodiment. In the embodiment of FIG. 39 a first accessory device 3910 includes first set of magnets of alternating polarity 3912 positioned proximate the top of a front surface of the device 3910 and a second set of magnets of alternating polarity 3914 positioned proximate the bottom of the front surface of the device 3910. The first accessory device 3910 also includes third set of magnets of alternating polarity 3916 positioned proximate the top of a back surface of the device 3910 and a fourth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3918 positioned proximate the bottom of the back surface of the device 3910. The first set of magnets of alternating polarity 3912 are magnetically coupled to a fifth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3922 positioned on or within a protective case 3920 for a mobile device. The second set of magnets of alternating polarity 3914 are magnetically coupled to a sixth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3924 positioned on or within the protective case 3920. In other embodiments the fifth set of magnets of alternating polarityity 3922 and the sixth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3924 are embedded within or attached to a mobile device. The first accessory device 3910 may comprise, for example, a battery pack with a wireless charger.

[00114] The third set of magnets of alternating polarity 3916 are magnetically coupled to a seventh set of magnets of alternating polarity 3932 positioned on or within a top front portion of a second accessory device 3930. The fourth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3918 are magnetically coupled to an eighth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3934 positioned on or within a bottom front portion of the second accessory device 3930. In one embodiment the second accessory device 3930 may further include a ninth set of magnets of alternating polarity 3938, which may be coupled to, for example, an additional accessory

device or a surface-side attachment including an additional plurality of magnets of alternating polarity. In one embodiment the second accessory device 3930 may comprise, for example, a magnetically-coupleable wallet defining a compartment of the type described herein.

[00115] By utilizing arrangements of pluralities of magnets of alternating polarity as described herein, the protective cover 3920, first accessory device 3910 and second accessory device 3930 may be automatically aligned upon being magnetically coupled to each other. In addition, the stack comprises of the protective cover 3920, first accessory device 3910 and second accessory device 3930 may be secured to ferrous metal surfaces or to other surfaces via use of a surface-side attachment including an additional set of magnets.

[00116] It should be understood that in other embodiments the first accessory device 3910 and the second accessory device 3930 may comprise various different magnetically-coupleable accessories for a mobile device. These accessories include, for example, magnetically-coupleable wallets, wireless chargers, battery packs, wireless chargers in combination with battery packs, kickstands, finger loops, and combinations of any of these. In general, these accessories may be configured in a stacked arrangement such as is shown in FIG. 39. However, in certain embodiments (e.g., in embodiments including a magnetically-coupleable kickstand) not all of the accessories will be arranged in a stack.

[00117] The following discussion with reference to FIGS. 40-48, describes various magnet arrangements which may be utilized within the systems for facilitating the attachment of add-on devices to mobile devices described with reference to FIGS. 1-39. See also U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517, the content of which is incorporated by reference herein.

[00118] FIG. 40A, 40C, and 40E are perspective views of a surface 1000 with a surface-side attachment 1100 according to an embodiment, and FIGS. 40B, 40D, and 40F show front views of the surface-side attachment 110. Surface-side attachment 1100 can include a surface-side attachment housing 1300 containing a plurality of magnets 2000. As shown in FIGS. 40A and 40B, the surface-side attachment 1100 can include two linear rows, with each linear row containing four individual magnets 2000. As shown in FIGS. 40C and 40D, the surface-side attachment 1100 can include two linear rows, with each linear row containing five individual magnets 2000. As shown in FIGS. 40E and 40F, the surface-side attachment 1100 can include a single linear row containing five individual magnets 2000. It

should be recognized that any number of magnets greater than two can be used in surface-side attachment 110, and that FIGS. 40A to 40F are merely exemplary embodiments.

[00119] Surface-side attachment housing 1300 is preferably made out of a metal such as aluminum, or alternately, it can be made out of polymer or a combination of metal and polymer. Magnets 2000 can be permanently bonded to the surface-side attachment housing 1300 using adhesive or mechanical fasteners. In one embodiment, the edges of surface-side attachment housing 1300 are crimped to retain magnets 2000.

[00120] The surface-side attachment 1100 refers to a plurality of magnets 2000 coupleable to a surface. Surface-side attachment 1100 can be affixed to surface 1000 with adhesive or by using a mechanical fastener. For example, double-sided adhesive tape can be used to permanently or temporarily affix surface-side attachment 1100 to surface 1000. Alternatively, adhesive glue can be selected based on the surface 1000 characteristics and desired bond characteristics to affix surface-side attachment 1100 to surface 1000. In one example, the surface-side attachment 1100 is affixed to the dash of an automobile using double-sided adhesive tape. In another example, the surface-side attachment 1100 is affixed to the bezel of a computer monitor using double-sided adhesive tape.

[00121] Surface 1000 can be any solid surface including nonmagnetic surfaces and nonferrous surfaces. For example, surface 1000 can be polymer, wood, glass, metal and combinations thereof. Generally, nonporous surfaces provide for greater adhesion of the surface-side attachment 1100, though surface-side attachment 1100 can be bonded to porous surfaces by using a suitable adhesive or mechanical fastener.

[00122] FIGS. 41A to 41D are front views of multiple device-side attachments 4100 embedded in the interior of a protective case 4300 for an electronic display device, according to an embodiment. The device-side attachments 4100 are embedded in the perimeter of the protective case 4300 to allow the electronic display device to be hung in either a portrait orientation, as shown in FIG. 41A, or a landscape orientation, as shown in FIG. 41B. As shown in FIGS. 41A and 41B, the device-side attachments 4100 can include a single linear row containing five individual magnets 5000. As shown in FIGS. 41C and 41D, the device-side attachment 4100 can include two linear rows, with each linear row containing five individual magnets 500. It should be recognized that any number of magnets greater than two can be used in device-side attachment 4100, and that FIGS. 41A to 41D are merely

exemplary embodiments. The device-side attachment 4100 refers to a plurality of magnets 5000 coupleable to an electronic display device.

[00123] Protective case 4300 is preferably made out of a polymer, or alternately, it can be made out of metal, cellulosic material, and combinations thereof. Device-side attachment 4100 can be permanently embedded within protective case 4300 or bonded to the protective case 4300 using an adhesive. Mechanical fasteners can also be used to secure device-side attachment 4100 to the protective case 4300, are especially suitable for applications with require a high strength connection.

[00124] FIGS. 42A to 42D show multiple views of an embodiment of a protective case 4300 mounted in a landscape orientation. FIG. 42A is a front view of multiple device-side attachments 4100 attached to the interior of a protective case 4300 for an electronic display device that is mounted to a surface 1000. FIG. 42B is a profile view of multiple device-side attachments 4100 affixed to the interior of a protective case 4300 for an electronic display device that is mounted to a surface 100. FIG. 42C is a perspective view of multiple device-side attachments 4100 affixed to the interior of a protective case 4300 for an electronic display device that is mounted to a surface 100. FIG. 42D is another perspective view of multiple device-side attachments 4100 affixed to the interior of a protective case 4300 for an electronic display device that is mounted to a surface 1000.

[00125] FIGS. 42E to 42F show multiple views of an embodiment of an electronic display device 4000 mounted in a landscape orientation. FIG. 42E is a front view of electronic display device 4000 within a protective case 4300 that is mounted to a surface 1000. FIG. 42F is a prospective view of electronic display device 4000 within a protective case 4300 that is mounted to a surface 1000. FIG. 42G is another prospective view of electronic display device 4000 within a protective case 4300 that is mounted to a surface 1000. The mounting system described herein can provide a temporary method of attaching an electronic display device to a surface while providing a low profile. In other words, when mounted to the surface, the mounting system does not add significant thickness to the electronic display device. The device-side attachment 4100 can be coupled in such a way that it does not add significant thickness to the electronic display device 4000 (see, e.g., FIGS. 42B and 42G). The surface-side attachment 1100 can be affixed in such a way that it is integrated with the styling and design of surface 1000. Surface-side attachment 1100 can be colored to match the surface 1000 and/or mimic the features already present on surface

1000. For example, surface-side attachment 1100 can have a brushed aluminum finish and include magnets 2000 that resemble buttons on the dash of a vehicle.

[00126] An electronic display device 4000 can include a device-side attachment 4100 coupled to a back side of the electronic display device 4000 without using a protective case 4300 (not shown). In some embodiments, the magnets 5000 can be coupled to the electronic display device 4000 with, for example, a double-sided adhesive tape. Other attachment methods such as glues, mechanical latches, hinges, or elastic grip can alternatively be used. The device-side attachment 4100 can be used to mount the electronic display device 4000 to a surface 1000 by coupling with a surface-side attachment 1100. The electronic display device 4000 can be, for example, a tablet computer, a smartphone, a television, or an LCD display. In some embodiments, the electronic display device 4000 can be an Apple iPad or iPhone, an Android smartphone, or eBook reader.

[00127] In some embodiments, the device-side attachment has a thickness from about 0.5 to about 6.5 mm, from about 0.5 to about 4 mm, from about 0.5 to about 2 mm, from about 0.5 to about 1.5 mm, or from about 1 to about 2 mm, and including all subranges therebetween each of the ranges. In some embodiments, the device-side attachment has a thickness of about 0.5 mm, about 1.0 mm, about 1.5 mm, about 2.0 mm, about 2.5 mm, about 3.0 mm, about 3.5 mm, about 4.0 mm, about 4.5 mm, about 5.0 mm, about 5.5 mm, about 6.0 mm, or about 6.5 mm. In some embodiments, the device-side attachment has a thickness of less than 0.5 mm, less than 1.0 mm, less than 1.5 mm, less than 2.0 mm, less than 2.5 mm, less than 3.0 mm, less than 3.5 mm, less than 4.0 mm, less than 4.5 mm, less than 5.0 mm, less than 5.5 mm, less than 6.0 mm, or less than 6.5 mm.

[00128] In some embodiments, the device-side attachment including the protective cover has a thickness from about 0.5 to about 6.5 mm, from about 0.5 to about 4 mm, from about 0.5 to about 2 mm, from about 0.5 to about 1.5 mm, or from about 1 to about 2 mm, and including all subranges therebetween each of the ranges. In some embodiments, the device-side attachment including the protective cover has a thickness of about 0.5 mm, about 1.0 mm, about 1.5 mm, about 2.0 mm, about 2.5 mm, about 3.0 mm, about 3.5 mm, about 4.0 mm, about 4.5 mm, about 5.0 mm, about 5.5 mm, about 6.0 mm, or about 6.5 mm. In some embodiments, the device-side attachment including the protective cover has a thickness of less than 0.5 mm, less than 1.0 mm, less than 1.5 mm, less than 2.0 mm, less than 2.5 mm,

less than 3.0 mm, less than 3.5 mm, less than 4.0 mm, less than 4.5 mm, less than 5.0 mm, less than 5.5 mm, less than 6.0 mm, or less than 6.5 mm.

[00129] The magnets 5000 of the device-side attachment 4100 are attracted to the magnets 2000 of the surface-side attachment 1100. When the device-side attachment 4100 is placed in close proximity to the surface-side attachment 1100, the magnetic attractive forces draw the attachments together to mount electronic display device 400. The magnetic attractive forces between magnets 5000 and magnets 2000 are great enough to overcome the force of gravity on the electronic display device 4000 within the protective case 4300 when mounted to the surface-side attachment 1100. This force of friction between magnets 5000 and magnets 2000 can be proportional to the normal force and friction coefficient of the materials. The normal force is the magnetic attractive pull force between the magnets 5000 and magnets 2000. This normal force, in addition to the friction coefficient between the faces of the magnets, produce an overall force of friction high enough to hold the electronic display device 4000 in place when mounted to the surface 1000.

[00130] Magnets 2000 and magnets 5000 are preferably made out of rare earth metals including alloys of neodymium or samarium-cobalt. Rare earth magnets are selected based on their strongly magnetic properties that include a higher maximum energy product (related to magnetic flux per unit volume) than other types of magnets including ferrite and alnico magnets. Neodymium magnets of grade N48 and higher are preferred, and neodymium magnets of grade N52 and higher are more preferred.

[00131] The magnets 2000 and the magnets 5000 are permanent magnets that retain their magnetic properties once magnetized. Every magnet has a south pole and a north pole axially situated across opposite faces of the magnet. The north pole of a first magnet is attracted to the south pole of a second magnet, and vice versa. The north pole of a first magnet is repulsed by the north pole of a second magnet, and vice versa. The device-side attachment 4100 and the surface-side attachment 1100 each include at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole, and at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole.

[00132] Magnets can generally be uniform or different in shape, size, magnetic and/or other properties within the device-side attachment 4100 or within the surface-side attachment 110. While the device-side attachment 4100 and the surface-side attachment 1100 can be somewhat different in shape, size, magnetic and/or other properties, it is preferred that when

mounted, each magnet 5000 in device-side attachment 4100 is uniform in shape, size, magnetic and/or other properties to its complementary magnet 2000 in surface-side attachment 110. However, the magnets 5000 of the device-side attachment 4100 can be smaller than the magnets 2000 of the surface-side attachment 1100. It is also preferred that the relative positions (centerlines) of each magnet 5000 within a device-side attachment 4100 are the same as the relative positions of each complementary magnet 2000 within the surface-side attachment 1100 when the attachments are coupled during mounting.

[00133] The magnets 5000 and the magnets 2000 within the device-side attachment 4100 and the surface-side attachment 1100 are arranged to be self-aligning during mounting. The magnets 5000 and the magnets 2000 are arranged so that when the attachments are coupled together during mounting, at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of the device-side attachment 4100 is attracted to a corresponding magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole of the surface-side attachment 1100, and vice versa. If during mounting the magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of the device-side attachment 4100 lines up with a magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of the surface-side attachment 1100, the like poles repulse each other. If during mounting the magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of the device-side attachment 4100 lines up with a magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole of the surface-side attachment 1100, the opposite poles attract each other. The magnetic forces of attraction and repulsion, along with the predetermined arrangement of the outwardly-facing poles of the magnets within each attachment, provide for self-alignment of the coupled attachments.

[00134] FIGS. 43A to 43I depict examples of self-aligning arrangements of outwardly-facing magnet poles for use in device-side attachments 4100 and in surface-side attachments 1100. For each magnet having an outwardly-facing north pole "N" on a given attachment, the complementary attachment will have a magnet with outwardly-facing south pole "S" positioned to align when the attachments are coupled. FIGS. 43A, 43F, and 43H are examples of symmetrical self-aligning magnet pole arrangements whereby the electronic display device can be mounted in either of two positions that are 180 degrees of each other. FIGS. 43B to 43E, 43G and 43I are examples of asymmetrical self-aligning magnet pole arrangements whereby the electronic display device can be mounted in only one position.

[00135] FIGS. 43J to 43L depict examples of self-aligning arrangements of magnets for device-side attachments 4100 and for surface-side attachments 1100 including ferrous

inserts "Fe". Ferrous inserts can be used in device-side attachments 4100 in situations when the positioning of a magnet 5000 would interfere with the operation of the electronic display device 4000. For example, positioning a magnet over the location of an internal antenna of an electronic display device may interfere with the reception. By placing a ferrous insert within the device-side attachment 4100, problems associated with reception can be avoided while allowing the magnets 2000 of the surface-side attachment 1100 a ferrous surface to attractively couple to.

[00136] Ferrous inserts can also be used in surface-side attachments 1100 to reduce product costs. Rare earth magnets 2000 tend to be expensive. A surface-side attachment 1100 that includes at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole and at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole can still provide for self-alignment, while other magnets 2000 in the surface-side attachment 1100 can be replaced with ferrous inserts that allow the magnets 5000 in the device-side attachment 4100 a ferrous surface to attractively couple to. The device-side attachment 4100 within the mounting system still retains all of the magnets 5000 and the ability to attractively couple to any ferrous surface. By incorporating the ferrous inserts into the surface-side attachment 1100, the overall cost of the mounting system can be reduced while affording the same level of functionality.

[00137] FIG. 44A is a prospective view of three surface-side attachments 1100. In this example, the plurality of magnets is permanently affixed to an aluminum housing.

[00138] FIG. 44B is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment 1100 including three magnets 2000 within a surface-side attachment housing 1300. In this example, the plurality of magnets is permanently affixed to an aluminum housing.

[00139] FIG. 44C is a front view of a surface-side attachment 1100 including three magnets 2000 within a surface-side attachment housing 1300. In this example, the plurality of magnets is permanently affixed to an aluminum housing.

[00140] FIG. 45 is a prospective view of three surface-side attachments 1100.

[00141] In some embodiments, the surface-side attachment has a thickness from about 0.5 to about 6.5 mm, from about 0.5 to about 4 mm, from about 0.5 to about 2 mm, from about 0.5 to about 1.5 mm, or from about 1 to about 2 mm, and including all subranges therebetween each of the ranges. In some embodiments, the surface-side attachment has a

thickness of about 0.5 mm, about 1.0 mm, about 1.5 mm, about 2.0 mm, about 2.5 mm, about 3.0 mm, about 3.5 mm, about 4.0 mm, about 4.5 mm, about 5.0 mm, about 5.5 mm, about 6.0 mm, or about 6.5 mm. In some embodiments, the surface-side attachment has a thickness of less than 0.5 mm, less than 1.0 mm, less than 1.5 mm, less than 2.0 mm, less than 2.5 mm, less than 3.0 mm, less than 3.5 mm, less than 4.0 mm, less than 4.5 mm, less than 5.0 mm, less than 5.5 mm, less than 6.0 mm, or less than 6.5 mm.

[00142] FIG. 46 is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment 1100 including five magnets 2000 and a surface-side attachment housing 1300 further including an angled face. The angled face of surface-side attachment 1100 can provide increased coupling strength by the angled face supporting a portion of the weight of the electronic display device 400. The angled face can also improve the coupling strength of the mounting system by positioning the lower end of the electronic display device 4000 against the surface 1000 which reduces the tendency of the electronic display device 4000 to rotate about the bottom edge of surface-side attachment 1100 and separate from the top edge of surface-side attachment 1100.

[00143] FIG. 47 is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment 1100 including seven magnets 2000 within a surface-side attachment housing 1300.

[00144] FIG. 48 is a prospective view of a surface-side attachment 1100 including seven magnets 2000 within a surface-side attachment housing 1300.

[00145] As may be appreciated from FIGS. 40-48, a self-aligning mounting system for mounting an electronic display device to a surface or attached the electronic display device to an object (e.g., a magnetically-coupleable wallet) may include a device-side attachment containing a first plurality of magnets disposed in a protective cover for the electronic display device. The first plurality of magnets includes at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of a magnet and at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole. The protective cover can include a high friction surface covering the first plurality of magnets. The mounting system also includes a surface-side attachment that includes a second plurality of magnets disposed in a housing and configured to attach to the surface; alternatively, the second plurality of magnets are disposed within or upon an object to which the electronic display device is to be attached. The second plurality of magnets includes at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole and at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole. The at least one outwardly-facing north pole of the first plurality of

magnets is arranged to attractively couple with the at least one outwardly-facing south pole of the second plurality of magnets. The at least one outwardly-facing south pole of the first plurality of magnets is arranged to couple with the at least one outwardly-facing north pole of the second plurality of magnets. The high friction surface covering the first plurality of magnets is configured to be disposed between the first plurality of magnets when coupled to the second plurality of magnets.

[00146] In one implementation, a mounting system for mounting an electronic display device to a surface or attaching the electronic display to an object includes a protective case defining an interior surface conforming to an exterior surface of an electronic display device. A first plurality of magnets contacts the protective case and configured to couple to the electronic display device. The first plurality of magnets including at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole and at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole. The at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of the first plurality of magnets is arranged to couple with at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole of a second plurality of magnets included within a surface-side attachment attached to the surface or included within or upon the object. The at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing south pole of the first plurality of magnets is arranged to couple with at least one magnet with an outwardly-facing north pole of the second plurality of magnets.

[00147] The first plurality of magnets and the second plurality magnets may be made from rare earth metals. The rare earth metals may include alloys of neodymium or samarium-cobalt. The first plurality of magnets and the second plurality magnets can be grade N48 or higher. The first plurality of magnets and the second plurality magnets may each comprise two linear rows of magnets.

[00148] The first plurality of magnets may be affixed to the interior of the protective cover. The first plurality of magnets may be embedded in the protective cover or the protective case. The first plurality of magnets is affixed to an exterior surface of the protective cover or the protective case. The protective cover may include a high friction surface covering the first plurality of magnets.

[00149] The shear force between the surface-side attachment and the device-side attachment may be in a direction substantially parallel to the first outward face and parallel to

the second outward face. The shear force may be a direction perpendicular to an attractive force between the first plurality of magnets and the second plurality of magnets.

[00150] While various embodiments have been described above, it should be understood that they have been presented by way of example only, and not limitation. For example, wallet 100 and charging device 500 could be any accessory including a combination of a wallet and a battery pack. Also, for example, the surface-side attachment 300 can be attached to any surface such as a wall, computer monitor, inside a backpack, vehicle headrest, refrigerator, etc., not just a vehicle dashboard 400. Where methods described above indicate certain events occurring in certain order, the ordering of certain events may be modified. Additionally, certain of the events may be performed concurrently in a parallel process when possible, as well as performed sequentially as described above.

Where schematics and/or embodiments described above indicate certain components arranged in certain orientations or positions, the arrangement of components may be modified. While the embodiments have been particularly shown and described, it will be understood that various changes in form and details may be made. Any portion of the apparatus and/or methods described herein may be combined in any combination, except mutually exclusive combinations. The embodiments described herein can include various combinations and/or sub-combinations of the functions, components, and/or features of the different embodiments described.

What is claimed is:

1. A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

3. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment.

7. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

ABSTRACT

A wallet for attachment to a mobile device. The wallet has a body defining a compartment and a device side surface. The wallet has a first arrangement of magnetic material with a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface. The wallet also has a second arrangement of magnetic material with a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface. Collectively, the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

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See attached certification statement.

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.

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Signature	/Thomas M. Coester/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2021-06-08
Name/Print	Thomas M. Coester	Registration Number	39637

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This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/07/2021.

The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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Decision Granting Request for Prioritized Examination (Track I)	**Application No.** 17/331,280	**Applicant(s)** Mora et al.	
	Examiner CHERYL P GIBSON BAYLOR	**Art Unit** OPET	**AIA (FITF) Status** Yes

1. THE REQUEST FILED 26 May 2021 IS **GRANTED** .

The above-identified application has met the requirements for prioritized examination

A. ☑ for an original nonprovisional application (Track I).
B. ☐ for an application undergoing continued examination (RCE).

2. **The above-identified application will undergo prioritized examination**. The application will be accorded special status throughout its entire course of prosecution until one of the following occurs:

A. filing a **petition for extension of time** to extend the time period for filing a reply;

B. filing an **amendment to amend the application to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims** , or a multiple dependent claim;

C. filing a **request for continued examination** ;

D. filing a notice of appeal;

E. filing a request for suspension of action;

F. mailing of a notice of allowance;

G. mailing of a final Office action;

H. completion of examination as defined in 37 CFR 41.102; or

I. abandonment of the application.

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Office Action Summary	**Application No.** 17/331,280	**Applicant(s)** Mora et al.	
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Status

1)☑ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/26/2021.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.** 2b) ☑ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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Application Papers

10)☑ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☑ The drawing(s) filed on 5/26/2021 is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☑ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Other: _____.

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the specification does not disclose that a material defining the opening into the compartment tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (see also the 112 2nd paragraph rejection below for a lack of clarity as to what this limitation means and what parts it refers to), and does not disclose the arrangements permitting coupling to the mobile device in exactly one/two orientations as recited in claims 8-9 (see the 112 1st and 2nd paragraph rejections below for details).

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to because FIGS. 9, 24, 28, 31-32 are photographs and the requirements for photographs have not been met. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and

informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. Photographs are not accepted in utility applications unless a petition filed under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2) is granted. Any such petition must be accompanied by the appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h), one set of color drawings or color photographs, as appropriate, if submitted via EFS-Web or three sets of color drawings or color photographs, as appropriate, if not submitted via EFS-Web, and, unless already present, an amendment to include the following language as the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings section of the specification:

The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.

Color photographs will be accepted if the conditions for accepting color drawings and black and white photographs have been satisfied. See 37 CFR 1.84(b)(2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112(a):

> (a) IN GENERAL.—The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor or joint inventor of carrying out the invention.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(a) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which

was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor or a joint inventor, or for applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

With Respect to Claims 8-9

The specification generally refers in [0134] to the device being mounted in either of two positions that are 180 degrees of each other or being mounted in only one position, but the structures shown do not appear to actually be limited to only the disclosed orientations/positions, noting for example the disclosure of pivoting to form a stand, as well as the functionality of these structures to provide for misaligned attachments. As the specification does not clearly demonstrate how these structures are limited to exactly one/exactly two orientations, this subject matter was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor or a joint inventor, or for applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(b):

> (b) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

> The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph:
> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor (or for applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the applicant), regards as the invention.

With Respect to Claim 1

It recites the limitation "the accessory". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The phrase "wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device" is unclear in scope, noting that this phrase seems to indicate that there is only one specific orientation due to the magnets, but claim 8 specifies exactly one orientation which is redundant if this is the case, and claim 9 specifies exactly two orientations which would be outside of the scope of this interpretation.

The remainder of this office action is based on the invention as best understood by Examiner.

With Respect to Claims 1-11

It is unclear how much, if any, patentable weight to accord the preamble recitation that the invention is a "wallet for attachment to a mobile device", noting that the body of the claim refers to "the accessory" and do not reference a wallet, and refer to "a mobile device" followed by "the mobile device" and so does not breathe life into the preamble.

The specification refers to the case of the mobile device as the device-side surface, and it is unclear whether the claim should be taken to require the body being the mobile device case which includes both arrangements of magnetic material, whether the body could be either a wallet/accessory or a device (or its case), whether the first and second arrangements can be on different parts such that the magnetic field passes through the device side surface of an accessory or mobile device/case, or if the claim has some other scope.

Claim 1 requires a body defining a compartment and magnetically coupling an accessory to the device side surface of the compartment, which seems to indicate that the accessory is the wallet of the invention while the body is the mobile device/case, but claim 11 recites that the body defines an opening into the compartment and that the material defining the opening tapers which seems to refer to the tapering shown in e.g. FIG. 11 for the wallet/accessory while there does not appear to be a

drawing showing a taper in the mobile device/case. As such, it is unclear what inventive parts the different terms reference or what scope they should be given.

The remainder of this office action is based on the invention as best understood by Examiner.

With Respect to Claims 1 and 5

Claim 1 recites the arrangements of magnetic material have first and second regions, and claim 5 recites spacing between the regions. It is unclear whether the regions must be only the magnets, or include areas around the magnets, noting that if the regions can include multiple magnets and space between them, then almost any arrangement of magnets will form/include "regions" that have no space between them and so inherently meet the requirements. It is also unclear whether the "a first region" and "a second region" of claim 5 must bear any relationship to the "a first region" and "a second region" recited in claim 1 (i.e. can or must they be identical, or can or must they be different, or does the claim language encompass any of these interpretations)

The remainder of this office action is based on the invention as best understood by Examiner.

With Respect to Claims 4, 7, and 8-9

Claim 1 recites the mobile device only functionally, and it is unclear whether these claims merely further define the functionality of the device, or if they structurally require the mobile device, noting that they use language that is not clearly functional, but also does not explicitly and clearly structurally recite the device (e.g. "an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar" could arguably structurally require a mobile device with a substantially planar attachment surface or might be considered to merely define the functionality that the structure is capable of use with a mobile device that includes a planar surface on some part of it that can be used for attachment (either via the magnets or some other means)).

The remainder of this office action is based on the invention as best understood by Examiner.

With Respect to Claim 7

The term "substantially" in claim 7 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "substantially" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

With Respect to Claims 8-9

The scope of these claims is unclear in view of the specification, noting that the description of FIGS. 43B-E, G, and I indicate that they are asymmetric arrangements whereby the device can be mounted in only one position, but even these asymmetric arrangements would apparently allow for additional orientations with only some of the magnets aligned (e.g. the 43E would match a NSNS if it were rotated 180 degrees and moved one magnet to the side to align the SNS of 43E to the NSN). Similarly, the symmetrical attachments which are apparently intended to be the “exactly two orientations” also allow for partial misaligned attachments. Additionally, any of these appear to also allow for alternate orientations such as the stand orientation.

The remainder of this office action is based on the invention as best understood by Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

9. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
>
> (a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale, or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

11. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca).

With Respect to Claim 1

A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (30) defining a compartment (interior of 430 forming a compartment for a mobile device) and having a device side surface (rear wall of 430 where magnets are attached); a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (one set of magnets 500, see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (a different set of magnets 500, , see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory (100 is an accessory to the extent claimed; alternately the structure is capable of coupling the device to any accessory to which the magnets 200 are attached) to a mobile device (i.e. to a mobile device held within the case) and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device ([0083]-0084]).

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (the front opening is a content removal slot as it is a slot that allows removal of an object from it.

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device (as supporting the device is the stated use, it is capable of performing this function).

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (it is Examiner's position that some or all of the arrangements disclosed can be divided into two regions in numerous ways that meet the claim language and take up the entirety of the area and therefore have a spacing between them of 0 which is less than 2 mm).

With Respect to Claim 7

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar (FIG. 5 shows a substantially planar device side surface above 510 or alternately the entire shown surface including the discontinuity is still sufficiently planar as to be "substantially planar"; alternately Fig. 8 shows a rough surface which is also substantially planar to the extent claimed) and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (the case is capable of use with a mobile device with a substantially planar attachment surface at its rear as such will fit within the case).

With Respect to Claim 8

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation (the non-symmetrical arrangements of e.g. FIGS. 4E

and 4G will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention, to the best of Examiner's understanding of the invention and the scope of this unclear limitation, see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above).

With Respect to Claim 9

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations (the symmetrical arrangements of e.g. FIG. 4A, 4B, or 4C will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention, to the best of Examiner's understanding of the invention and the scope of this unclear limitation, see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above).

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (noting front opening) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (it tapers at each end of the opening, noting the rounded corners cause it to taper in each of up, down, left, or right directions).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the

claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

15. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as

applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

16. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca).

With Respect to Claim 5

As an alternative to the rejection of claim 5 above under 35 USC 102, to the degree that it could be argued that the term "region" should be interpreted with more limited scope (see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above for the lack of clarity as to the scope of this term), the

drawings appear to show first and second regions in the first arrangement touching each other or including very little space between them, but the drawings are not stated to be to scale and the specification does not detail a particular spacing or sizing, and so does not explicitly disclose wherein a spacing between the magnets of a first region and the magnets of a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application to have a first and second regions that are spaced between 0 and less than 2 mm, in order to provide magnets near each other to provide a stronger holding area, to fit more magnets in a smaller area, as a mere selection of an art appropriate spacing and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in size/proportion (i.e. it merely changes the spacing of the magnets and/or the relative space the arrangement takes up relative to the body and other parts) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04(IV)(A)) or a mere change in shape (i.e. it merely slightly changes the shape of the arrangement) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04)

17. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit

a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Murphy or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by either reference to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the device as taught by either reference.

18. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca).

With Respect to Claim 1

Berkley discloses a wallet (FIG. 1) for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device and wherein the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e. the specific orientation shown in the drawings), but does not detail the magnetic structure/arrangement and so does not disclose a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

However, Baca discloses first and second magnetic arrangements as claimed (see the rejection of claim 1 above using Baca for details.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Baca, to use a magnetic arrangement as taught by Baca on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for the other art known benefits of the Baca structure, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use.

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (16).

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (see the rejections of claim 5 above using Baca for details).

With Respect to Claim 7

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (see e.g. FIG. 3).

With Respect to Claim 8

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation (the non-symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIGS. 4E and 4G will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention, to the best of Examiner's understanding of the invention and the scope of this unclear limitation, see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above).

With Respect to Claim 9

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations (the symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIG. 4A, 4B, or 4C will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention, to the best of Examiner's understanding of the invention and the scope of this unclear limitation, see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above)

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (16) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (FIGS. 1-3 and 6 show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed).

19. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

20. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear

surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

21. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of either U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb. It is noted that Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone which forms a holder via a slot in the other structure, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure attached to a mobile device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Murphy or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by either reference to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the device as taught by either reference.

Double Patenting

22. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with the examined application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. See MPEP § 717.02 for applications subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA as explained in MPEP § 2159. See MPEP § 2146 *et seq.* for applications not subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

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23. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent #11,058,194 in view of Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims recite magnetic attachment structures similar to those of the claim, and Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker provide for meeting all of the other limitations of the claims, see the rejections of the claims above using these references for details as to what they teach.

Conclusion

24. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

25. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ADAM J WAGGENSPACK whose telephone number is (571)270-7418. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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ADAM J WAGGENSPACK	Primary Examiner	Telephonic
THOMAS COESTER	Attorney of Record	

Date of Interview: 28 September 2021

Issues Discussed:

35 U.S.C. 112

Discussed the 112 rejections and arguments that the claims were definite. Examiner agreed that appropriately worded arguments would likely be persuasive as to many of the 112 rejections.

35 U.S.C. 102

Discussed the 102 using Baca and amending the claim to structurally recite that it is for a wallet. It was agreed that a properly worded amendment to this affect would amend around the 102.

35 U.S.C. 103

Discussed the 103 rejections, and Examiner maintained that Berkley disclosed a wallet structure attached via a magnet and Baca disclosed using magnets as claimed to attach structures together, and so this combination rendered obvious the claimed subject matter.

Proposed Amendment(s)

Discussed structurally claiming the wallet in the body of the claim and some amendments to clarify language to overcome the 112 rejections. No particular claim language was discussed or agreed upon, and no agreement with respect to allowability was reached.

Drawings

Discussed the drawing objections and that the figures do not include photographs. Examiner apologized for the inadvertent inclusion of this objection.

/ADAM J WAGGENSPACK/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3734	

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2021, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by [[double brackets]], ~~strikethrough~~ and/or underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the ~~accessory~~ wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

3. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between ~~a~~ the first region and ~~a~~ the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment.

7. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

REMARKS

In response to the above identified Office Action, Applicant amends the application and seeks reconsideration hereof. In this response, no claims have been added, Xclaims have been amended and no claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Approval is requested.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Applicant representative, Thomas Coester, conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner, Adam Waggenspack. The Examiners courtesy and cooperation scheduling and attending the interview is greatly appreciated. In the interview, the rejections under claims 112 were discussed. It was agreed that certain amendments and arguments would resolve those rejections. It was further agreed that clearly limiting the claimed invention to a "wallet" would overcome the rejection based on §102 over Baca. No agreement was reach on the ultimate allowability of the claims.

Objection to the Specification

The Office objects to the specification asserting that the tapering of the material defining the opening into the compartment tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening. Applicant submits this is fully disclosed in the application as filed. For example, as shown in figure 14A annotated below the material is shown tapering exposing the credit cards within. Absent the taper, the credit cards would be harder to grasp and remove from the wallet.

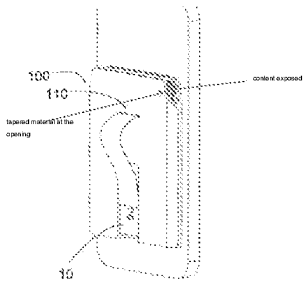


FIG. 14A

Applicant requests approval of the specification.

Objection to the Drawings

The Office has objected to the drawing asserting that photographs are not permitted. Applicant notes that no photographs were submitted among the drawing in this application and believes this objection was issued in error. Applicant requests approval of the drawings.

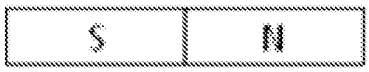
Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112 1st Paragraph

The Office has rejected claims 8-9 as failing to satisfy the written description requirement. Applicant traverses this rejection.

The Office contends that the claims to exactly one orientation or exactly two orientations is not supported because a used could misalign the magnets and achieve other orientations. The standard for written description is whether one of skill in the art could recognize that the Applicant was in possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. Applicant submits that misuse of an item is not an appropriate standard, using a cellphone as a hammer does not make it one. Paragraph 0092 states: "In some embodiments, the electronic

display device 250 mounted to wallet 100 is in a portrait orientation. In some embodiments, the electronic display device 250 mounted to wallet 100 is in a landscape orientation." Thus, either one or two orientations are expressly disclosed. Moreover, the magnet pattern of for example figure 43I would preclude even the misalignment the Office suggests would lead to different orientations. Paragraph 0134 expressly acknowledges that certain arrangements allow attachment in only one orientation and the patterns are intended to be self-aligning.

Additionally, at least the arrangement:

FIG 43I 

would preclude the misalignment posited by the Office even if misalignment constitute a valid alternative orientation (which Applicant maintains it does not). Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112 2nd Paragraph

The Office has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 USC §112 2nd paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claim 1 to address the source of confusion surrounding use of the term accessory. It is the wallet of claim 1 that includes the claimed features.

The Office asserted that first region and second region lack clarity. The relevant portion of claim 1 reads: "a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface." First region and second region under normal grammatical construction are regions of the magnetic material that forms the first arrangement. Furthermore, both regions expose a magnetic field at the device side surface and the polarity of the magnetic field of the first and second region is opposite. Applicant believes this is clear as written.

The Office asserted that "a specific orientation" as used in the claims is unclear. Applicant submits that "a specific orientation" is intended to one of a number of discrete possible orientations consistent with normal claim interpretation rules. This is distinguished from e.g.

Velcro or adhesive that have continuous variability in the attachment orientation. As a result, the further limits of exactly one and exactly two orientations further narrow this limitation and are believed to be clear as written.

The Office raises whether Applicant intends the mobile device to be structurally required. Applicant does not. Rather Applicant submits that the structure of the device to which the wallet coupled imposed structural limitations on the wallet. And those are the limitations intended to be claimed.

Regarding claim 7, the Office has taken issue with the term "substantially" planar. Applicant submits that "substantially" does not create any lack of clarity and such has consistently be held to be the case in prior precedent binding on the Office. Applicant notes that "planar" has a ideal geometric definition that is unachievable in the real world. Applicant intends to distinguish from arcuate surfaces having a significant radius of curvature and surfaces that have protrusive attachment features.

The Office alleged lack of clarity of the single and exactly two orientations of claim8 and 9. Applicant believes that has been addressed by the discussion above in connection the rejection under §112 first paragraph. Applicant requests the Office withdraw the rejections Under 35 USC §112 second paragraph.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.SC. 102{a)(1) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2016/0260532 to Baca (*Baca*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is axiomatic that to anticipate a claim every element of the claim must be disclosed in a single reference. Here the claims are directed to a wallet while *Baca* is directed to a surface mount for mobile device. Inasmuch as *Baca* has not teaching or suggestion f a wallet it cannot anticipate claim 1 or its dependent claims. The Examiner acknowledged in the interview that to the extent that the claims are limited ot a wallet, *Baca* would not anticipate them.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant are novel and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Baca* as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Publication No.2014/0043748 to Sartee (*Sartee*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that *Sartee* like *Baca* have nothing to do a wallet or a wallets attachment to a mobile device. *Sartee*, relates to a cover for a tablet computer. Applicant has closely reviewed the sections cited by the Office and *Sartee* more generally and finds not disclosure of a compartment and consequently there can be no teaching or suggestion in the combination of "a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment" as required by claim 2. Furthermore, Applicant can discern no appropriate basis to combine *Baca* with *Sartee* and submits that a surface mount for a mobile device in not in the same field of art as a cover for a tablet computer. There is no evidence that *Sartee* addresses and problem either inherent in *Baca* or any problem applicant was trying to solve. Therefore, the combination can only have been the result oof inappropriate hindsight. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Baca* and *Sartee* as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Publication No. 2017/0196331 to Gluck (*Gluck*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

For the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 2, the combination of *Baca* and *Sartee* cannot render claim 6 obvious. Turning to the addition of *Gluck,*Gluck adhesively attaches to a mobile device and has on its opposite an non magnetic plate that can attract to a magnetic mount while shielding the cards in the card holder from the magnet on the mount. This in no way teaches or suggests "a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment." The first arrangement is defined to expose a magnetic field on the device side

surface of the wallet. And the plate must be **between** the first arrangement. The only magnet in *Gluck* is the mount that does not expose a magnetic field on the device side surface and the plate of Gluck is not between the device side surface and the compartment. For at least this reason, the addition of *Gluck* does not fixe the errors of the combination. Furthermore, the addition of *Gluck* further exacerbates the error of the combination. Applicant requests the Office withdraw this rejection.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Baca* as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2014/0217135 to Murphy (*Murphy*) or U.S. Publication No. 2012/0031937 to Baker (*Baker*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Office offers no more than a conclusory statement that the combination of these references is appropriate. Applicant submits that at a minimum, the office has not carried its obligation to justify the combinate of the finger loops of the secondary references with the teaching of a surface mount in *Baca.* Applicant submits that the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

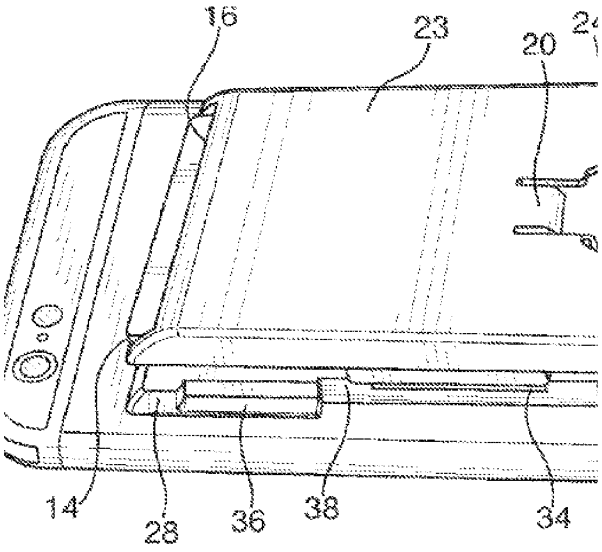
Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of *Baca*. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As an initial matter, Applicant submits that the Office has failed to provide an adequate basis for combining the references. The Federal Circuit ruled that the PTO *must* (1) "articulate a reason why a PHOSITA would combine the prior art references"; (2) have an adequate evidentiary basis for that finding; and (3) provide a "satisfactory explanation" for the motivation finding that includes an express and "rational" connection with the evidence presented. See, *In re Lee*(conclusory statements are insufficient); *Cutsforth v. MotivePower* (must positively explain motivation – not just reject arguments against motivation); and *Arendi v. Apple* (PTAB "cannot rely solely on common knowledge or common sense to support its findings" of motivation).

The Office assert those skilled in the art would make the combination "in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for the other art known benefits of the Baca structure, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use." Applicant notes that *Baca* is directed to a surface mounting system and not related to a wallet at all. Applicant notes that generally the requirements to surface mount are not the same as those to couple two items together. There is nothing in either reference that indicate the arrangement of *Baca* would provide benefits in the context of the *Berkley* invention. In fact, *Berkley*'s preference for hook and loop material or adhesive which definitionally allow continuous adjustability belies any assertion that the desirability of self-orientation is suggested by *Berkley.* Moreover, the single mention using a magnet refers to "magnet" singular on the device that interacts with one of a set of magnets stuck by a user on the mobile phone (See paragraph [0028] last sentence). This actually teaches away the style of magnetic interaction of *Baca.*

The inappropriateness of the combination becomes even more overt in the context of claim 4 which requires: "an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device." Noting in *Berkley* teaches or suggests that is even desirable that the "fixation means" be sufficient to support the weight of the device. There is notion of carrying the device by the wallet of *Berkley.* While *Baca* discloses a surface mount that is sufficient to hold the weight of the mobile device, it is only by looking back through Applicant's present disclosure that one can decern that there is a value to this feature in the context of a phone connected wallet. Such hindsight reconstruction is impermissible. Furthermore, *Baca* does not disclose supporting the weight of the device in the orientations that occur when the device is carried by a user. Moreover, *Baca* suggests the use if mechanical friction enhancing technique to reduce the risk of magnet delamination.

Regarding claim 11, neither cited reference teaches or suggests: "wherein a material defining the opening **tapers at the opening** to expose a content of the compartment at the opening." Applicant explained its tapering above. In the context of *Berkley* there is no taper that exposes the cards, rather one side of the compartment is simply shorter than the other. See partial figure 2 of *Berkley* below for reference.



The office has combined additional references for other claims. Those references have been addressed above in the context of other rejections, but those argument apply to the different combination as well. Furthermore, each of those claims is at least patentable as depending on a patentable independent claim.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that a case of obviousness has not been established, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Office has rejected claims 1-11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness under claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No.11,058,194 in view of Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker. Applicant traverse this rejection. Applicant believes the Office has misapplied this doctrine. The inquiry under this doctrine is not whether claims would be rendered obvious by earlier existing claims with the addition of a litany of other references, but rather whether the claims would impermissibly extend the earlier claims by covering substantially the same subject matter. The Office has not made a proper showing that any of the aforementioned claims would be in permissibly extended by the currently pending claims. In any event, Applicant would choose to defer filing of a terminal disclaimer until such

time as allowable subject matter is agreed upon. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn as to either or both cited patents or in the alternative that the Office particularly point out how the currently pending claims would impermissibly extend the claims of those patents.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the existing claims are in condition for allowance and such action is requested at the earliest possible date. Questioning regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at 310-584-7326.

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Office Action Summary	**Application No.** 17/331,280	**Applicant(s)** Mora et al.	
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Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☑ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/22/2021.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☑ This action is **FINAL.** 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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Application Papers

10)☑ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☑ The drawing(s) filed on 5/26/2021 is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☑ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Other: _____.

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the specification does not disclose that a material defining the opening into the compartment tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(b):

> (b) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor (or for applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the applicant), regards as the invention.

<u>With Respect to Claim 1</u>

It recites the limitation "the accessory". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. For the purposes of Examination on the merits, Examiner takes it to mean “the wallet”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory

basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca).

With Respect to Claim 1

Berkley discloses a wallet (FIG. 1) for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device and wherein the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e. the specific orientation shown in the drawings), but does not detail the magnetic structure/arrangement and so does not disclose a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the

first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

However, Baca discloses a body (30) defining a compartment (interior of 430 forming a compartment for a mobile device) and having a device side surface (rear wall of 430 where magnets are attached); a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (one set of magnets 500, see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (a different set of magnets 500, , see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory (100 is an accessory to the extent claimed; alternately the structure is capable of coupling the device to any accessory to which the magnets 200 are attached) to a mobile device (i.e. to a mobile device held within the case) and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device ([0083]-0084]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Baca, to use a magnetic arrangement as taught by Baca on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for

the other art known benefits of the Baca structure, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use.

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (16).

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (see the rejections of claim 5 above using Baca for details).

With Respect to Claim 7

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (see e.g. FIG. 3).

With Respect to Claim 8

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation (the non-symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIGS. 4E and 4G will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention, to the best of Examiner's understanding of the invention and the scope of this unclear limitation, see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above).

With Respect to Claim 9

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations (the symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIG. 4A, 4B, or 4C will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention, to the best of Examiner's understanding of the invention and the scope of this unclear limitation, see the 112 2nd paragraph rejection above)

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (16) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (FIGS. 1-3 and 6 show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed).

8. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

9. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the

obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

10. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of either U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb. It is noted that Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone which forms a holder via a slot in the other structure, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure attached to a mobile device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Murphy or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by either reference to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the device as taught by either reference.

Double Patenting

11. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple

assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with the examined application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. See MPEP § 717.02 for applications subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA as explained in MPEP § 2159. See MPEP § 2146 *et seq.* for applications not subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

The USPTO Internet website contains terminal disclaimer forms which may be used. Please visit www.uspto.gov/patent/patents-forms. The filing date of the application in which the form is filed determines what form (e.g., PTO/SB/25, PTO/SB/26, PTO/AIA/25, or PTO/AIA/26) should be used. A web-based eTerminal Disclaimer may be filled out completely online using web-screens. An eTerminal Disclaimer that meets all requirements is auto-processed and approved immediately upon submission. For more information about eTerminal Disclaimers, refer to www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/eTD-info-I.jsp.

12. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent #11,058,194 in view of

Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims recite magnetic attachment structures similar to those of the claim, and Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker provide for meeting all of the other limitations of the claims, see the rejections of the claims above using these references for details as to what they teach.

Response to Arguments

13. Applicant's arguments filed 10/22/2021 have been fully considered but they are not all persuasive.

14. In response to Applicant's comments regarding the drawing objections, those objections have been removed. Examiner apologizes for inadvertently including the drawing objections.

15. In response to Applicant's arguments regarding the specification objections related to the tapering, Examiner agrees that the drawings provide support for such limitations, but maintains that the specification does not disclose and provide proper antecedent basis for the claim language. Examiner recommends amending the specification to detail the structure in the drawings to provide a proper antecedent basis.

16. In response to Applicant's argument regarding the 112 1st paragraph rejections, Applicant's argument that at least the FIG. 43I embodiment is only capable of taking on a single orientation is persuasive, and so that rejection has been withdrawn.

17. Examiner notes Applicant's arguments regarding "misalignment" and intended use, but these arguments are not persuasive, as a functional limitation of a claim is not limited solely by a single intended use, but by any use which meets the functional limitations, and claim language must be clear as to what the scope of the claim language is. If the claim recites that the structure is only functionally capable of being in a single orientation, then the structure must therefore be incapable of being in another orientation. Examiner is suggesting an alternate alignment, as opposed to a "misalignment"

(e.g. holding magnets against their magnetic attraction or the like) as Applicant argues, as the magnets of several embodiments, if located in a different position, will naturally pull towards the second position in the same way as they pull towards the position intended by Applicant. Examiner notes Applicant's later arguments that the phrase "a specific orientation" is broad enough to encompass one or more discrete orientations are found persuasive, as are the arguments that at least one embodiment is capable of use in only a single orientation.

18. Applicant's arguments that the recitations of the first and second region specifically refer to regions of magnetic material that forms the arrangement and expose a magnetic field and not encompass general large non-magnetic areas that contain magnets are persuasive.

19. Applicant's arguments that the claim language only functionally recites the mobile device are persuasive.

20. Applicant's arguments that "substantially" is sufficiently clear and merely broadens the term to encompass real world structures rather than a strict geometric definition of "planar" are persuasive.

21. In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually (e.g. that Sartee and Baca do not specifically relate to wallets, that Gluck does not disclose a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment because Gluck's plate is not in that location, that Gluck does not include a magnet on the wallet), one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.,* 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

22. In response to applicant's argument that Sartee is nonanalogous art, it has been held that a prior art reference must either be in the field of applicant's endeavor or, if not, then be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the applicant was concerned, in order to be relied upon as a basis for rejection of the claimed invention. See *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443, 24 USPQ2d 1443 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, Sartee relates to electronic device cases and related structures which is in the

field of applicant's endeavor (i.e. a wallet attached to an electronic device case via magnets on both the wallet and case clearly encompasses both wallets and electronic device cases in the field of endeavor), and is also reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the applicant was concerned which includes using magnets on containers and the particular claim relates to using shielding and therefore applicant's problem to be solved with respect to that claim clearly encompasses magnetic shielding and therefore prior art references related to magnets and ferromagnetic shielding are clearly reasonably pertinent to this problem.

23. In response to Applicant's argument that there is no evidence that Sartee addresses a problem inherent in Baca or which Applicant was trying to solve, Sartee indicates that the shielding serves to shunt the magnetic field away from the contents of the case and also that it serves to increase the magnetic force of the magnets, both of which are desirable and solve problems associated with magnets (i.e. magnets can damage some electronics or other structures and obviously increasing magnetic strength for a stronger connection between the parts to avoid dislodgement is a clear benefit of this structure), and also indicates that cases and attachments use magnets and electronic devices may use Hall effect sensors that detect magnets, and the use of magnetic shielding to reduce magnetic fields in the vicinity of Hall effect sensors (i.e. magnetic shielding will prevent the magnets from disrupting a Hall Effect sensor on any electronic devices placed in the wallet, which is clearly a benefit). As such, the teaching is clearly reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which Applicant was trying to solve, which includes using magnetic shielding between a magnet and a compartment.

24. In response to Applicant's argument that Sartee does not disclose a compartment, Sartee relates to a device case, and clearly includes a compartment for the device. Although Sartee does not include a wallet, the teachings of the benefits of magnetic shielding on a compartment to increase the magnetic attraction outside of the compartment and/or the teachings of magnetic shielding to reduce

magnetic fields inside of a compartment the magnets are attached to are sufficient to motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to add magnetic shielding as claimed to the structure of Baca/the combination.

25. In response to applicant's argument that the examiner's conclusion of obviousness is based upon improper hindsight reasoning, it must be recognized that any judgment on obviousness is in a sense necessarily a reconstruction based upon hindsight reasoning. But so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure, such a reconstruction is proper. See *In re McLaughlin*, 443 F.2d 1392, 170 USPQ 209 (CCPA 1971). Here, the rejection above takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure, and so the reconstruction is proper. See the rejections above for the teachings of the prior art reference and the motivation to modify and/or combine them.

26. In response to Applicant's arguments related to Gluck, Gluck is used solely for its disclosure of a magnetic shield in the shape of a plate, as Sartee does not detail the shape of its plate. As such, the details of Gluck are not particularly relevant to the combination. Additionally, it is noted that Gluck's shielding plate (30) is located between the compartment and an exterior of the case, a similar location to the shielding of Sartee (i.e. Sartee has the magnets on the exterior of the case, and the magnetic shield in order to operate must be between the magnets and the compartment, and the Gluck location adjacent the compartment allows for this as well).

27. In response to Applicant's argument that the requirements of a surface mount are not the same as those used to couple two items together, although there may be some differences and instances where a particular surface mount would not operate between two items, many fastening structures (e.g. adhesives, hook and loop fasteners, magnets, etc) are used for both, and so fastening structures for one are clearly relevant to the other as well, absent some reason they would not operate, which has not

been shown here. Examiner further notes that Berkley discloses a set of corresponding magnets on a device to attach a wallet, indicating that the use of multiple magnets on one item to attach it to another item together clearly has a reasonable expectation of success in the art.

28. In response to Applicant's argument that Berkley teaches away from a combination with Baca, it is noted that according to MPEP 2123 II, "Disclosed examples and preferred embodiments do not constitute a teaching away from a broader disclosure or non-preferred embodiments." Further, in MPEP 2141.02 VI, "the prior art's mere disclosure of more than one alternative does not constitute a teaching away from any of these alternatives because such disclosure does not criticize, discredit, or otherwise discourage the solution claimed," which indicates that to show that a reference teaches away, there must be a showing that the reference criticizes, discredits, or otherwise discourages the solution claimed. MPEP 2145 D provides more information on teaching away. In summary, Applicant has not made a proper showing of teaching away at least in this instance, as no evidence has been shown that the solution claimed has been in any way criticized, discredited, or otherwise discouraged.

29. In response to Applicant's argument that Berkley discloses only "a magnet", Examiner further notes that Berkley discloses a set of corresponding magnets on the device, indicating that the use of multiple magnets to attach two items together is contemplated and clearly has a reasonable expectation of success. It is further noted that using multiple magnets is disclosed by Berkley (noting multiple magnets on the electronic device, [0029]), and that using more than one magnet in and of itself would constitute at most a mere duplication of parts which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04), and so the reference to "a magnet" does not teach away from using multiple magnets or indicate that multiple magnets could not or should not be used.

30. In response to Applicant's argument that Berkley discloses using hook and loop or adhesive materials which have continuous rather than discrete attachment like the claimed magnets, Examiner maintains the position that a person of ordinary skill in the art would see the two as art known

substitutes, as snaps, hook and loop fasteners, magnets, and many other fasteners are well known in the art, and it is well within the level of ordinary skill in the art to select a particular fastener for the art known benefits of that fastener, which constitutes at most a simple substitution of one known element for another to obtain predictable results, which is an example rationale that supports a conclusion of obviousness per KSR v Teleflex (see MPEP 2143(I)).

31. In further response to Furthermore, the use of magnets as taught by Baca constitute at most a simple substitution of one known element (a magnet) for another (the particular configuration of magnets taught by Baca) to obtain predictable results (i.e. it fastens the parts together in a particular orientation as taught by Baca); and/or is simply use of a known technique (i.e. using multiple magnets and arranging them in the Baca configuration) to improve similar devices in the same way (i.e. it automatically attaches in a particular orientation); and both of these are example rationales that supports a conclusion of obviousness per KSR v Teleflex (see MPEP 2143(I)).

32. In response to applicant's argument that Berkley does not disclose having the wallet attach with sufficient strength so as to support the weight of the mobile device and Baca does not disclose supporting the weight of the device in the orientations that occur when the device is carried by a user, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. Examiner maintains that the Berkley hook and loop fastener or magnets is sufficient to support the weight of an appropriate device to the extent claimed, as an attractive force incapable of supporting at least an electronic device weighing less than the wallet with its contents would also be incapable of supporting the weight of the wallet and the structure would therefore not operate as taught by Berkley. Although Baca does not detail supporting the weight in every possible orientation, it will at least support the weight of the device if held relatively still by the user in the orientation shown in Baca, which is

clearly sufficient to meet the intended use recited in the claims. Examiner notes that even if the functionality were better defined or the electronic device structurally required, using stronger magnets to make a stronger connection is a trivial selection of an art appropriate attachment structure and/or would be obvious in order to better secure the parts together and avoid inadvertent dislodgement.

33. In response to Applicant's general statement that Baca discloses using mechanical friction enhancing techniques to reduce the risk of magnet delamination, this has no impact on whether or not the magnetic force is sufficient to support the object, as additional precautions to avoid inadvertent dislodgement (e.g. if the object is bumped or the like) are common, and additionally Baca discloses that such are optional and so clearly not required.

34. In response to Applicant's argument that Berkley's structure does not taper at the opening, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Berkley clearly demonstrates the material at the opening tapering from the short wall to the long wall in order to expose the cards. The sidewalls clearly taper at least to the extent claimed. If Applicant desires the claim to be limited to a particular tapering shape like that shown in Applicant's drawings, Applicant should add such details into the claims (this is not an indication that such would lead to allowability or that modifying the shape of the tapered sides and opening of Berkley would not be obvious, merely a statement that Applicant's arguments are not commensurate in scope with the language of the claim).

35. In response to Applicant's arguments that the combination with Murphy or Baker includes mere conclusory statements and does not justify the combination of the finger loops with the surface mount in Baca, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Baca discloses a mount attached to an electronic device, and Murphy or Baker discloses using finger loops attached to a mount on an electronic device in order to allow a user to more easily hold the device, which is sufficient motivation to add finger loops like that of Murphy or Baker to the structure of Baca/the combination for the benefits disclosed by Murphy or Baker.

36. Applicant's arguments (e.g. general statements that the office has failed to provide an adequiate basis for combining the references, general statements of the law without particularly relating such to the particulars of the rejection, general statements that Gluck “further exacerbates the error of the combination” without detail as to what this means; general but unsupported statements that the office offers merely conclusory statemetns that the combination of Murphy or Baker is appropriate and has not carried its obligation, with no reference to the motivation provided by the Office for the combination or refutation thereof) fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

37. Applicant's arguments (e.g. general statements that the office has failed to provide an adequiate basis for combining the references, general statements of the law without particularly relating such to the particulars of the rejection, general statements that Gluck “further exacerbates the error of the combination” without detail as to what this means; general but unsupported statements that the office offers merely conclusory statemetns that the combination of Murphy or Baker is appropriate and has not carried its obligation, with no reference to the motivation provided by the Office for the combination or refutation thereof)do not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) because they do not clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. Further, they do not show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

38. In response to Applicant’s argument regarding the double patenting rejection that the doctrine is whether the claims would impermissibly extend the earlier claims by covering substantially the same subject matter, this argument appears to relate to a statutory double patenting rejection. The double patenting rejection used in the office action is a nonstatutory double patenting rejection, which is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to

prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. As stated in the rejection, it is appropriate where at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). Here, the new claims are obvious over the original claims, and so granting the new claims would improperly extend the protection of the subject matter.

Conclusion

39. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

40. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ADAM J WAGGENSPACK whose telephone number is (571)270-7418. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3734

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In re Application for:	Examiner: Waggenspack, Adam J
Mora et al.	Art Group: 3734
Application No.: 17/331,280	Confirmation No.: 6639
Filed: May 26, 2021	
For: MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE	

37 C.F.R. §1.132

DECLARATION OF ALEJANDRO BACA

I, Alejandro Baca, hereby declare that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States.
2. I am an inventor of the above application and I am the sole inventor of US Pub. No. 2016/0260532 that has been cited against the subject application.
3. I am, and at all relevant times have been, President and Managing Director of the Applicant of the above application, namely, 1Lss, Inc (hereinafter "1Lss").
4. 1Lss' magnetic wallet (the Product) has a leather body that defines a compartment that can hold up to six credit cards. Within the body are two arrays of alternating polarity magnets. One array of alternating magnets is adjacent to the open end of the wallet on the side to be attached to the device and one array is at the opposite closed end of the wallet on the side to be attached to the device. Collectively these two arrays assure that the wallet will adopt a specific orientation, either

portrait or landscape when the phone has a case with complementary magnets.

5. The Product was launched as a Kickstarter® on November 5, 2018 with a goal of $15,000 at the time no competitive products existed in the marketplace. In forty-five (45) days backers pledged $62,478. As of December 2021, only 1.7% of Kickstarter® Campaigns have raised more than $20,000.

6. The Product available for general preorder beginning November 22, 2018 with shipping beginning February 6, 2019. The Product experienced year over year sales growth of 139% between 2019 and 2020 and 59% between 2020 and 2021 notwithstanding the entrance of competitive products supported by large marketing budgets.

7. When the Product entered the market, it was a new product category. At that time there were no magnetically connected wallets for mobile devices commercially available. As the Product succeeded, numerous competitors entered the market including the Apple® wallet in 2020.

8. More than 50,000 units of the Product have been sold representing revenues in excess of $2.5 million and representing 22% of 1Lss' sales since the Product's release.

9. 1Lss does not breakdown its promotional budget by product rather promoting its entire product line. From 2019-2021, 1Lss spent $2.6 million advertising its product line though social media, Google® Ads, Bing® and email marketing. During this time the product line expanded to include a number of new products.

10. To date, the Product has received hundreds of five-star reviews from verified customers. Many reviewers identify the quality of the magnetic hold as a key feature in their affinity for the product. Several reviewers

indicated they had tried other magnetic wallets that worked poorly or not at all. Many reviewers have indicated a preference for the Product over the heavily advertised competing product from Apple Inc. Reviewers have also positively reviewed the on-phone positioning of the Product. In light of the many reviews, I believe the two alternating magnetic polarity arrangements with their resulting magnetic strength and on phone positioning are market drivers for the success of the Product.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 01/19/2022

Name: Alejandro Baca
Title: President 1lss, Inc

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CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0

Practitioner Docket No.:	Application No.:	Filing Date:
1021P003C	17/331,280	May 26, 2021
First Named Inventor:	**Title:**	
Mora	MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE	

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0 (AFCP 2.0) OF THE ACCOMPANYING RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116.

1. The above-identified application is (i) an original utility, plant, or design nonprovisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) [a continuing application (*e.g.*, a continuation or divisional application) is filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and is eligible under (i)], or (ii) an international application that has entered the national stage in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371(c).
2. The above-identified application contains an outstanding final rejection.
3. Submitted herewith is a response under 37 CFR 1.116 to the outstanding final rejection. The response includes an amendment to at least one independent claim, and the amendment does not broaden the scope of the independent claim in any aspect.
4. This certification and request for consideration under AFCP 2.0 is the only AFCP 2.0 certification and request filed in response to the outstanding final rejection.
5. Applicant is willing and available to participate in any interview requested by the examiner concerning the present response.
6. This certification and request is being filed electronically using the Office's electronic filing system (EFS-Web).
7. Any fees that would be necessary consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, *e.g.*, extension of time fees, are being concurrently filed herewith. [There is no additional fee required to request consideration under AFCP 2.0.]
8. By filing this certification and request, applicant acknowledges the following:
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        - If the examiner determines that the amendment does not necessitate additional search and/or consideration, or if the examiner determines that additional search and/or consideration is required and could be completed within the allotted time, then the examiner will consider whether the amendment places the application in condition for allowance (after completing the additional search and/or consideration, if required). If the examiner determines that the amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, then the examiner will contact the applicant and request an interview.
            - The interview will be conducted by the examiner, and if the examiner does not have negotiation authority, a primary examiner and/or supervisory patent examiner will also participate.
            - If the applicant declines the interview, or if the interview cannot be scheduled within ten (10) calendar days from the date that the examiner first contacts the applicant, then the examiner will proceed consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116.

Signature	Date
/Thomas M. Coester/	1-22-2022
Name (Print/Typed) Thomas M.Coester	Practitioner Registration No. 39637

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2021, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by [[double brackets]], ~~strikethrough~~ and/or underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the ~~accessory~~ wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

3. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between the first region and the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment.

7. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and
wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please Amend the specification as follows:

[0081] FIGS. 8A and 8B are views of a back portion and front portion of wallet, according to an embodiments. Wallet 100 includes a content removal slot 126 that facilitates the removal of credit cards 10. A user can place their finger through the content removal slot 126 and slide credit cards 10 through the top portion 150 of wallet 100. Content removal slot 126 also provides a window into the compartment of wallet 100 for visually inspecting its contents. Additionally, in one embodiment, front portion 120 and back portion 110 taper near the opening of the compartment. This tapering allows the edges of credit cards within the compartment to be exposed near the opening further facilitating removal of the individual cards.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant provides replacement sheets for figures 3 and 42B to correct margin in Figure 3 and correct reference number corruption artifacts present in originally submitted Figure 42B. Approval is requested.

REMARKS

In response to the above identified Office Action, Applicant amends the application and seeks reconsideration hereof. In this response, no claims have been added, one claim has been amended and no claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Approval is requested.

Replacement Figures

Applicant provides replacement sheets for figures 3 and 42B to correct margin in Figure 3 and correct reference number corruption artifacts present in originally submitted Figure 42B. Approval is requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Office objects to the specification asserting that the tapering of the material defining the opening into the compartment tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening. Applicant submits this is fully disclosed in the application as filed. Nevertheless, Applicant has amended the specification to explicitly call out the tapering. Applicant requests approval of the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112 2nd Paragraph

The Office has rejected claims 1-11 under 35 USC §112 2nd paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claim 1 to address the source of confusion surrounding use of the term accessory. Applicant requests the Office withdraw the rejections Under 35 USC §112 second paragraph.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2017/0354229 to Berkley (*Berkley*) in view of *Baca*. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 requires a wallet that has a first and a second arrangement of magnetic material that collectively cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device. In constructing the Office's rejection, appears to recast the teaching of *Baca* and assert it teaches things it does not. Particularly, *Baca* disclose a pattern of magnets on a mobile phone or on a case that couples mechanically to the mobile phone. *Baca* discloses that a surface mount with a linear array of magnets couples to the magnets attached directly or indirectly to the mobile phone to hold the mobile phone on the surface mount. *Baca* neither teaches no suggests that the thing that connects to the mobile phone (the wall mount in *Baca*) has a first and second arrangement of magnets as claimed. Thus, a combination *Berkley* with *Baca* would at most yield a wallet that includes a single linear array of magnets in one of the *Baca* disclosed patterns. That assumes for the sake of argument that the combination is appropriate, which Applicant maintains it is not. For at least this reason, Applicant requests the Office withdraw the rejection of claim 1.

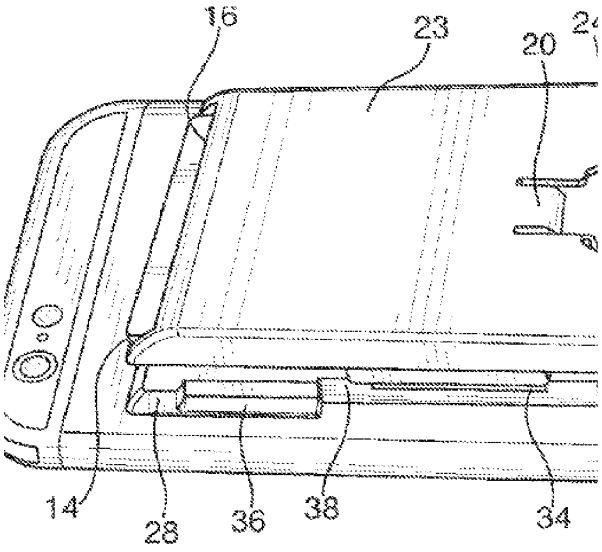
Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 reflecting commercial success of the commercial embodiment of Applicant's wallet claimed herein. Applicant submits that the claimed features that provide a strong magnetic attraction and defined orientation on the mobile device have driven the commercial success of the claimed product. From its Kickstarter® introduction through the present the product has been in high demand not withstanding very little promotional activity and limited production capacity of Applicant. This commercial success and the absence of competitive products on the market prior to Applicant's product release is further evidence of the non-obviousness of Applicant's claimed invention. For this additional reason Applicant request the Office withdraw the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Applicant maintains that the Office has failed to provide an adequate basis for combining the references. The Federal Circuit ruled that the PTO *must* (1) "articulate a reason why a PHOSITA would combine the prior art references"; (2) have an adequate evidentiary basis for that finding; and (3) provide a "satisfactory explanation" for the motivation finding that includes an express and "rational" connection with the evidence presented. See, *In re Lee* (conclusory

statements are insufficient); *Cutsforth v. MotivePower* (must positively explain motivation – not just reject arguments against motivation); and *Arendi v. Apple* (PTAB "cannot rely solely on common knowledge or common sense to support its findings" of motivation).

The Office assert those skilled in the art would make the combination "in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for the other art known benefits of the Baca structure, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use." Applicant notes that *Baca* is directed to a surface mounting system and not related to a wallet at all. Applicant notes that generally the requirements to surface mount are not the same as those to couple two items together. There is nothing in either reference that indicate the arrangement of *Baca* would provide benefits in the context of the *Berkley* invention. In fact, *Berkley*'s preference for hook and loop material or adhesive which definitionally allow continuous adjustability belies any assertion that the desirability of self-orientation is suggested by *Berkley*. Applicant believes that the lack of a proper motivation to combine the references provide a further basis for withdrawal of the rejection.

Regarding claim 11, neither cited reference teaches or suggests: "wherein a material defining the opening **tapers at the opening** to expose a content of the compartment at the opening." Applicant explained its tapering above. In the context of *Berkley* there is no taper that exposes the cards, rather one side of the compartment is simply shorter than the other. See partial figure 2 of *Berkley* below for reference.



The Office has rejected Claims 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Berkley* in view of *Baca* as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Publication No.2014/0043748 to Sartee (*Sartee*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It its response to Applicant's arguments the Office falsely assert that "Sartee relates to electronic device cases" and that it relates to magnets on containers. In fact, *Sartee* has nothing to do with a container of any kind. Rather it is a cover for a tablet (see abstract) it has no internal compartment. It offers no teaching related to a shield of a compartment. It comes from an entirely different field of art and has been cobbled into the existing rejection solely using Applicants own disclosure. That constitutes inappropriate hindsight reconstruction. The is no reference of record that teaches or suggest the desirability of shielding the internal compartment of a wallet as claimed (even if it were appropriate to use *Sartee*, which Applicant maintains it is not). Both because the combination is inappropriate and because the combination fails to teach or suggest a magnetic shield between a compartment defined by a body and sets of magnets exposing a magnetic field external to the body, Applicant requests the Office withdraw the rejection of claim 2.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Berkley, Baca* and *Sartee* as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Publication No. 2017/0196331 to Gluck (*Gluck*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Office has asserted that Applicant cannot show non-obviousness by attacking the refences individually. However, that is not what Applicant did, rather, Applicant has attempted to show that there is no correlation between the parts of the disparate references that the Office as amassed and reconstructed using Applicant's claims as a guide. While there is no absolute limit on the number of references that may be used to reject a claim, and the number increases, the allegation of obviousness becomes increasingly suspect. Furthermore, the Office is not entitled to divorce the teaching of a reference from its context. Rather it is incumbent on the Office to consider the reference as a whole, both what it teaches and what it does not teach. The Office asserts that *Gluck* is "used solely for its disclosure of a magnetic shield in the shape of a plate." Thus, the Office feels relieves of its responsibility to show the placement of the plate as claimed. But the creates the quandary that the Office has no reference with a magnetic shield between shield an internal compartment defined by a body that has a magnetic field exposed at its surface. The choice of the Office's language "solely used for …" also reflects the failure to contextualize the teachings of the reference and impermissibly divorces those teaching from the granular factoid the Office seeks to use in its hindsight reconstruction. In light of the foregoing, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over *Berkley* and *Baca* as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2014/0217135 to Murphy (*Murphy*) or U.S. Publication No. 2012/0031937 to Baker (*Baker*). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant previously noted that the additional of *Murphy* and *Baker* are supported by not more than a conclusory assertion of the basis for combination. Applicant maintains this position and submits that in its response the Office attempted to inappropriately shift the burden to Applicant when it has not first satisfied its burden to provide more than a conclusory justification for the combination. Applicant further notes that while the Office states that "Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone which forms a

holder via a slot in the other structure, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure." But the Office fails to disclose where in the reference this alleged teaching occurs. Applicant notes that the word "slot" appears nowhere in the reference. Applicant is thus deprived of the ability to contest the veracity of the unexplained position. Applicant submits that the rejection should be fully articulated or withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Office has rejected claims 1-11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness under claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No.11,058,194 in view of Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker. Applicant traverse this rejection.

Applicant maintains that if, as the Office states additional references beyond the commonly owned related patents are required to make a case of obviousness, then there is no double patenting. While the Office has correctly stated the principle that a double patenting rejection "is appropriate where at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s)" it then misapplies that principle by introducing additional references to assert obviousness. Therefore, the existing claims under examination cannot be said to be obvious (or anticipated) by the claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or U.S. Patent No. 11,058,194. It is the claims themselves of the allegedly double patented case that must yield the conclusion of anticipation or obviousness. This rejection is in error and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the existing claims are in condition for allowance and such action is requested at the earliest possible date. Questioning regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at 310-584-7326.

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THE REPLY FILED 22 January 2022 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

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AMENDMENTS

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   d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
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11. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

12. ☑ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
13. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
14. ☑ Other: PTO-2323.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

15. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
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    Claim(s) objected to:_____.
    Claim(s) rejected:1-11.
    Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:_____.

/ADAM J WAGGENSPACK/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3734	

Continuation of REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER 12. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The claims would be rejected using the same art as was used in the Final Rejection of 11/2/2021.

In response to Applicant's arguments that Baca does not disclose the surface side attachment (e.g. wall) having first and second arrangements of magnetic material as claimed, Examiner notes that for example FIG. 1A shows a structure that can be considered to include left and right arrangements of four magnets which are first and second arrangements of magnetic material as claimed; alternately, Examiner noted that as the claims only recite the attachment mechanism of one part, the wallet could be the part having the multiple spaced arrays and then be attached in different areas via a single magnetic array on the electronic device, which would also meet the claim language.

In response to Applicant's arguments and Declaration regarding commercial success, the provided evidence is insufficient to overcome the prima facie case of obviousness established in the rejection. There are many statements in the affidavit that lack sufficient supporting evidence (e.g. competitive products supported by large marketing budgets without detail as to what those marketing budgets were or how they compare to Applicant's). The Declaration indicates that there were no competing products, but specifically mentions only magnetically connected wallets without considering substitute products such as wallets attached via hook and loop fastener or the like (it is noted that there is also insufficient demonstration of what kind of search was performed to arrive at the conclusion that there were no magnetic wallets commercially available). Applicant's sales figures are insufficient to show commercial success absent evidence as to market share and as to what sales would normally be expected in the market during the time period during which the product was sold (MPEP 716.03(b)(IV)). Further, there is insufficient evidence that any alleged commercial success is directly derived from the invention claimed; although the Declaration indicates that there are many reviews and reviewers that indicate the quality of the magnetic hold is a key feature, no example reviews are provided, the source of such reviews is unclear, and it is unclear whether the greater magnetic hold may be to using higher quality/stronger magnets rather than the particular arrangement of the magnets claimed.

In response to Applicant's argument that Baca is not directed to a wallet but is directed to surface mounting which does not have the same requirements as coupling two items together, although there are some minor different considerations between the two, Examiner maintains that surface fastener arrangements and fastener arrangements securing two articles together are often interchangeable. In fact, many article carrying/holster structures are designed to allow for a phone to be removed from a person attached holster and placed in a surface/vehicle attached holster or wall holder, and additionally hook and loop fastener, snaps, magnets, and other similar fasteners are routinely used to allow removable attachment to permanent surfaces such as a wall as well as mobile surfaces such as a vehicle, a user, or another object.

In response to Applicant's argument that Berkley's "preference" for hook and loop material or adhesive which allows continuous adjustability belies any assertion of the desirability of self-orientation is suggested by Berkley, this argument is irrelevant as Berkley is not used for disclosing a desirability of self-orientation. Examiner maintains that a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand the benefits of automatic self-orientation, i.e. it allows for the two parts to take on a desired orientation without need for the user, it allows a user to place the two parts near each other and they will attach together in a suitable fashion without the user needing to look at them, and/or constitutes at most merely automating a manual activity which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04). Examiner maintains that a person of ordinary skill in the art would look to Baca or similar references disclosing magnetic fasteners in order to determine an appropriate magnetic fastening structure, and that it would have been obvious to use Baca's structure for the benefits disclosed by Baca such as a strong connection and automatic orientation.

To the degree that Applicant's arguments may be taken as an argument that Berkley teaches away from self-orientation, it is noted that according to MPEP 2123 II, “Disclosed examples and preferred embodiments do not constitute a teaching away from a broader disclosure or non-preferred embodiments. ” Further, in MPEP 2141.02 VI, “the prior art’s mere disclosure of more than one alternative does not constitute a teaching away from any of these alternatives because such disclosure does not criticize, discredit, or otherwise discourage the solution claimed,” which indicates that to show that a reference teaches away, there must be a showing that the reference criticizes, discredits, or otherwise discourages the solution claimed. MPEP 2145 D provides more information on teaching away. In summary, Applicant has not made a proper showing of teaching away at least in this instance, as no evidence has been shown that the solution claimed has been in any way criticized, discredited, or otherwise discouraged.

In response to Applicant's arguments regarding claim 11 that the Berkley structure merely has one side shorter than the other, Examiner maintains that the sidewall tapers at the opening which exposes the cards above the sidewall at the bottom of the taper, and this is sufficient to meet the claim language.

In response to Applicant's argument that Sartee is a cover for a tablet rather than an electronic device case, Sartee discloses that the article 10 can take many and varied forms including a cover, a stand, a sock, a hanger, etc, and Examiner maintains that a person of ordinary skill in the art would consider it's teaching obvious to apply to an electronic device case or other structures, noting particularly that the teachings of Sartee used in the rejection relate to its magnetic attachment mechanism rather than the particulars of its cover structure.

In response to Applicant's arguments that Sartee relates to a cover for a tablet, Sartee discloses that it relates to various types of device accessories including covers, stands, docks, hangers, and so on, and Examiner maintains that a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand the benefits of its magnetic attachment structure to apply to cases including a compartment such as those of Berkley or Baca. Additionally, Sartee is used for its teaching of a magnetic attachment mechanism, and Examiner maintains that its teachings are sufficient to motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to add a metallic structure (and particularly a plate, either based on the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art or Glubk) to a magnetic attachment like those of Berkely and/or Baca for the benefits disclosed by Sartee for its metallic structure.

In response to Applicant's arguments regarding Murphy and Baker, Examiner apologizes for poor wording regarding Baker. However, Examiner maintains that both references disclose the use of finger loops to support an electronic device, and Baker particularly to a finger loop removably attached to a second structure on the device, and that either reference provides sufficient motivation to add a finger loop to the wallet of the combination in order to add a finger loop to the device when the wallet is attached to assist in holding the electronic device, prevent inadvertent dropping, and/or for the other benefits disclosed by Murphy or Baker or that would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art regarding such structure.

In response to Applicant's arguments that the rejection misapplies the nonstatutory double patenting principle because it should not introduce additional references to assert obviousness, this doctrine is not misapplied, as obviousness is considered in view of the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art and the prior art. See MPEP 804, noting "The public should . . . be able to act on the assumption that upon the expiration of the patent it will be free to use not only the invention claimed in the patent but also modifications or variants which would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, taking into account the skill in the art and prior art other than the invention claimed in the issued patent. In re Zickendraht, 319 F.2d 225, 232, 138 USPQ 22, 27 (CCPA 1963) (Rich, J., concurring)." Noting particularly "taking into account the skill in the art and prior art other than the invention claimed in the issued patent". Examiner notes also that Nonstatutory double patenting with secondary references is a form paragraph in the MPEP, further indication that such is proper.

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	**Application No.** 17/331,280	**Applicant(s)** Mora et al.		
	Examiner ADAM J WAGGENSPACK	**Art Unit** 3734	**AIA (First Inventor to File) Status** Yes	**Page** 1 of 2

All Participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel)	**Title**	**Type**
ADAM J WAGGENSPACK	Primary Examiner	Telephonic
THOMAS COESTER	Attorney of Record	

Date of Interview: 22 January 2022

Issues Discussed:

35 U.S.C. 103

Discussed Applicant's arguments, particularly that Baca did not disclose both the device and surface having spaced arrays of magnets. Examiner noted that the Baca single array had multiple magnetic regions sufficient to meet the claim language; Examiner further noted that as the claims only refer to the wallet, they would encompass the device having a single array and the wallet having the plurality of arrays, and maintained that Baca's disclosure of magnetic attachments would be sufficient to have a plurality of arrays on the wallet and only one of the device. Discussed amending the claims to recite both a plurality of magnetic arrays spaced apart by non-magnetic regions and a corresponding plurality of complementary magnetic arrays spaced apart by non-magnetic regions in order to amend around the Baca reference. It was agreed that a properly worded amendment as to this feature would amend around the current rejection, but would require further consideration and search. No particular claim language was agreed upon.

Discussed other features, such as details of the tapered opening and ring structure which might also amend around the current rejection.

Other

Discussed the Affidavit filed 1/22/2022, but Examiner maintained that the evidence provided was insufficient to establish commercial success or a nexus between any commercial success and the merits of the claimed invention.

/ADAM J WAGGENSPACK/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3734	

Applicant is reminded that a complete written statement as to the substance of the interview must be made of record in the application file. It is the applicants responsibility to provide the written statement, unless the interview was initiated by the Examiner and the Examiner has indicated that a written summary will be provided. See MPEP 713.04
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37 CFR § 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing

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AFCP 2.0 Decision

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	**Art Unit**	**AIA (FITF) Status**
ADAM J WAGGENSPACK	3734	Yes

This is in response to the After Final Consideration Pilot request filed 22 January 2022.

1. **Improper Request** – The AFCP 2.0 request is improper for the following reason(s) and the after final amendment submitted with the request will be treated under pre-pilot procedure.

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   ☐ Other: _____

2. **Proper Request**

   A. After final amendment submitted with the request will not be treated under AFCP 2.0.
   The after final amendment cannot be reviewed and a search conducted within the guidelines of the pilot program.

   ☐ The after final amendment will be treated under pre-pilot procedure.

   B. Updated search and/or completed additional consideration.
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   ☐ 1. All of the rejections in the most recent final Office action are overcome and a Notice of Allowance is issued herewith.

   ☑ 2. The after final amendment would not overcome all of the rejections in the most recent final Office action . See attached interview summary for further details.

   ☐ 3. The after final amendment was reviewed, and it raises a new issue(s). See attached interview summary for further details.

   ☐ 4. The after final amendment raises new issues, but would overcome all of the rejections in the most recent final Office action. A decision on determining allowability could not be made within the guidelines of the pilot. See attached interview summary for further details, including any newly discovered prior art.

   ☐ 5. Other: _____

   Examiner Note: Please attach an interview summary when necessary as described above.

OK TO ENTER: /A.J.W/

Docket No.: 1021P003C
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2021, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

Doc code: RCEX
Doc description: Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

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Application Number	17/331,280	Filing Date	2021-05-26	Docket Number (if applicable)	1021P003C	Art Unit	3734
First Named Inventor	Mora			Examiner Name	WAGGENSPACK, ADAM J		

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Signature	/Thomas M. Coester/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2022-03-17
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PLEMINARY AMENDMENT PRIOR TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks, and respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by [[double brackets]], ~~strikethrough~~ and/or underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

CLAIMS.

1. (Currently Amended) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement, and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

3. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between the first region and the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment.

7. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. (Currently Amended) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and
wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

12. (New) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

REMARKS

In response to the interview after final, Applicant amends the application and seeks reconsideration hereof. In this amendment, one claims has been added, two claims have been amended and no claims have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Approval is requested.

Examiner Interview After Final

The Applicant's Representative conducted and interview with the Examiner in the context of the after final review pilot program. In the interview, the Examiner indicated that clarifying in the claims that first and second arrangement were separated geographically so as not to be part of the same grouping of magnetic material would move the case beyond the existing rejection. Applicant believes the amendments address the Examiner's express indication that parts of a single grouping of magnetic material could be construed as the first and second arrangement. Applicant has also included the notion that both arrangements "concurrently" couple to the device thereby requiring there be a first and second arrangement associated with the device to which the first and second arrangements can be attached at the same time. Applicant notes that while there would be a first and second arrangement on both the device and the wallet, there is no requirement for a one to one correspondence between these arrangements.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the existing claims are in condition for allowance and such action is requested at the earliest possible date. Questioning regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at 310-584-7326.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I

FOR	(Column 1) NUMBER FILED	(Column 2) NUMBER EXTRA		RATE ($)	FEE ($)
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☐ SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(k), (i), or (m))	N/A	N/A		N/A	
☐ EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.16(o), (p), or (q))	N/A	N/A		N/A	
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(i))	minus 20 =	*		x $50 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	minus 3 =	*		x $240 =	
☐ APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is $310 ($155 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).				
☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))					
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APPLICATION AS AMENDED - PART II

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3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

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1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy).

With Respect to Claim 1

Berkley discloses a wallet (FIG. 1) for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device and wherein the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e. the specific orientation shown in the drawings), but does not detail the magnetic structure/arrangement and so does not disclose a first arrangement of magnetic material

having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement, and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

However, Levy discloses (for clarity, particular parts and embodiments of Levy will be referenced, but the rejection is considered to encompass all embodiments with similar parts/teachings, and reference to a particular part as "first arrangement" or "first region" is merely exemplary as the first and second arrangements/regions may be interchanged unless the claim language limits one of them in a way that precludes such) forming a mobile device case with a magnetic structure to allow attachment between the case and any of various accessories with mating magnetic structures, the magnetic structure comprising a first arrangement (e.g. top left magnetic arrangement on the accessory corresponding to the case of FIG. 8A, see [0058]) of magnetic material having a first region (e.g. top left quadrant) exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region (e.g. top right quadrant) exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a

second arrangement of magnetic material (e.g. top right magnetic arrangement on accessory corresponding to FIG. 8A) having a first region (e.g. top left quadrant) exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region (e.g. top right quadrant) exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the accessory by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement (see e.g. FIG. 8a); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (see disclosure, this is their stated purpose, and/or they will do with an appropriate mobile device).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Levy, to use a magnetic arrangement as taught by Levy on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to allow for an automatic attachment in an appropriate orientation, to allow for rotational attachment of the wallet to the case/device in different rotational orientations as desired, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use. For clarity, the rejection is considered to encompass either also including the mating protrusion and recess structure of Levy or merely using sufficiently strong magnets to secure the wallet and case together.

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (16).

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device (they are capable of this use with an appropriate mobile device, noting also that the purpose of the Levy structure is to support the device when attached to other accessories and so this is also inherent in the combination).

Alternately, although noting that the combination encompasses having the magnets alone attach and support the wallet on the device, it would have been obvious to use magnets sufficiently strong to support a weight of the mobile device in order to provide a strong connection between the parts, as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic material/strength to use, and/or the strength of the magnets as is a results effective variable with the results being how strongly the two parts hold together. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application to make the magnets strong enough to support a/the mobile device, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980). Furthermore, a change in form or shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art, absent any showing of unexpected results. *In re Dailey et al.*, 149 USPQ 47.

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (they appear to contact each other in FIG. 8A or to the

degree there may be some minimal distance shown in FIG. 8B or 9B, making the distance 2mm or less is obvious as a mere selection of an art appropriate distance or at most a mere change in size/proportion (i.e. changing the distance) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04(IV)(A)) or a mere rearrangement of parts (i.e. the device will still function the same if the magnets are contacting each other, 1mm apart, or other spacing values in the claimed range) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04)).

With Respect to Claim 7

As to the combination which uses the magnetic structure but does not add the protrusion and recess, the wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (see e.g. Berkley FIG. 3).

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (16) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (Berkely FIGS. 1-3 and 6 show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed in numerous ways, noting for example that it tapers towards a long axis at the "top" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1, or it tapers towards a long axis at the "bottom" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1 or it tapers towards a long axis located centrally along the sidewall).

With Respect to Claim 12

A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (wallet body of Berkley) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; a first arrangement of magnetic

material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement (it has a different orientation, noting for example the top left and the top right or bottom left arrangements corresponding to FIG. 8A have different orientations, as do any two of the arrangements corresponding to FIG. 9A); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (per Levy).

5. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field

pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) and U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

7. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2018/0234126 to Yeo (Yeo), U.S. Patent U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) and/or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Yeo discloses forming a finger loop (120, 130, 141, and related structures) on a holder (similar to the Levy container/wallet) which is removably attached to an electronic device or its case (see FIG. 12 embodiment and description, see also figures of earlier embodiments showing the device case attachment.

Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb. It is noted that Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure attached to a mobile device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Yeo, Murphy, and/or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by any of these references to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the wallet/container and/or device as taught by that reference.

8. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of either U.S. Patent #5,718,329 to Ippolito (Ippolito) or both U.S. Patent #6,026,873 to Van Geer (Van Geer) and U.S. Patent #5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama).

With Respect to Claim 11

As an alternative to the rejection of claim 11 above using Berkley in view of Levy alone, in the interests of advancing prosecution, Ippolito discloses forming a similar holder with a compartment and an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (see e.g. tapered portion 18 which tapers from a low central section towards a long axis of the body at either side) in order to provide access for a user's finger to push the cards out of the holder; Van Geer discloses forming a card holder with a corner cutout section to provide access to the contents of the container and Mitsuyama discloses the use of a tapered corner cutout similar to the invention on a card holding structure.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Ippolito, to ad a tapered finger opening as taught by Ippolito in order to provide better access for a user to insert and remove cards as taught by Ippolito and/or as a mere substitution of one art known access opening shape for another.

9. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca), either alone or further in view of Levy.

With Respect to Claim 1

Berkley discloses a wallet (FIG. 1) for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device and wherein the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e. the specific orientation shown in the drawings), but does not detail the magnetic structure/arrangement and so does not disclose a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

However, Baca discloses a magnetic attachment mechanism for coupling a structure to an electronic device case, and the use of a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at a surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at that surface (one set of magnets 500 of FIG. 2A-3A, see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (a different set of the magnets 500, see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the case to a structure having a mating arrangement of magnetic material, and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device ([0083]-0084]), but does not disclose a wallet comprising a body defining the device side surface having first and second arrangements of magnetic material as claimed (noting that only one arrangement is disclosed on the support/device side surface) or that first and second arrangements concurrently magnetically couple the structure to the device case. However, it is noted that Baca discloses having multiple surface-side magnetic attachments to attach a single device-side magnetic attachment ([0064]), and that multiple surface-side magnetic attachments spaced apart in similar fashion to the device-side attachments shown would clearly be capable of concurrent attachment as claimed with an appropriate set of device-side attachments. It is noted that relative to using only a single surface-side attachment, this modification also comprises at most a mere duplication of

parts (i.e. it merely adds another surface-side connector) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04), and/or constitutes at most a mere rearrangement of parts (i.e. rearranging which surface has a plurality of magnetic arrangents and which has only one) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Baca, to use a magnetic arrangement as taught by Baca, specifically a plurality of spaced surface-side attachments similarly located with respect to each other to the plurality of device-side attachments shown in FIGS. 2A-3A, on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for the other art known benefits of the Baca structure, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use. With this modification, all of the limitations of the claim are met, noting that the device-side magnets and concurrent magnetic coupling are clearly only functionally recited.

Alternately, Levy discloses forming a case to be attached to a number of different supports using mating magnetic attachments comprising first and second arrangements each having at least two regions of opposite polarity magnetic fields and the arrangements physically separated as claimed, in order to allow for rotatable coupling of the two parts relative to each other, which provides further evidence of the obviousness of and/or motivation for this modification.

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (16).

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (see the rejections of claim 5 above using Baca for details).

With Respect to Claim 7

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (see e.g. FIG. 3).

With Respect to Claim 8

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation (the non-symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIGS. 4E and 4G will perform this function if attached in appropriate relationship).

Alternately, to the degree that the arrangements could possibly be arranged so as to allow for multiple orientations, Baca discloses using asymmetrical arrangements to allow for mounting in only one position, and so it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application to form the plurality of arrays to allow mounting in only one position, in order to prevent inadvertently attaching the device in a less favored orientation, as a mere selection of an art appropriate asymmetric magnetic arrangements, and/or as doing so is "obvious to try" as a mere selection from a limited number of art known alternatives (i.e. the arrangements are either overall asymmetric and allow only one

orientation, or they allow for multiple orientations, and a person of ordinary skill in the art is capable of weighing these two alternatives and deciding which they prefer).

With Respect to Claim 9

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations (the symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIG. 4A, 4B, or 4C will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention)

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (16) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (Berkely FIGS. 1-3 and 6 show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed in numerous ways, noting for example that it tapers towards a long axis at the "top" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1, or it tapers towards a long axis at the "bottom" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1 or it tapers towards a long axis located centrally along the sidewall).

10. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and

FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

11. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the

shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

12. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca), either alone or further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2018/0234126 to Yeo (Yeo), U.S. Patent U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) and/or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Yeo discloses forming a finger loop (120, 130, 141, and related structures) on a holder (similar to the Levy container/wallet) which is removably attached to an electronic device or its case (see FIG. 12 embodiment and description, see also figures of earlier embodiments showing the device case attachment.

Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb.

It is noted that Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure attached to a mobile device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Yeo, Murphy, and/or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by any of these references to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the wallet/container and/or device as taught by that reference.

13. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of Baca, either alone or further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of either U.S. Patent #5,718,329 to Ippolito (Ippolito) or both U.S. Patent #6,026,873 to Van Geer (Van Geer) and U.S. Patent #5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama).

With Respect to Claim 11

As an alternative to the rejection of claim 11 above using Berkley in view of Baca, either alone or further in view of Levy alone, in the interests of advancing prosecution, Ippolito discloses forming a similar holder with a compartment and an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (see e.g. tapered portion 18 which tapers from a low central section towards a long axis of the body at either side) in order to provide access for a user's finger to push the cards out of the holder; Van Geer discloses forming a card holder with a corner cutout section to provide access to the contents of the container and Mitsuyama discloses the use of a tapered corner cutout similar to the invention on a card holding structure.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Ippolito, to ad a tapered finger opening as taught by Ippolito in order to provide better access for a user to insert and remove cards as taught by Ippolito and/or as a mere substitution of one art known access opening shape for another.

14. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of Baca and U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy).

With Respect to Claim 12

Berkley in view of Baca and Levy (see the rejection of claim 1 above for details of the combination) discloses a wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (wallet body of Berkley) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement (per Levy, which teaches different magnetic arrangements having different orientation, noting for example the top left and the top right or bottom left arrangements corresponding to FIG. 8A have different orientations, as do any two of the arrangements corresponding to FIG. 9A); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and

second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (per Levy).

Double Patenting

15. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on nonstatutory double patenting provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with the examined application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. See MPEP § 717.02 for applications subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA as explained in MPEP § 2159. See MPEP § 2146 *et seq.* for applications not subject to examination under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

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16. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent #11,058,194 in view of Levy, Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims recite magnetic attachment structures similar to those of the claim, and Baca, Sartee, Murphy, Baker, Ippolito, Mitsuyama, and/or Van Geer provide for meeting all of the other limitations of the claims, see the rejections of the claims above using these references for details as to what they teach.

Response to Arguments

17. Applicant's arguments filed 10/22/2021 have been fully considered but they are not all persuasive.

18. In response to Applicant's arguments regarding the amended claim language, Examiner notes that although it was agreed that Baca does not disclose using multiple spaced magnetic arrangements on both the device/case and the support/surface which simultaneously couple to a mating set magnetic arrangements on the other surface (as Baca only has a single such arrangement on the device-side surface or alternately only a single arrangement on the support-side surface), Baca does disclose using multiple arrangements on the support-side surface (the surface to which the device/case attaches, equivalent to the Berkley wallet). Additionally, the device-side surface magnets are clearly only functionally recited, and so the claims are met by a structure having multiple magnetic arrangements on the wallet which are capable of attachment to an appropriate device-side surface (e.g. one having

multiple mating magnetic arrangements). Examiner maintains that Baca's disclosure renders obvious the magnetic arrangement subject matter of the amended claims, see the rejection above for details.

19. In the interests of advancing prosecution, Examiner has added the Levy reference, which provides multiple spaced arrangements/arrays of magnets, which also render obvious much of the claimed subject matter and/or provide sufficient motivation to use multiple of the Baca support-side magnetic arrangements on the wallet.

Conclusion

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ADAM J WAGGENSPACK whose telephone number is (571)270-7418. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:30-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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L43	1095	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 coil near5 battery same magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 11:16 AM
L44	6	L43 and (224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 11:17 AM
L45	57	remov$4 same (wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 coil near5 battery same magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 11:18 AM
L46	515	"6825620"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:25 PM
L47	3	"6825620".pn.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:41 PM
L48	5	"7212414".pn. "7522878".pn.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:43 PM
L49	36400	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 battery	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:43 PM
L50	5013	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 battery near5 coil	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:44 PM
L51	354	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 battery near5 supply near5 coil	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:47 PM
L52	194	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 same battery adj pack near10 magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:59 PM

L53	276	"5959433"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 01:12 PM
L54	263	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) and (case or cover) near10 (wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 08:25 AM
L55	1052	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 through near10 (case or cover)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 01:53 PM
L56	71	L55 and (224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 01:54 PM
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L58	4	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 through near10 (case or cover) near5 (thin$4 or thick$4)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:00 PM
L59	113	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 (case or cover) near5 (thin$4 or thick$4)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:00 PM
L60	111	L59 not L56	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:01 PM
L61	6	"9806556"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:02 PM
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L64	125	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 through near10 (skin)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 03:12 PM
L65	0	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 (skin) near5 (thin$4 or thick$4)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 03:14 PM

L66	2	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) and (skin) near10 (wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 03:15 PM
L67	471	magnet$5 near5 wallet and @pd<"20180925"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/28 12:05 PM
L68	64	wallet near10 finger near10 (ring or loop)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:04 PM
L69	81	wallet same finger near10 (ring or loop) not L68	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:05 PM
L70	294	224/217.ccls.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:06 PM
L71	1	L70 and wallet	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:06 PM
L72	2	"20050284904"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:08 PM
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The Appellant submits the following Appeal Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c) for consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

Fernando Mora, Alex Baca and Mydul R. Islam are the named inventors on the Application. The named inventor transferred his rights to the subject Application through an assignment recorded on February 4, 2020 (Reel/Frame 051717/0489) and a subsequent corrective assignment recorded on February 4, 2020 (Reel/Frame 052598/0401) to 1Lss, Inc, a California corporation, having a principal place of business in Los Angeles, California. Thus, as the owner at the time the brief is being filed, 1Lss, Inc is the real party in interest.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other appeals or interferences that will directly affect, be directly affected by, or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this Appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12. The Appellant hereby appeals the rejections of claims 1-12.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No amendments have been made subsequent to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2022.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 1 requires a wallet for attachment to a mobile device (*passim*). The wallet has a body defining a compartment and a device side surface (*See e.g.*, Para. 0014). A first arrangement of magnetic material has a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (*See e.g.*, Para. 0014, 00113, and 00116). A second arrangement of magnetic material has a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (*See e.g.*, Para. 00113, and 00116). The first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement (*See e.g.*, Fig. 16A). The

first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (*See e.g.*, Fig. 39).

Claim 2 further requires a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment (*See e.g.*, Para. 0078).

Claim 3 further requires the body define at least one content removal slot (*See e.g.*, Para. 0081).

Claim 4 further requires an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device (*See e.g.*, Fig. 24).

Claim 5 further requires a spacing between the first region and the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (*See e.g.*, Fig. 4).

Claim 6 further requires a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment (*See e.g.*, Para. 0078).

Claim 7 further requires that the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (*See e.g.*, Fig. 24).

Claim 8 further requires the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

Claim 9 further requires the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

Claim 10 further requires a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface (*See e.g.*, Fig. 24).

Claim 11 further requires wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment (*See e.g.*, Fig. 14A). The material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (*See e.g.*, Fig. 14A).

Claim 12 requires a wallet for attachment to a mobile device (*Passim*). The body defines a compartment and having a device side surface (*See e.g.*, Para. 0014). A first arrangement of magnetic material has a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (*See e.g.*, Para. 0014, 00113, and 00116). A second arrangement of magnetic material has a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (*See e.g.*, Para. 00113 and 00116). The first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement (*See e.g.*, Fig. 19). The first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (*See e.g.*, Fig. 39).

VI. GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

The issues involved in this Appeal are as follows:

1. Whether claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9 and 11 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by U.S. Pub. No. 2017/0354229 to Berkley (*Berkley*) in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2019/0198212 to Levy (*Levy*)?

2. Whether claim 2 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2014/0043748 to Sartee (*Sartee*)?

3. Whether claim 6[1] is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of *Sartee* either alone or also in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2017/0196331 to Gluck *(Gluck)*?

4. Whether claim 10 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2018/0234126 to Yeo (*Yeo*), U.S. Pub. No. 2014/0217135 to Murphy (*Murphy*) and/or U.S. Pub. No. 2012/0031937 to Baker (*Baker*)?

5. Whether claim 11 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of either U.S. Pat. No.5,718,329 to Ippolito (*Ippolito*) or both U.S. Pat. No. 6,026,873 to Van Geer (*Van Geer*) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama)?

6. Whether claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0260532 to Baca (*Baca*), either alone or further in view of *Levy*?

7. Whether claim 2 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of *Sartee*?

8. Whether claim 6 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of *Sartee* either alone or also in further view of *Gluck*?

9. Whether claim 10 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of *Yeo*, *Murphy* and/or *Baker*?

[1] The Office action refers to claim 2 in setting forth this rejection, but the analysis under the rejection refers to claim 6. Appellant has presumed the Examiner intended to reject claim 6 on this basis.

10. Whether claim 11 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of either U.S. Pat. No.5,718,329 to Ippolito (*Ippolito*) or both U.S. Pat. No. 6,026,873 to Van Geer (*Van Geer*) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama)?

11. Whether claim 12 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca* and *Levy*?

12. Whether claims 1-12 can be properly rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent #11,058,194 in view of Levy, Baca, Sartee, Murphy, and/or Baker.

All the claims do not stand or fall together. The basis for the separate patentability of the claims is set forth below.

VII. ARGUMENT

A. Overview of the Prior Art

The Examiner rejected the Appellant's claims based on combinations of eleven different references. These references are introduced briefly below.

1. Overview of *Berkley*

Berkley discloses cosmetic compact wallet for attachment to a mobile device. *Berkley* a single magnet that can attach to a set of magnets a user affixes to the phone. *Berkley* neither teaches nor suggest the claimed plural arrangements of magnetic material on a wallet or the polarity arrangement claimed by Appellant.

2. Overview of *Levy*

Levy discloses a charging platform that uses a keyed male/female interconnection with sets of magnets to retain the mated relation during charging. *Levy* used its keyed relation to define orientation between the charger and the mobile device.

3. Overview of *Baca*

Baca discloses a surface attachment feature to attach a mobile device to a surface such as a dashboard of a car. *Baca* teaches a single array of magnetic material on the mount that connects to the phone. Furthermore, it is not analogous art to *Berkley* as it is directed to a stationary mount rather than an article that moves with the phone.

4. Overview of *Sartee*

Sartee discloses a flat cover for a tablet that magnetically couples to the edge of the tablet. At most *Sartee* teaches a shield between a magnetic arrangement on the cover and the device to which it connects. It does not teach a compartment or shield between a magnetic arrangement and a compartment in the item to be connected to the device, e.g., the cover in *Sartee*.

5. Overview of *Gluck*

Gluck discloses a card holder for attachment to a mobile device. The card holder attached adhesively and permanently to a mobile device and has a metal plate that allows the card holder to attach to a magnetic surface mount. The plate also provides RFID shielding to the cards to prevent external access to information stored on or in the cards.

6. Overview of *Yeo*

Yeo discloses a finger loop on a credit card wallet for adhesive attachment to a mobile device.

7. Overview of *Murphy*

Murphy discloses a finger loop for attachment directly to a mobile device rather than to e.g., a wallet that is attached to the mobile device and appears less germane to Appellants claims than *Yeo*.

8. Overview of *Baker*

Baker discloses finger loop(s) for attachment directly to a mobile device rather than to e.g., a wallet that is attached to the mobile device and appears less germane to Appellants claims than *Yeo*.

9. Overview of *Ippolito*

Ippolito discloses a card holder with a cutout to allow the cards therein to be pushed up to be exposed through the opening. *Ippolito* does not teach or suggest tapering at the opening to expose cards at the opening.

10 Overview of *Van Greer*

Van Greer discloses a spring-loaded box for retention of credit cards. With a corner cutout and does not appear germane to Appellant's claims.

11. Overview of *Mitsuyama*

Mitsuyama disclose a wallet with a finger access hole to permit cards in the wallet to be pushed up to be exposed at the opening. It does not disclose Appellants claimed tapering.

B. Claim Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office has rejected multiple claims based on multiple different combinations of references often accumulating references using "and/or" disjunctive accumulation. This formulation is improper under the rules of examination and has and continues to impose an undue burden on Appellant. The Office is obligated to reject the claims based on the best available prior art not a cumulative conglomeration as has occurred in this case.

Claims stand rejected 1, 3-5, 7, 9 and 11 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by U.S. Pub. No. 2017/0354229 to Berkley (*Berkley*) in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2019/0198212 to Levy (*Levy*).

Claims 1 and 3-5

Claim 1 requires first and second magnetic arrangements each exposing fields on a device side surface of a wallet with adjacent regions in the polarity exposing opposite polarities. Furthermore, claim 1 requires that the arrangements be separated by a non-magnetic region and that the arrangements collectively cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

The Office has acknowledged that *Berkley's* single reference to "magnet" on the wallet in paragraph [0029] does not teach or suggest the detailed arrangement claimed. Therefore, the Office relies on *Levy* to cure the shortcomings of *Berkley*.

Appellant submits that the Office has not followed proper examination procedure in its interpretation of *Levy* and the combination fails to teach or suggest every element of Appellant's claim.

The Office is required to review the reference as a whole, both what it teaches and what is does not teach. The Office may not merely choose the parts of the reference it finds convenient a ignore the rest. Here the reference is primarily related to surface mounted chargers. Without exception every embodiment disclosed uses a male/female keying arrangement to both define the orientation between the charger and the mobile device and to mitigate shearing and rotational forces. The Office has chosen to ignore this fact stating in the Office Action "the rejection is considered to encompass either also including the mating protrusion and recess structure of Levy or merely using sufficiently strong magnets to secure the wallet and case together" (OA Pg. 4, 2nd Paragraph). The Office takes this position notwithstanding that the reference repeated stresses the importance of the protrusion, tabs, and other mechanical features to prevent rotation and provide alignment See e.g.:

"In the illustrated embodiment, the protrusion 112 has a generally circular shape and a plurality of alignment and anti-rotation tabs 118 spaced around the perimeter of the protrusion 112. …Arranging the tabs 118 within the cut-outs 116 limits the ability of the protrusion 112 to rotate within the recess 114, thereby restricting the undesired rotation of the case 104 relative to the mount 106." (para. [0038])

"The mount 706 also includes a protrusion 712 having tabs 718, where the protrusion 712 and tabs 718 act as alignment and/or anti-rotation features configured to securely couple the mount 706 to a device case 104" (Para. [0054])

"the clamps 1070 act as an additional alignment and anti-rotation feature that prevents the case 1004 from pulling away from the mount 1006. The clamp also resists rotation of the case 1004 relative to the mount 1006." (Para. [0064])

Reading *Levy* as a whole leads to the inescapable conclusion that the presence of these mechanical alignment and anti-rotation feature are essential to the teaching of *Levy* such that the Office is not free to discount them on its own initiative. Furthermore, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Levy* that the first and second arrangement collectively "cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the

mobile device." Rather it is the protrusion and tabs that are entirely responsible for the orientation adopted by the charger on the phone or the phone on the charger.

Appellant further notes that the explanation for the arrangement in *Levy* does not apply to the context of *Berkley*. Particularly, *Levy* is directed to a charging apparatus and identifies the desirability of being able to use the phone while it is charging. *Levy* further identifies that when the phone is mounted for charging some users may want to use it in a portrait orientation and other users may want to use it in a landscape orientation. It has its protrusion and tabs to allow a 90˚ rotation of the phone. To accommodate this rotation option, the polarities of the corresponding magnets must match in either orientation. Wallets, in general, and *Berkley* in particular when coupled to the phone do not constrain whether a user can hold it in a portrait or landscape orientation. Thus, there is no problem in Berkley that would be solved by the addition of *Levy, and* the combination is motivated entirely by inappropriate hindsight using Appellant's claims as a guide to reconstruct its invention. In light of the foregoing, Appellant requests the Board reverse the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claim 7

Claim 7 makes explicit that the interface surface between the wallet and what it connects to are both substantially planar. As articulated above, *Levy* requires the protrusion and tab interconnection to be suitable for its intended purpose. Thus, *Levy* and its arrangement if combined with *Berkley* would result in a wallet phone interface using a mated keying to address orientation and rotational forces. This would necessarily result in two nonplanar abutting surfaces. For at least this reason, claim 7 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

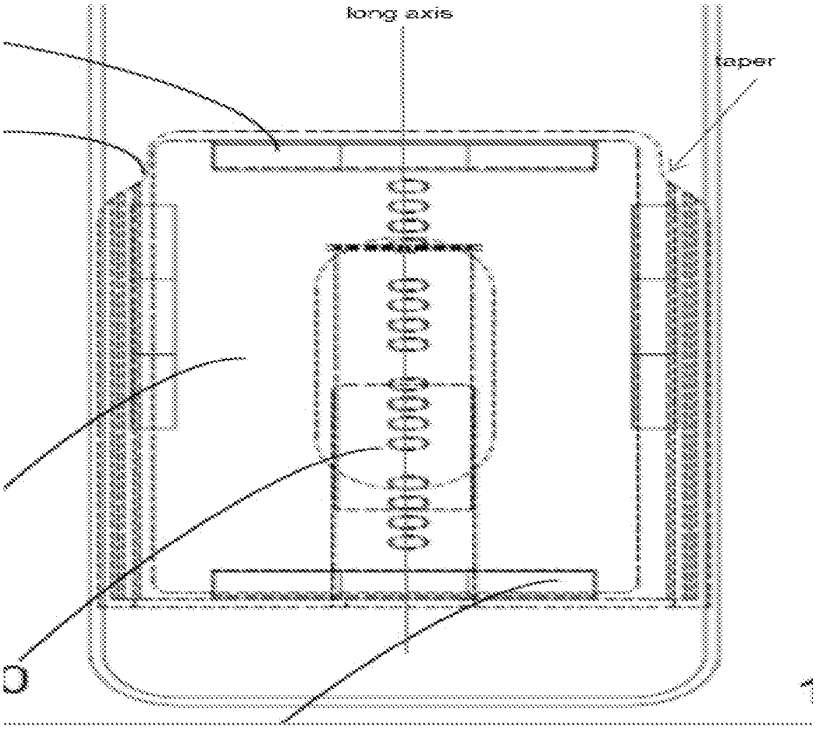
Claim 9

The Office has violated examination procedure by failing to provide any articulation of how the limitation of Claim 9 are met by this combination. To the extent the Office is relying *sub silentio* on Levy that reliance is misplaced. Claim 9 requires that the arrangement collectively allow the wallet to couple to the phone in

exactly two orientations. No reference teaches or suggest this feature. *Levy*, in every disclosed embodiment allows at least 4 different orientations. It allows portrait, landscape, inverted portrait and inverted landscape. Thus, *Levy* neither teaches nor suggests limiting the possible orientations to exactly two orientations as required by claim 9. For at least this reason, this claim is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse the rejection of claim 9.

Claim 11

The Office incorrectly characterized the rounded edge or *Berkley* as tapering and more specifically tapering toward a long axis. Claim 11 requires the material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening. Oxford languages defines "taper" when used as a verb as "diminish or reduce in thickness toward one end." Thus, in context, the material must diminish in thickness in the direction of the long axis of the body. This is shown in for example figure 16A, a portion of which is annotated and reproduced here for convenience:



While it is impossible to discern from the Office action what the Office believes to be the long axis, Appellant submit that the rounded edge does not meet the definition of taper and it is not diminishing in the direction any discernable long axis. Appellant believes the rejection is in error. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 12

Claim 12 is not articulated in the action in the statement of the rejection as being rejected on this basis but there is a paragraph directed to this claim under the rejection. Claim 12 includes analogous limitations to those in claim 1 and analogous reasons for patentability apply. Claim 12 also includes the requirement that the separate arrangements differ in orientation or geometric pattern. Appellant submits that a mere change in the polarity arrangement is not a change in orientation or geometric pattern a circle is by definition orientation agnostic. Rearranging the pie pieces of a circle changes neither its orientation nor its geometric pattern. To the extent that the Office intended reject claim 12 on this basis, Appellant request the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2014/0043748 to Sartee (*Sartee*).

Claim 2 depends from claim 1, the addition of *Sartee* does not cure the deficiencies of the original combination. Accordingly, claim 2 is at least patentable as depending on a patentable independent claim.

Additionally, the Office utterly fails to identify what it believes to be the "body" that forms the "compartment." The *Sartee* is a flat tablet cover, it forms no compartment. The is nothing in *Sartee* that Appellant can find that is analogous to Appellants claimed structure, its compartment, or its shield. Both because the Office has failed to articulate a rejection in a manner that enables Appellant to identify the structure on which the Office relies thus depriving Appellant of due process and because analogous structure do not appear to be present in *Sartee*, this rejection is in error and should be reversed.

Additionally, *Sartee* is non-analogous art. It is beyond dispute that the Office may only rely on analogous art to support an obviousness rejection. *Innovention Toys,*

LLC, v. MGA Entertainment, Inc., No. 2010-1290, slip op. at 12 (Fed. Cir. 2011); *In re Bigio*, 381 F.3d 1320, 1325 (Fed. Cir. 2004); *In re Clay*, 966 F.2d 656, 658 (Fed. Cir. 1992). And, while the scope of analogous prior art may sometimes be wide, the Federal Circuit has confirmed that it is not without limit. *See In re Klein*, 647F.3d 1343 (Fed. Cir. 2011).

The test for analogous art is very specific. Art is non-analogous unless it is: (1) from the same field of endeavor as the claimed invention; or (2) reasonably pertinent to the particular problem faced by the inventor. *In re Bigio*, 381 F.3d at 1325; *In re Wood and Eversole*, 599 F.2d 1032, 1036 (CCPA 1979). Thus, an art citation that is not from the same field of endeavor as a claimed invention MUST be "reasonably pertinent" to the problem addressed by the inventor. Art is "reasonably pertinent" when it would "logically commend itself" to an inventor's attention in considering his problem. *In re Icon Health and Fitness, Inc.*, 496 F.3d 1374, 1379-80 (Fed. Cir. 2007) (*citing In re Clay*, 966 F.2d 656, 658-59 (Fed. Cir. 1992)). *See also* MPEP § 2141.01(a). Conversely, when art is directed to a different purpose than a claimed invention, an inventor would have less motivation or occasion to consider it. *See In re Clay*, 966 F.2d at 658-59.

A flat cover for a tablet is not in the same field to a wallet for attachment to a mobile device. The question then becomes are the teaching of *Sartee* reasonably related to the problem Appellant was trying to solve. Appellant submits that it is not. Appellant is unable to discern how the Office is interpreting the reference but notes that the only context in which *Sartee* discusses shielding is to limit the magnetic field at certain hall effect sensors. This unquestionably has nothing to do with Appellants invention or its claims. The employment of not analogous art is yet another reason this rejection is in error. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of *Sartee* either alone or also in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2017/0196331 to Gluck *(Gluck)*.

Claim 6 depends from claim 1 as neither *Sartee* nor *Gluck* cure the deficiencies discussed above in connection with claim 1, claim 6 is patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim.

The additional short comings of *Sartee* are discussed above in connection with claim 2 and apply equally to this rejection. *Gluck*, unlike *Sartee*, does teach a plate 30 that provides RF shielding to the card(s) inside the compartment of *Gluck*. But the plate is position on the front side of the compartment. That front side is the side away from the portable device "PD". Conversely claim 6 a metallic plate **between the first arrangement and the compartment**. The first arrangement is defines as exposing a magnetic field on the device side surface. Thus, the teaching of a plate on the opposite side of the card holder is neither a teaching nor suggestion of a plate between the first arrangement (between the device and the compartment) and the compartment. *Gluck* is seeking to protect the cards from RF intrusion from the outside. Thus, one reading *Gluck* would not be motivated to position the plate as claimed in claim 6. The rejection is in error. Appellant requests the Board reverse the rejection.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* and *Levy* and further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2018/0234126 to Yeo (*Yeo*), U.S. Pub. No. 2014/0217135 to Murphy (*Murphy*) and/or U.S. Pub. No. 2012/0031937 to Baker (*Baker*).

Claim 10 depends from claim 1 as none of the myriad additional references alone or in combination cure the deficiencies discussed above in connection with claim 1, claim 10 is patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of either U.S. Pat. No.5,718,329 to Ippolito (*Ippolito*) or both U.S. Pat. No. 6,026,873 to Van Geer (*Van Geer*) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama)?

Claim 11 depends from claim 1 as none of the myriad additional references alone or in combination cure the deficiencies discussed above in connection with

claim 1 (or as applied to claim 11), claim 11 is patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim.

This rejection violates the Office obligation under the rules of examination as set forth particularly in 37 CFR 1.104 (c)(2) which states: "In rejecting claims for want of novelty or for obviousness, the examiner **must** cite the best references at his or her command. When a reference is complex or shows or describes inventions other than that claimed by the applicant, the particular part relied on must be designated as nearly as practicable. The pertinence of each reference, if not apparent, **must** be clearly explained and each rejected claim specified" [emphasis added]. And this is only the second of four discrete rejections of claim 11. The undue burden on Applicant imposed by the Office is exacerbated by the repeated us of disjunctives such as "and/or" geometrically expanding the reactions Appellant must address as wells as the Office's failure to clearly articulate its interpretation of the myriad references cited. This further Justifies reversal of the rejection.

Substantively, none of the additional references teach or suggest the tapering Appellant claims. A right angle corner cut is not a tapering nor is a semicircular cut that, if anything, tapers away from the long axis. Other than baldly asserting its existence the Office has failed to point with any specificity to what it believes constitutes Appellants claimed tapering. The rejection is procedurally and substantively in error and should be reversed. Appellant requests the Board reverse the rejection.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0260532 to Baca (*Baca*), either alone or further in view of *Levy*?

Claim 1and 3-5

This is another procedurally inappropriate rejection under 37 CFR 1.104 (c)(2). The Board should reverse this rejection on this basis, but it is also substantively deficient.

Appellant has already addressed the combination of *Berkley* and/or *Levy* and those argument remain applicable. *Baca* is non analogous art. The standard for

analogous art is set forth herein above. *Baca* relates to a surface mount for a smart phone to allow it to be mounted to e.g., an automobile dashboard. This is not the same field as attachment of mobile accessories to be carried with the mobile device. Accordingly, the question is whether *Baca* is reasonably pertinent to the problem to be solved by Appellant. Appellant sought to solve the problem of shear and radial forces that tend to detach accessories attached to mobile devices during normal use. Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that surface mount experience a different force profile than hand carried items. A solution that works for a surface mount is not necessarily likely to work in a mobile environment. In fact, the same forces sought to be overcome in a mobile environment (e.g., radial forces) are used to ease the detachment of devices from surface mounts. Appellant submits the rejection should be reversed because *Baca* is non-analogous art.

Even if *Baca* were deemed to be analogous art, *Baca* teaches that the surface mount that it the magnetic attachment to the device side surface is a single array of magnetic elements. Thus, *Baca* neither teaches any device, wallet or otherwise that has two distinct arrangements of magnets as required by claim 1. The Office attempts to use *Levy* to justify duplication of the single array of magnets in *Baca*. Such a combination could only be motivated by inappropriate hindsight. There is no problem in *Baca* identified by the Office as being solved by *Levy* (other than *Baca* not reading on Appellant's claims). If the alleged problem were overcoming the radial forces a mobile environment, *Levy* only teaches that his protrusion and tabs perform that function. There has been no showing that *Baca* as constituted suffers and infirmity as a surface mount. Moreover, the primary reference, *Berkley*, proposes using a single magnet on the wallet to attach to plural magnets on the mobile device. The only motivation for the proposed combination is provided by Applicants own disclosure. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 7

The argument set forth above regarding claim 7 apply equally to this rejection, claim 7 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 8

Claim 8 depends from claim 1 and is patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim. Claim 8 requires that the two arrangements permit attachment in in exactly one orientation. As discussed above in connection with claim 9, none of the references teach or suggest limiting the attachment orientation to even two. The Office's assertion that *Baca* asymmetric arrangement would "if properly arranged" permit this result begs the question of whether that proper arrangement is suggested by the reference. Appellant submits that *Baca's* single array surface mount is designed, intended and disclosed as allowing connection in both a portrait and a landscape orientation. There is no suggestion of limiting the attachment orientation to a single orientation. Therefore claim 8 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 9

The argument set forth above regarding claim 9 apply equally to this rejection, claim 9 is independently patentable. The Office's articulation that the symmetrical arrangements of *Baca* enable this feature. Are not sufficiently explained to enable Applicant to address their veracity. As a general matter, this would appear to be false with the symmetric arrangement enabling three or more possible orientations based on the disclosure of Baca. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 11

The argument set forth above regarding claim 11 apply equally to this rejection, claim 11 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of *Sartee*.

In addition to this cumulative rejection being procedurally improper, the argument set forth above regarding claim 2 apply equally to this rejection, claim 2 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of *Sartee* either alone or also in further view of *Gluck*.

In addition to this cumulative rejection being procedurally improper, the argument set forth above regarding claim 6 apply equally to this rejection, claim 6 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of *Yeo*, *Murphy* and/or *Baker*.

In addition to this cumulative rejection being procedurally improper, Claim 10 depends from claim 1 as none of the myriad additional references alone or in combination cure the deficiencies discussed above in connection with claim 1, claim 10 is patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by *Berkley* in view of *Baca*, either alone or further in view of *Levy* and further in view of either U.S. Pat. No.5,718,329 to Ippolito (*Ippolito*) or both U.S. Pat. No. 6,026,873 to Van Geer (*Van Geer*) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama)?

In addition to this cumulative rejection being procedurally improper, the argument set forth above regarding claim 11 apply equally to this rejection, claim 11 is independently patentable. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as rendered obvious by Berkley in view of Baca and Levy.

While it is not clear whether this is a cumulative rejection, the content is substantially the same as the unasserted rejection of claim 12 applying only *Berkley* and *Levy*. Regarding the Offices assertions as to figure 8A of *Levy*, Appellant maintains that circles two circles have the same orientation, that is circles are orientation agnostic. So, none of the arrangements in *Levy* 8A have either a different orientation or a different geometric pattern. Figure 9A conversely has triangular

regions that have different orientations. Again, changes in the polarity arrangement does not change the orientation, rather changing the direction of the triangle points changes the orientation. But even accepting that 9A arguably teaches a first arrangement of a first orientation and a second arrangement of a second orientation, this fails to meet the limitation of the claims both because there is no suggestion in *Levy* the arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation (it is the protrusion and tabs that cause a specific orientation) and there is no reasonably way, taught or suggested, by the combination of how the orientation of *Baca's* singular linear array would be transformed into two distinct arrangement with different orientations. Applicant submits the rejection is in error and request the Board reverse the rejection.

C. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 10,134,517 or Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent #11,058,194 in view of *Levy, Baca, Sartee, Murphy,* and/or *Baker*.

Appellant submits that this rejection in erroneous. The correct inquiry under this judicially created doctrine is whether the grant of a second patent would give rise to an unjustified extension of the rights granted in the first patent. The Office has failed to map the rejected claim to any claim the coverage of which allegedly extended by the grant of this patent. The Office instead leave trying to discern this mapping as an exercise for Applicant. That is insufficient to meet the Office's burden of setting forth a *prima facie* case of double patenting. This failure deprives Appellant of due process as it is unable to address the veracity of the Office unarticulated interpretations of Appellant's prior patents. Appellant previously requested the Office further explain or clarify this rejection and no clarification has been forthcoming. Furthermore, the Office relies on up to five additional references in its rejection. The fact that five additional references are required strongly suggest that there is not in fact any claim the coverage of which would be extended by the grant of the pending claims. Appellant requests the Board reverse this rejection.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Appellant respectfully requests that the Board overturn the rejection of all claims.

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VIII. CLAIMS APPENDIX

1. (Previously Presented) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

3. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between the first region and the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment.

7. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

12. (Previously Presented) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:
a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;
a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;
a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed 10/11/2022.

(1) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

Every ground of rejection set forth in the Office action dated 4/11/2022 from which the appeal is taken is being maintained by the examiner except for the grounds of rejection (if any) listed under the subheading "WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS." New grounds of rejection (if any) are provided under the subheading "NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION."

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy).

With Respect to Claim 1

Berkley discloses a wallet (FIG. 1) for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device and wherein the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e. the specific orientation shown in the drawings), but does not detail the magnetic structure/arrangement and so does not disclose a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; wherein the first arrangement and the second

arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement, and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

However, Levy discloses (for clarity, particular parts and embodiments of Levy will be referenced, but the rejection is considered to encompass all embodiments with similar parts/teachings, and reference to a particular part as "first arrangement" or "first region" is merely exemplary as the first and second arrangements/regions may be interchanged unless the claim language limits one of them in a way that precludes such) forming a mobile device case with a magnetic structure to allow attachment between the case and any of various accessories with mating magnetic structures, the magnetic structure comprising a first arrangement (e.g. top left magnetic arrangement on the accessory corresponding to the case of FIG. 8A, see [0058]) of magnetic material having a first region (e.g. top left quadrant) exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region (e.g. top right quadrant) exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material (e.g. top right magnetic arrangement on accessory corresponding to FIG. 8A) having a first region (e.g. top left quadrant) exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region (e.g. top right quadrant) exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; wherein the first

arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the accessory by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement (see e.g. FIG. 8a); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (see disclosure, this is their stated purpose, and/or they will do with an appropriate mobile device).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Levy, to use a magnetic arrangement as taught by Levy on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to allow for an automatic attachment in an appropriate orientation, to allow for rotational attachment of the wallet to the case/device in different rotational orientations as desired, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use. For clarity, the rejection is considered to encompass either also including the mating protrusion and recess structure of Levy or merely using sufficiently strong magnets to secure the wallet and case together.

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (16).

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device (they are capable of this use with an appropriate mobile device, noting also that the purpose of the Levy structure is to support the device when attached to other accessories and so this is also inherent in the combination).

Alternately, although noting that the combination encompasses having the magnets alone attach and support the wallet on the device, it would have been obvious to use magnets sufficiently strong to support a weight of the mobile device in order to provide a strong connection between the parts, as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic material/strength to use, and/or the strength of the magnets as is a results effective variable with the results being how strongly the two parts hold together. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application to make the magnets strong enough to support a/the mobile device, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980). Furthermore, a change in form or shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art, absent any showing of unexpected results. *In re Dailey et al.*, 149 USPQ 47.

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (they appear to contact each other in FIG. 8A or to the degree there may be some minimal distance shown in FIG. 8B or 9B, making the distance 2mm or less

is obvious as a mere selection of an art appropriate distance or at most a mere change in size/proportion (i.e. changing the distance) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04(IV)(A)) or a mere rearrangement of parts (i.e. the device will still function the same if the magnets are contacting each other, 1mm apart, or other spacing values in the claimed range) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04)).

With Respect to Claim 7

As to the combination which uses the magnetic structure but does not add the protrusion and recess, the wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (see e.g. Berkley FIG. 3).

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (16) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (Berkely FIGS. 1-3 and 6 show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed in numerous ways, noting for example that it tapers towards a long axis at the "top" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1, or it tapers towards a long axis at the "bottom" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1 or it tapers towards a long axis located centrally along the sidewall).

With Respect to Claim 12

A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (wallet body of Berkley) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement (it has a different orientation, noting for example the top left and the top right or bottom left arrangements corresponding to FIG. 8A have different orientations, as do any two of the arrangements corresponding to FIG. 9A); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (per Levy).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body (noting housing of tablet device 800) defining a compartment (i.e. the housing defines an interior compartment area for the tablet's electronics) and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) and U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2018/0234126 to Yeo (Yeo), U.S. Patent U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) and/or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Yeo discloses forming a finger loop (120, 130, 141, and related structures) on a holder (similar to the Levy container/wallet) which is removably attached to an electronic device or its case (see FIG. 12 embodiment and description, see also figures of earlier embodiments showing the device case attachment.

Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb. It is noted that Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure attached to a mobile device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Yeo, Murphy, and/or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by any of these references to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the wallet/container and/or device as taught by that reference.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of either U.S. Patent #5,718,329 to Ippolito (Ippolito) or both U.S. Patent #6,026,873 to Van Geer (Van Geer) and U.S. Patent #5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama).

With Respect to Claim 11

As an alternative to the rejection of claim 11 above using Berkley in view of Levy alone, in the interests of advancing prosecution, Ippolito discloses forming a similar holder with a compartment and an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (see e.g. tapered portion 18 which tapers from a low central section towards a long axis of the body at either side) in order to provide access for a user's finger to push the cards out of the holder; Van Geer discloses forming a card holder with a corner cutout section to provide access to the contents of the container and Mitsuyama discloses the use of a tapered corner cutout similar to the invention on a card holding structure.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Ippolito, to add a tapered finger opening as taught by Ippolito in order to provide better access for a user to insert and remove cards as taught by Ippolito and/or as a mere substitution of one art known access opening shape for another.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca), either alone or further in view of Levy.

With Respect to Claim 1

Berkley discloses a wallet (FIG. 1) for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device and wherein the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e. the specific orientation shown in the drawings), but does not detail the magnetic structure/arrangement and so does not disclose a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the accessory to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

However, Baca discloses a magnetic attachment mechanism for coupling a structure to an electronic device case, and the use of a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at a surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at that surface (one set of magnets 500 of FIG. 2A-3A, see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface (a different set of the magnets 500, see e.g. [0083-0084], FIGS. 4A-4I for adjacent magnets in each set having opposite polarity magnetic fields in that direction); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, magnetically couple the case to a structure having a mating arrangement of magnetic material, and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device ([0083]-0084]), but does not disclose a wallet comprising a body defining the device side surface having first and second arrangements of magnetic material as claimed (noting that only one arrangement is disclosed on the support/device side surface) or that first and second arrangements concurrently magnetically couple the structure to the device case. However, it is noted that Baca discloses having multiple surface-side magnetic attachments to attach a single device-side magnetic attachment ([0064]), and that multiple surface-side magnetic attachments spaced apart in similar fashion to the device-side attachments shown would clearly be capable of concurrent attachment as claimed with an appropriate set of device-side attachments. It is noted that relative to using only a

single surface-side attachment, this modification also comprises at most a mere duplication of parts (i.e. it merely adds another surface-side connector) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04), and/or constitutes at most a mere rearrangement of parts (i.e. rearranging which surface has a plurality of magnetic arrangements and which has only one) which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Baca, to use a magnetic arrangement as taught by Baca, specifically a plurality of spaced surface-side attachments similarly located with respect to each other to the plurality of device-side attachments shown in FIGS. 2A-3A, on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for the other art known benefits of the Baca structure, and/or as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use. With this modification, all of the limitations of the claim are met, noting that the device-side magnets and concurrent magnetic coupling are clearly only functionally recited.

Alternately, Levy discloses forming a case to be attached to a number of different supports using mating magnetic attachments comprising first and second arrangements each having at least two regions of opposite polarity magnetic fields and the arrangements physically separated as claimed, in order to allow for rotatable coupling of the two parts relative to each other, which provides further evidence of the obviousness of and/or motivation for this modification.

With Respect to Claim 3

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot (16).

With Respect to Claim 4

The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

With Respect to Claim 5

The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between a first region and a second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm (see the rejections of claim 5 above using Baca for details).

With Respect to Claim 7

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar (see e.g. FIG. 3).

With Respect to Claim 8

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation (the non-symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIGS. 4E and 4G will perform this function if attached in appropriate relationship).

Alternately, to the degree that the arrangements could possibly be arranged so as to allow for multiple orientations, Baca discloses using asymmetrical arrangements to allow for mounting in only one position, and so it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application to form the plurality of arrays to allow mounting in only one position, in order to prevent inadvertently attaching the device in a less favored orientation, as a mere selection of an art appropriate asymmetric magnetic arrangements, and/or as doing so is "obvious to try" as a mere selection from a limited number of art known alternatives (i.e. the arrangements are either overall asymmetric and allow only one orientation, or they allow for multiple orientations, and a person of ordinary skill in the art is capable of weighing these two alternatives and deciding which they prefer).

With Respect to Claim 9

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations (the symmetrical arrangements of e.g. Baca FIG. 4A, 4B, or 4C will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention)

With Respect to Claim 11

The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening (16) into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (Berkely FIGS. 1-3 and 6 show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed in numerous ways, noting for example that it tapers towards a long axis at the "top"

of the opening as shown in FIG. 1, or it tapers towards a long axis at the "bottom" of the opening as shown in FIG. 1 or it tapers towards a long axis located centrally along the sidewall).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee).

With Respect to Claim 2

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

However, Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body (i.e. the compartment) and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment (see claim 13, [0128], and FIGS. 12C-D and/or the use of a ferromagnetic shield/shunt to enhance the magnetic field pointing towards attachment which would indicate the shunt is between the interior and the magnet [0081]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Sartee, to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment, in order to protect the

compartment contents from damage or interference from the magnetic field and/or in order to shunt/enhance the magnetic field towards the exterior to improve attachment strength.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0043748 to Sartee (Sartee) as applied to claim 2 above, either alone or also in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0196331 to Gluck (Gluck).

With Respect to Claim 6

The wallet of claim 1 further comprising: a metallic structure (i.e. ferromagnetic shield/shunt) between the first arrangement and the compartment, but does not explicitly detail the structure of the shield/shunt and so does not disclose that it is a plate.

However, it would have been obvious to form the shield/shunt as a plate in order to provide a large flat shield/shunt in the plate shaped area of the rear surface (i.e. the rear surface of the case is a large, flat rectangle, and a similar shape for the shunt is obvious to match this space), as a mere selection of an art appropriate structure/shape for the shield/shunt, and/or as doing so constitutes at most a mere change in shape which does not patentably distinguish over the prior art (MPEP 2144.04).

Alternately, Gluck discloses using a metallic plate on a case to provide shielding and facilitate attachment to a magnetic surface, which provides additional evidence of the obviousness of/sufficient motivation to form the shield/shunt of the combination in such a shape.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2016/0260532 to Baca (Baca), either alone or further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2018/0234126 to Yeo (Yeo), U.S. Patent U.S. Patent Publication #2014/0217135 to Murphy (Murphy) and/or U.S. Patent Publication #2012/0031937 to Baker (Baker).

With Respect to Claim 10

The wallet of claim 1 but does not disclose further comprising: a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

However, Yeo discloses forming a finger loop (120, 130, 141, and related structures) on a holder (similar to the Levy container/wallet) which is removably attached to an electronic device or its case (see FIG. 12 embodiment and description, see also figures of earlier embodiments showing the device case attachment.

Murphy discloses attaching a finger loop (102 or 102 and 302) to an electronic device case or other flat surface to allow for a user to hold it using a finger/enhance gripping of the object it is attached to; Baker discloses attaching a finger loop (e.g. 101, 231) to an electronic device case to permit a user to hold the electronic device while also manipulating functions of the device with another finger or thumb. It is noted that Baker also discloses the use of its finger loop with another structure attached to the phone, providing evidence of the obviousness of attaching such a finger loop to a wallet or other similar structure attached to a mobile device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Yeo, Murphy, and/or Baker, to add a finger loop as taught by any of these references to the body of the combination, in order to assist in holding the wallet/container and/or device as taught by that reference.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of Baca, either alone or further in view of U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of either U.S. Patent #5,718,329 to Ippolito (Ippolito) or both U.S. Patent #6,026,873 to Van Geer (Van Geer) and U.S. Patent #5,080,223 to Mitsuyama (Mitsuyama).

With Respect to Claim 11

As an alternative to the rejection of claim 11 above using Berkley in view of Baca, either alone or further in view of Levy alone, in the interests of advancing prosecution, Ippolito discloses forming a similar holder with a compartment and an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening (see e.g. tapered portion 18 which tapers from a low central section towards a long axis of the body at either side) in order to provide access for a user's finger to push the cards out of the holder; Van Geer discloses forming a card holder with a corner cutout section to provide access to the contents of the container and Mitsuyama discloses the use of a tapered corner cutout similar to the invention on a card holding structure.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art before the filing date of this application, given the disclosure of Ippolito, to add a tapered finger opening as taught by Ippolito in order to provide better access for a user to insert and remove cards as taught by Ippolito and/or as a mere substitution of one art known access opening shape for another.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication #2017/0354229 to Berkley (Berkley) in view of Baca and U.S. Patent Publication #2019/0198212 to Levy (Levy).

With Respect to Claim 12

Berkley in view of Baca and Levy (see the rejection of claim 1 above for details of the combination) discloses a wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (wallet body of Berkley) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement (per Levy, which teaches different magnetic arrangements having different orientation, noting for example the top left and the top right or bottom left arrangements corresponding to FIG. 8A have different orientations, as do any two of the arrangements corresponding to FIG. 9A); and wherein the first and second arrangements, in

use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (per Levy).

WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS

The following grounds of rejection are not presented for review on appeal because they have been withdrawn by the examiner. Applicant's arguments regarding the double patenting rejections are persuasive, and as such those rejections have been WITHDRAWN.

(2) Response to Argument

In response to Appellant's arguments that the use of "and/or" disjunctive accumulation and alternative rejections, specifically that this is improper and imposes an undue burden on Appellant, the Office maintains that the rejection presented is the best possible rejection based upon the current prior art of record. Appellant's argument that the Office's rejection may not include alternatives is incorrect, as alternative rejections are proper (see MPEP 2120(I) providing examples of circumstances in which they should be used, which indicates that alternative rejections are proper in other similar cases as well). It is noted that per MPEP 2120(I), one explicit example of when exceptions may be made is when the propriety of a 35 USC 102 or 103 rejection depends on a particular interpretation of a claim, and many of the alternatives are present because the base rejection depends on a particular interpretation of the claim language. It is also noted that the reasons listed in MPEP 2120(I) are only examples of reasons to include alternative rejections, and Appellee maintains that the rejections are made using the best art, which in some cases involves alternatives depending upon the scope of the claims and the particulars of different prior art references.

In response to Appellant's arguments that the Office has chosen to ignore that Levy's embodiments use a male/female keying arrangement to assist in defining the orientation of the charger and prevent rotation, the Office does not ignore this, and it is mentioned in the rejection, see for example the portion of the Office Action of 4/11/2022 cited by Appellant, that the rejection is considered to encompass either also including the mating protrusion and recess structure or alternately merely using sufficiently strong magnets to secure the parts together. Appellant appears to be ignoring that even if Levy's mechanical connector were considered entirely necessary, the rejection of at least claim 1 and several others would still be met by including the mechanical connector feature as well.

In response to Appellant's arguments that Levy's mechanical features are essential to Levy, Examiner maintains that the additional mechanical structures as part of its alignment and anti-rotation features does not limit its teachings regarding magnetic connections and particular the use of different polarity magnets to secure a structure in different angular orientations. Examiner maintains that a person of ordinary skill in the would understand that magnets alone are capable of being used to secure two objects together without mechanical structures (see for example Baca which secures with only magnetic attraction, and also Baca's explicit disclosure at [0020] that the use of similar mechanical features such as mating recesses are optional, which provides further evidence that a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that such mechanical structures are not strictly necessary or a required addition). A person of ordinary skill in the art is not an automaton, and is capable of selecting some teachings of a prior art reference and using them and is not limited to wholesale copying every feature of a prior art reference.

In response to Appellant's arguments that there is no teaching that the magnets cause the adoption of a specific orientation on the mobile device, Levy at [0032] final sentence indicates that the case is

mechanically “and magnetically” restricted from rotation as does [0034], and [0052] indicates that all of the magnets and the mechanical features serve as alignment and/or anti-rotation features. Examiner maintains that a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand the magnets to also clearly serve in orienting the structures as claimed.

In response to Appellant’s argument that the explanation for the arrangement in Levy does not apply to the context of Berkley because the Berkley wallet does not constrain whether a user can hold it in a portrait or landscape orientation, there are innumerable reasons a user might wish to have adjustable orientation on the wallet, for example to allow the phone to be in landscape orientation while the card opening was pointed upwards, to allow the wallet and/or compact to be oriented in either direction when in landscape mode based upon the handedness of the user, to allow for orienting the wallet differently to allow for other attachments to the phone/case, or the like. There is no inventive step in merely making a connection adjustable in a manner that is known in the art (see MPEP 2144.04).

In response to appellant's argument that the examiner's conclusion of obviousness is based upon improper hindsight reasoning, it must be recognized that any judgment on obviousness is in a sense necessarily a reconstruction based upon hindsight reasoning. But so long as it takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure, such a reconstruction is proper. See *In re McLaughlin*, 443 F.2d 1392, 170 USPQ 209 (CCPA 1971). In this case, the rejection takes into account only knowledge which was within the level of ordinary skill at the time the claimed invention was made, and does not include knowledge gleaned only from the applicant's disclosure, and as such the reconstruction is proper. Examiner maintains that this is sufficient response to all arguments

regarding hindsight reasoning which do not actually provide any evidence of teachings not present in the prior art and/or gleaned only from Appellant's disclosure.

In response to Appellant's arguments with regard to claim 7 that Levy relies on a protrusion and recess and so its goals could not be accomplished on a substantially planar surface, Examiner again respectfully disagrees that a person of ordinary skill in the art would consider the Levy mechanical coupling absolutely essential, and maintains the position that the magnets of the combination are sufficient and functional on a substantially planar surface. It is noted that Applicant's arguments first reference the claim language which indicates "substantially planar" surfaces, but later indicate that the inclusion of the Levy structures would not meet this as it would result in two "nonplanar abutting surfaces" which is a different and narrower scope than the claim language requires, but notes Appellant's previous persuasive assertions in the response filed 10/22/2021 regarding the scope of this phrase.

In response to Appellant's arguments regarding the rejection of claim 9 that the Office Action does not address claim 9 in the body of the rejection using Berkley in view of Levy, the inclusion of claim 9 in the rejection heading was a typo and Examiner apologizes for this error.

In response to Appellant's arguments that Berkley does not disclose the tapering required by claim 11, Examiner maintains that the rejection pointed out the breadth of the claim language and meets the claim language in several ways. In the FIG. 3 orientation, the opening tapers/narrows vertically as it moves towards the device, and so tapers towards a "long axis" through the top of the wall adjacent the device, as well as towards any "long axis" that is horizontally along the central portion of the sidewall or the portion of the sidewall adjacent to the device; alternately, the material that defines the opening tapers/narrows horizontally as it moves away from the device, and so tapers towards a "long axis" at the

"bottom" of the opening in the FIG. 1 orientation. Examiner maintains that the claim language is quite broad and encompasses the tapered sidewalls forming the opening of Berkley/the combination.

In response to Appellant's arguments that a mere change in the polarity arrangements is not a change in orientation or geometric pattern as a circle is orientation agnostic, it is first noted that Levy's structures includes non-circular forms such as the FIG. 9A/B embodiments which are triangular and so have different orientations, and the rejection encompasses using those structures. Additionally or alternately, although a normal circle or a circle with open quadrants is largely orientation agnostic, the addition of other structures such as the polarity of the magnets results in differing orientations depending upon how those polarities are provided. A circle that is half red and half green can clearly be oriented with the red half on the left and green half on the right or alternately oriented with the red half on the right and the green half on the left, and similarly the different arrangements of magnetic polarities on the circle result in different orientations.

In response to Appellant's argument that Sartee does not identify what is believed to be the body that defines the compartment, the rejection references FIGS. 12C-D which shows the tablet interior, and the sections referenced relate to magnets and shields/shunts interior to the tablet, and so Examiner maintains that it was sufficiently clear that this was the intent of the rejection. The analogousness of the magnetic attachment structures and the shields/shunts disclosed is the primary feature of the rejection.

In response to applicant's argument that Sartee is nonanalogous art, it has been held that a prior art reference must either be in the field of applicant's endeavor or, if not, then be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the applicant was concerned, in order to be relied upon as a basis for rejection of the claimed invention. See *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443, 24 USPQ2d 1443 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

In this case, Sartee relates to electronic device attachments and related structures which is in the field of appellant's endeavor (i.e. a wallet attached to an electronic device case via magnets on both the wallet and case clearly encompasses both wallets and electronic device attachments in the field of endeavor), and is also reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the appellant was concerned which includes using magnets to attach to electronic devices; additionally, the particular claim relates to using shielding and therefore applicant's problem to be solved with respect to that claim clearly encompasses magnetic shielding and therefore prior art references related to magnets and ferromagnetic shielding are clearly reasonably pertinent to this problem.

In response to Appellant's argument that there is no evidence that Sartee addresses a problem inherent in Baca or which Appellant was trying to solve, and is limited to hall effect sensors, Sartee indicates that the shielding serves to shunt the magnetic field away from the contents of the case and also that it serves to increase the magnetic force of the magnets, both of which are desirable and solve problems associated with magnets (i.e. magnets can damage some electronics or other structures and obviously increasing magnetic strength for a stronger connection between the parts to avoid dislodgement is a clear benefit of this structure), and also indicates that electronic devices and attachments use magnets and electronic devices may use Hall effect sensors that detect magnets, and the use of magnetic shielding to reduce magnetic fields in the vicinity of Hall effect sensors (i.e. magnetic shielding will prevent the magnets from disrupting a Hall Effect sensor on any electronic devices placed in the wallet, which is clearly a benefit). As such, the teaching is clearly reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which Appellant was trying to solve, which includes using magnetic shielding between a magnet and another structure to protect that structure from the magnetic field or alternately providing a strong magnetic connection between two parts.

In response to Appellant's arguments related to Gluck, Gluck is used solely for its disclosure of a magnetic shield in the shape of a plate, as Sartee does not detail the shape of its plate (and thus a person of ordinary skill in the art must per se look to their own knowledge or the prior art to determine an appropriate shape). As such, the other details of Gluck are not particularly relevant to the combination. Additionally, it is noted that Gluck's shielding plate (30) is located between the compartment and an exterior of the case, a similar location to the shielding of Sartee (i.e. Sartee has the magnets on the exterior of the housing, and the magnetic shield in order to operate must be between the magnets and the case interior which is analogous to the compartment, and the Gluck location adjacent the compartment allows for this as well).

In response to Appellant's arguments regarding claim 11, that a semicircular cut is not a tapering cut and tapers away from the long axis, Appellant has not provided evidence as to what Appellant considers the long axis to be and how the semicircular cut/tapering of Berkley fails to meet this limitation. Examiner maintains that "a long axis" encompasses many different potential axes located at different points, several of which meet the limitations of the claim, see the response to similar arguments above for details. Appellant argues that the Office has failed to point with any specificity what it believes constitutes the claimed tapering, but the Office has pointed to three potential long axes and the structure as shown in the drawing tapers towards each of them.

In response to appellant's argument that Baca is nonanalogous art, it has been held that a prior art reference must either be in the field of appellant's endeavor or, if not, then be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the appellant was concerned, in order to be relied upon as a basis for rejection of the claimed invention. See *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443, 24 USPQ2d 1443 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, Baca is in the field of appellant's endeavor, which is attaching a mobile/electronic device to

other structures, and/or is reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the appellant was concerned, which includes the use of magnetic attachments to secure a mobile/electronic device/case to another object.

In response to Appellant's argument that Baca relates to a surface mount for an automobile dashboard rather than mobile accessories to be carried with the mobile device, Examiner maintains the position that fastener structures used to attach a mobile device to one type of surface/structure (e.g. a vehicle dashboard, wall) are also relevant and can frequently be used to also attach to other types of surfaces/structures (e.g. a wallet, charger, etc.). There is no inventive step in merely using an art known fastener to attach to a different object or type of object. See MPEP 2141(I) and (III), citing *KSR v. Teleflex*, indicating that the simple substitution of one known element (e.g. a hook and loop fastener which is explicitly disclosed in Berkley as being substitutable with a magnetic connection) for another (e.g. a particular magnetic connector like that of Baca) to obtain predictable results (i.e. the magnetic connector attaches to another mating magnetic connector) is an exemplary rationale that supports a legal conclusion of obviousness (it is noted that it can also be considered merely combining prior art elements, i.e. the device/case and wallet of Berkley and the magnetic fasteners of Baca according to known methods to yield predictable results which is another exemplary rationale for obviousness).

In response to Appellant's arguments that Baca teaches that the surface mount is only a single array of magnetic elements, see Baca at [0064] explicitly disclosing the use of multiple surface-side magnetic arrays (equivalent to the magnetic attachment on the wallet of Berkley), rather than only a single surface-side attachment. Although Baca does not explicitly disclose using multiple surface side magnetic attachments in combination with multiple device side magnetic attachments, such a teaching is not

necessary to meet the limitations of the claims which only structurally require the wallet/body to have a plurality of spaced magnetic attachment regions/arrays).

In response to Appellant's argument that there is no problem in Baca identified by the Office as being solved by Levy, the disclosure of Levy indicates the use of multiple spaced magnetic arrays on each of a device/case and an attached object/structure to allow for attachment between the two in a plurality of rotational positions. As such, providing multiple spaced magnetic arrays constitutes a simple substitution of one known element (a single array on one element and a plurality of arrays on the other) for another (a plurality of spaced arrays on the other object as well) to obtain predictable results (all of the arrays serving to provide a stronger connection between the parts) or constitutes merely applying a known technique (using multiple spaced magnetic arrays on both the device case and the attached object) to improve similar devices in the same way, which are exemplary rationales for obviousness (MPEP 2141(III)).

In response to appellant's arguments against the references individually (e.g. that Berkley discloses using a single magnet on the wallet to attach to plural magnets on the mobile device), one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.,* 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986). It is noted that either Baca's disclosure of plural magnets on the surface/object (equivalent to the wallet) and a single magnet on the device/case instead of vice versa is sufficient motivation for or evidence of the obviousness of using plural magnets on the wallet instead of plural magnets on the device/case; alternately, Levy's disclosure of plural magnets on both the device/case and the attached object provides additional and/or sufficient motivation for or evidence of the obviousness of this construction.

In response to appellant's argument regarding claim 8 that Baca or the combination does not disclose coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. Examiner maintains that the Baca structure with two appropriate arrays (e.g. two asymmetrical arrays arranged side by side such that both are NSNS) is capable of the claimed use (e.g. with an appropriate pair of mating asymmetrical arrays both arranged such that they are SNSN). Alternately, although Appellant argues that Baca discloses its array allowing attachment in both a portrait and a landscape orientation, Baca also discloses in [0084] using asymmetrical arrays whereby the device can be mounted in only one position, which provides sufficient motivation to use a set of magnetic arrays that allows for mounting in only a single position/orientation.

In response to appellant's argument regarding claim 9 that Baca or the combination does not disclose coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. Examiner maintains that the Baca structure with two appropriate arrays (e.g. two symmetrical arrays arranged side by side such that both are NSSN) is capable of the claimed use (e.g. with an appropriate pair of mating asymmetrical arrays both arranged side by side that they are SNNS will only attach in two orientations which are 180 degrees apart). Appellant's argument that Baca allows for attachment in multiple orientations to a structure having multiple different appropriate sets of attachment arrays is irrelevant, as that it is also capable of being attached to structures which allow for more than two attachment orientations does not preclude its

being capable of being attached to structures which allow for only two attachment orientations (if this were the case, then Appellant's inventive structure also would not meet the claim language as it is also capable of attachment to a device/case having three sets of mating arrays to allow for more attachment orientations).

In response to Appellant's arguments regarding claims 2, 6, and 10-11, these arguments are duplicative of other arguments which have already been addressed above, see the responses to those arguments above for details.

In response to Appellant's arguments regarding claim 12 that Levy does not suggest that its arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation, see the response to similar arguments above that Levy's magnets are part of what serves to cause the structure to adopt a particular orientation. Additionally, as to this combination, Baca is the primary modifying reference, and Baca demonstrates the use of a magnetic attachment mechanism without the use of additional mechanical couplings (and indeed explicitly indicates that such mechanical couplings are contemplated but are optional/unnecessary ([0020]) which provides further evidence that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not consider their addition necessary.

In response to Appellant's unclear arguments that Berkley in view of Baca and Levy does not disclose magnetic arrays in different orientations, claim 12 relies on Levy's disclosure of multiple arrays in different orientations (either the FIG. 9A triangular structures in different orientations, or alternately the circular arrays which have the polarities in different orientations which Examiner maintains is sufficient to meet the claim language). Although Appellant argues that there is no reasonable way for the orientation of Baca's singular linear array to be transformed into two distinct arrangements with

different orientations, the combination use the multiple arrays taught by Baca and the teaching of Levy to locate four symmetrical arrangements in different orientations, which can be either straight arrays like those of Baca appropriately arranged or circular or triangular arrays like those of Levy.

In response to Appellant's arguments that the Double Patenting Rejections were erroneous and the current claims do not give rise to an unjustified extension of the rights granted in the first patent are persuasive, and so those rejections are withdrawn.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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REPLY BRIEF

The Appellant submits the following Reply Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41 for consideration by the Board of Appeals and Interferences ("Board"). This Reply Brief is responsive to the Examiner's Answer of November 30, 2022.

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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

Fernando Mora, Alex Baca and Mydul R. Islam are the named inventors on the Application. The named inventor transferred his rights to the subject Application through an assignment recorded on February 4, 2020 (Reel/Frame 051717/0489) and a subsequent corrective assignment recorded on February 4, 2020 (Reel/Frame 052598/0401) to 1Lss, Inc, a California corporation, having a principal place of business in Los Angeles, California. Thus, as the owner at the time the brief is being filed, 1Lss, Inc is the real party in interest.

II. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12. The Appellant maintains the appeal of the rejections of claims 1-12.

III. ARGUMENTS

Appellant maintains each and every argument set forth in its Appeal Brief and submits that those arguments are sufficient to necessitate reversal of all existing rejections. Appellant submits the following supplemental observations and arguments.

The Office Maintains an Undue Multiplicity of Rejections Inconsistent with Its Obligation Under the Rules of Patent Examination.

The first 23 pages of the Examiner's Answer are substantially a cut and paste of the most recent Office Action with the exception that the erroneous reference to claim 2 when claims 6 was intended (identified in Appellant's initial brief) and the unintentional inclusion of claim 9 identified in the Answer as a typographical error have been corrected. Thus, the Examiner has maintained its undue plurality of rejections in contravention of the prohibition in the rules of such conduct. The Board should not sanction this conduct which is also endemic in related cases not yet on appeal. The failure of the Examiner to follow the Office's rules for compact prosecution unduly burdens Appellant and wastes resources of the Board.

Here the Examiner suggests that alternative interpretations justify the undue multiplicity but fails to identify what the alleged varying interpretations are or could be. Thus, if such varying interpretations actually exist, the Examiner has not satisfied his obligation to clearly articulate them. The Board should reverse the Examiner or remand the case with directions to particularly focus his rejections.

The Examiner takes issue with Appellant's allegedly arguing references individually. To the extent, that references have been argued individually, this is because the undue plurality of rejection are formulated as an "alone or in combination with" form that is a mainstay of the outstanding rejections or because a single reference is purported to be the basis for the obviousness of a particular element. To the extent it is not otherwise explicit Appellant intends in such cases to assert that even if appropriately combined the reference when added to the other references does not render that particular element obvious.

The Office Misreads and Misapplies *Levy* in Every Case Where It Serves as Part of the Rejection.

All of Appellant's claims require that "the first and second arrangements **cause** the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device." (emphasis added) **Levy** is quite clear that it is the central protuberance and additional registration protuberances of the mounting structure are what "causes" the case and stand to adopt a specific orientation (See. E.g., paragraph [0034]). It is the male/female keying that **causes** a particular orientation to exist. The magnets are merely used to maintain the orientation once **caused** by the male female keying between the mounting structure and the case.

In his Answer, the Examiner posits that *Levy* should be read not to require the keying feature, notwithstanding that it is a central feature of the functionality of the disclosed invention. The Examiner further posits that even if the keying feature were required, *Levy* would still meet the limitations of Claim 1. Appellant submits that reading the reference as a whole including its repeated and nearly exclusive reliance on the keying feature for assuring orientation, no one of ordinary skill would regard the keying feature as optional. Furthermore, the magnets do not permit the device to adopt any orientation other than the one imposed by the mechanical feature. There is no reasonable interpretation under which the

magnets can be said to "cause" the device to adopt an orientation rather than retain the device in an orientation forced by the mechanical features. At least this feature is not taught or suggested by *Levy* alone or in combination with any of the references of record.

The Examiner further posits that those skilled in the art would understand that magnets alone can hold two objects together absent additional mechanical features. The Examiner relies on *Baca* to support this proposition. *Baca* is inapposite as the mechanical features in *Baca* are surface features of the magnets themselves not wholly separable mechanical features of the overall mounting structure. Thus, the Examiner conflates omission of mechanical surface features of the magnets in *Baca* with omission of necessary mechanical features of the mount of *Levy*. In any case, Appellant contends this is a red herring. Appellant has not suggested that no applications exist where magnets are used alone without mechanical interconnection. Rather, the context of the application dictates whether additional features are required. *Levy's* invention necessarily requires the mechanical features it discloses as essential to its functioning and there is no suggestion that that mechanical feature can be omitted. Furthermore, because of the nature of their uses, both surface mounts in *Levy* and *Baca*, the force profile experienced by an attached device is entirely different from that affecting a wallet attached to a mobile device to be carried with the device. Carried devices that are intended to be slipped into pockets and purses undergo significant radial forces and significantly higher shear forces that surface mounted devices do not. Those skilled in the art would not conclude that a coupling suitable for a dashboard mount would be suitable where rotational forces and significant shearing forces are present. In fact, *Baca* recommends mechanical features to address even the limited shearing forces resulting from gravity. *Baca* also recognizes the prospect of rotation causing detachment from the mount. *See, e.g.*, paragraph [0099].

Specifically, regarding claim 7, which requires "the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar," as noted above, there is no basis in the reference to eliminate the nonplanarity inherent in the male/female keying that *Levy* relies upon. Appellant submits that the Examiner's belief to the contrary is reflective of a failure to read the reference as a whole, as is obligatory in the context of patent examination. Appellant notes that the keying relation also ensures desired proximity in the charging coils.

See, e.g., para. [0049]. This is further evidence that those of ordinary skill in the art would not omit this feature.

The Examiner Inappropriately Reimagines *Berkley* in an Effort to Justify His Combination.

To justify his combination the Examiner states: "there are innumerable reasons a user might wish to have adjustable orientation on the wallet." (Answer pg. 25 first full paragraph) Notwithstanding this hyperbole, all the examples offered by the Examiner are fictions that were imagined by the Examiner without a suggestion of the desirability in the reference. As the figures make evident, the wallet of *Berkley* cannot be rotated 90° or it would extend off the phone. It is only suitable for use with the longitudinal axis of the wallet and phone aligned. Furthermore, the software on a smart phone flips the view based on the held orientation, as such, any notion that one would need to change the orientation of the wallet for right handed vs left handed users is also specious. The Examiner's persistent effort to reconstruct Appellant's claimed invention using out of context a la carte bits and pieces of various references imaginatively cobbled back together based on the Examiner's rationalizations that are unsupported by the references is precisely the kind of hindsight reconstruction forbidden under the existing tenets of patent examination.

The Examiner Mischaracterizes "Axis," "Long Axis," "Taper" or All of the Forgoing in Rejecting Claim 11 Based on Various References.

It is nearly impossible to discern what the Examiner believes to be the "axis" or "long axis" in the cited references as his articulations appear to suggest that any arbitrary line can be the axis or long axis. The fact that the Examiner cites numerous different "long axes" toward which *Berkley* allegedly tapers toward indicates that the Examiner has failed to give axis any meaningful interpretation and certainly not any interpretation that would be employed by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Appellant submits that the relevant dictionary definition of axis is "a straight line with respect to which a body or figure is symmetrical." See Merriam Webster dictionary attached as evidence hereto. "Long axis" under the plain definition is the axis of the long dimension of

the body. "Tapers" as a verb means to become progressively smaller in the direction of taper, here, towards the long axis. As shown in the annotated figure 8B below, the material forming the wallet tapers from a larger dimension of the main body to a smaller dimension near the opening. The direction of taper is towards the central long axis of the body as shown.

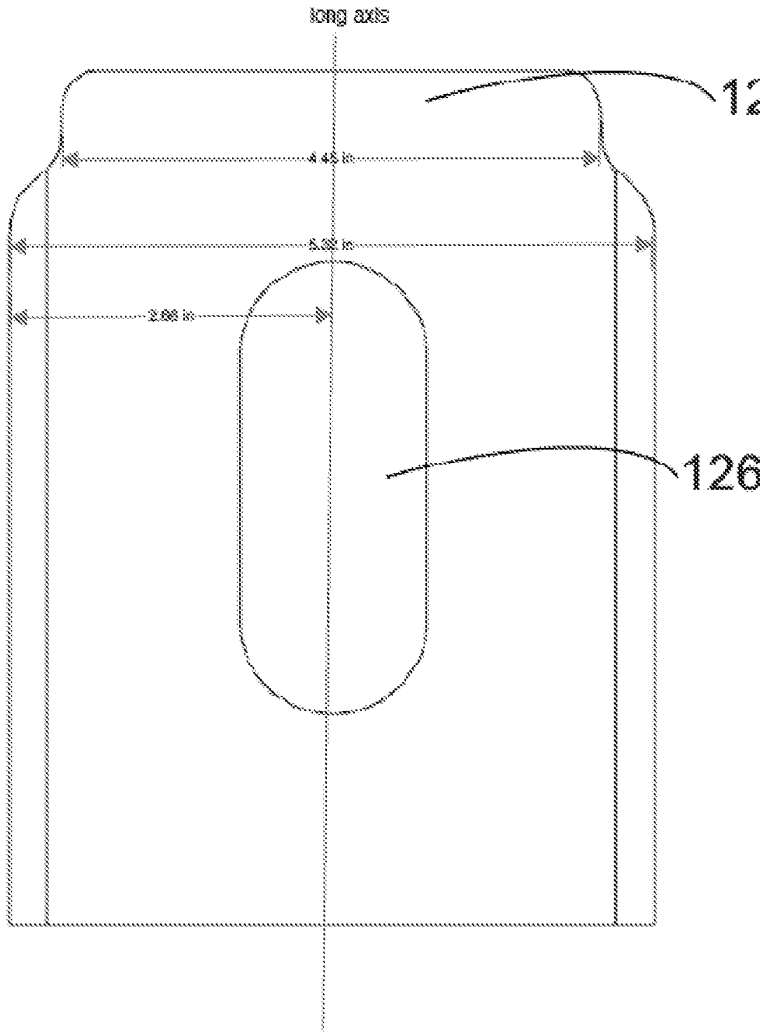
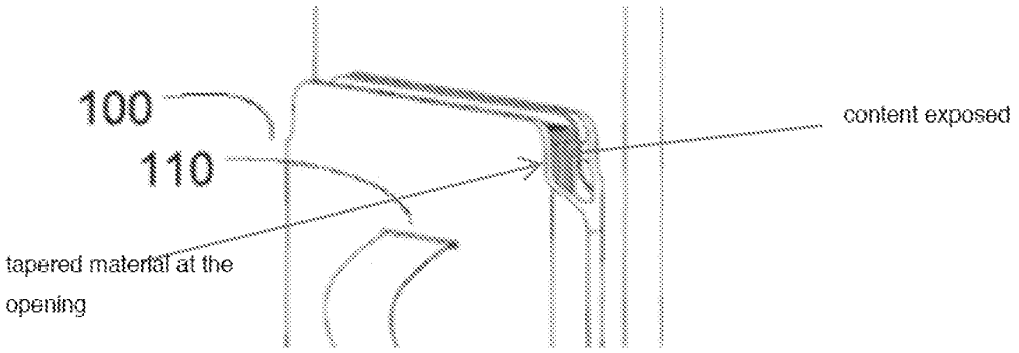


FIG. 8B

As further shown in annotated partial view of figure 14, this taper exposed the contents of the compartment.



In contra distinction, *Berkley* has a round off side edge and without any taper and a shorter front side that allow the outermost card in the wallet to be exposed. This neither teaches nor suggests the claimed tapering towards a long axis as claimed. Furthermore, it is functionally different than Appellant's invention which allows edge access to multiple cards in the wallet rather than only the outermost card.

In the remaining references variously cited for the limitation in claim 11, none teach or suggest tapering towards a long axis at the opening as claimed. In the case of *Ippolito,* the arcuate cutout on which the Office relies, is actually at the opposite end of the wallet from the opening. Moreover, it at most tapers away from the long axis. As expressed above the long axis symmetrically bisects the body, therefore a centrally located cutout, if it tapers at all tapers away from the axis. The same is true for *Matsuyama*. Appellant notes that the Examiner fails to provide meaningful identification of where in the reference he finds the teaching. He refers to a tapered corner cutout in *Matsuyama* but cites no reference number or otherwise identifies where this teaching is to be found. Appellant finds no such corner cutout in the reference only various arcuate cutouts similar to those in *Ippolito*.

Van Greer has a corner cutout which does not taper. Moreover, it has no opening in the sense that openings exist in e.g. *Berkley* or Appellant's wallet. Rather, *Van Greer* has a hinged front wall that folds open to expos the contents. This the cutout of *Van* Greer is neither structurally nor functionally analogous to what Appellant claims.

The Examiner in His Answer Still Fails to Identify What He Believes to Be the "Body" in *Sartee.*

It is telling that rather than clarifying or otherwise identify what he believed to constitute the Examiner merely repeated the general citation to 4 figure. It is evident, reading *Sartee,* that there is no structure analogous to Appellant's claims body. There is no "a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment" of the body. The failure to explain the Examiner's interpretation of the reference before and to a greater degree in the Answer prejudices Appellant's ability to address this secret interpretation. Appellant further notes that the "shunt" on which the Examiner relies is expressly not shown in the figures (*see* para. [0081]). The shunt is internal to the tablet and designed to concentrate the magnetic flux between that magnets on the cover attached to the tablet and the magnets within the tablet to which they connect. There is no notion to shielding any compartment from magnets that are within the body that forms the compartment. The rejection of claim 2 cannot be sustained on the present record.

Regarding claim 6, the Examiner has acknowledged that the only reason for relying on *Gluck* was to show that an RF shield could be in the form of a plate. This is a tacit acknowledgement that the plate of *Gluck* fails to teach or suggest the positional limitation of claim 6. On the record as it presently exists, *Sartre* offers no teaching or suggestion of positioning a metal plate as claimed. This rejection is also unsustainable.

The Examiner Persistently Uses Non-Analogous Art the Selection of Which Is not Justified by the Problem to Be Solved and Inappropriately Combines Unrelated References.

At least *Sartre*, *Baca,* and *Levy* are non-analogous art that are not in the field of Appellant's endeavor and not directed to any problem sought to be solved by Appellant. The Examiner seeks to define the field so broadly as to make the definition meaningless. The Examiner posits that any reference related to either wallets or electronic devices is analogous art. The standard is not nearly that broad.

Appellant's field is not the generalized field of attaching a mobile device to another structure. Appellant's field of endeavor is wallets designed to be magnetically connected to mobile devices and transported therewith. This field of endeavor has significant constraints

imposed by the force profiles experienced in the use environment. Surface mounts do not experience the same force profiles and are not a suitable proxy for the use conditions of Appellant's claimed invention. Thus, surface mounts are not reasonably pertinent to addressing the force profiles that exist in this unique environment.

Even more egregious is *Sartre,* which has nothing in any respect to do with the area of Appellant's invention or the problems Appellant sought to solve. The Board should reject the use of all three references.

Appellant also maintains that the justification for combining *Sartee* with the other references is deficient. The newest fanciful justification includes that it would protect electronic devices with hall effect sensors placed within the wallet. This is particularly curious since there is no suggestion of electronic devices being place within the wallet and certainly no discussion of any issue associated hall effect sensors in such devices. Neither *Levy* nor *Baca* are related to wallets at all as noted above. This is pure fiction impermissibly created by the Examiner in an effort to rationalize an impermissible combination of references.

Where *Baca* is the dominant reference, there is no motivation to add *Levy*. Levy does not address any problem in *Baca*, rather the proposed modification would make *Baca* less useful for its intended purpose. *Baca* uses a single array of magnets. That single array couples to a mounting surface such as the dashboard of a car and permits the mobile device to be mounted in different orientations by coupling to the single array. Even if one were able to ignore the mechanical orienting feature of *Levy,* the combination would require multiple attachments to the dashboard (requiring greater geographic space thereon) and may reduce the number of orientations achievable. Furthermore, where, as here, in the context of a dashboard mount, the provides no benefit those skilled in the art would not make the modification. The justifications for the combination are no more than conjecture and do not support the combination where no perceived problem exists.

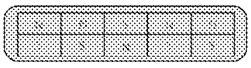
The Examiner Generates Undisclosed Embodiments out of Whole Cloth in His Effort to Reject the Claims to Limited Orientations.

Claim 8 requires: "wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation." The Examiner asserts that the *Baca*

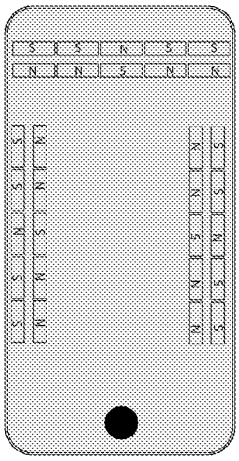
arrays are capable of imposing this limitation. The Examiner then proceeds to create an undisclosed embodiment of *Baca* that allegedly meets this limitation. As a starting point, there is nothing in any of the references of record that would indicate that a single orientation is desirable. In any event, the Examiner incorrectly relies on paragraph [0084] of *Baca* as teaching an asymmetric array that allows only a single position. What paragraph [0084] actually teaches is that an asymmetric array prevents a 180˚ flip but paragraph [0084] neither teaches nor suggests that this would eliminate engagement of a 90˚ turn. This of course stands to reason since it is desirable in the context of *Baca* that a user be able to select either portrait or landscape orientations for connection to the dashboard. *Baca* simply gives no guidance for achieving attachment in exactly a single orientation. None of the other references do either.

The Examiner's proposed modification, that is neither taught or suggested by the reference, to put two side by side asymmetric arrays is both undisclosed and would not change the analysis. The device would still have corresponding landscape and portrait magnates and would couple in plural orientations. This is evident from the annotated figures 4c and 2a of *Baca* below.

Ref Baca Fig 4C
(Could by any
Asymmetric array, but only 4C shown)



Ref. Baca Fig 2C



As shown this arrangement would enable three possible attachment orientations one portrait and two landscape.

Claim 9 requires: wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations. The Examiner's proposed modification is again not disclosed by the reference but would still not achieve the claimed result. Two side by side symmetric arrays yield at least four possible orientations, e.g., top to the left, top to the right, top to the top and top to the bottom. Thus, even reworking the arrangement as the Examiner has, he has not found an arrangement that accomplishes the claimed limitation. Appellant submits both claims 8 and 9 are non-obvious over the references of record.

The Examiner Continues to Leave as an Exercise for the Reader how *Levy* Is Combined with *Baca* to Create Two Arrays with Different Orientations or Geometric Configurations.

Regarding claim 12, the Examiner has yet to explain how/why one of ordinary skill would take the single array of magnets that stick on to a car dashboard and replace it with a plurality of arrays in different orientations or geometric configurations. Since it has never been articulated it is unknowable what the Examiner is actually envisioning in the combination. But as near as Appellant can discern, the combination, as the Examiner would have it would yield e.g., two triangular arrangements that could be coupled to a dashboard with their points facing one another. To be useful in the context of *Baca*, the array(s) stuck to the dashboard must have a known relation to the arrays coupled to the mobile device. Sticking multiple independent arrays to the dashboard would result in an installation and usability problem to the point that such a product would never be produced. The standard for obviousness is not whatever the Examiner can imagine with the guidance of Appellant's disclosure, but rather what one of ordinary skill would discern from the prior art without the guidance of Appellant disclosure. Here, there is no basis for combining *Levy* with *Baca* in the manner proposed and substantially no prospect of a functional product resulting from the combination.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Appellant respectfully requests that the Board overturn the rejection of all claims.

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1. (Previously Presented) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment.

3. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between the first region and the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment.

7. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

12. (Previously Presented) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:
a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;
a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;
a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

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> the Earth's *axis*

b : a straight line with respect to which a body or figure is symmetrical

> the *axis* of a cone

→ called also *axis of symmetry*

c : a straight line that bisects at right angles a system of parallel chords of a curve and divides the curve into two symmetrical parts

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7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (*i.e.*, GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspection or an issued patent.
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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Ex parte FERNANDO MORA et al.

Appeal 2023-001432
Application 17/331,280
Technology Center 3700

APPEAL DOCKETING NOTICE

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board received the appeal in the above-identified application from the Technology Center on February 01, 2023, and has assigned it the appeal number indicated above.

The recipient of this notice is reminded of its ongoing duty, within 20 days of any change during the proceeding, to update its mandatory notices to identify the real party-in-interest and each judicial or administrative proceeding that could affect, or be affected by, the Board proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 41.8. For example, another docketed appeal in a related application may have the potential to affect, or be affected by, the Board proceeding.

In all future communications regarding this appeal, please include both the application number and the appeal number. Telephone inquiries can be made by calling 571-272-9797 and referencing the appeal number listed above. The mailing address for the Board is:

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If you are interested in seeking expedited treatment for this appeal via the Board's Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program, please consult our website at https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/fast-track-appeals-pilot-program or the Federal Register Notice at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/07/02/2020-14244/fast-track-appeals-pilot-program for more information on how to participate and which appeals qualify.

Doc Code: PET. 41.3
Document Description: Petition under Rule 41.3 to Chief Admin Patent Judge PTO/SB/451 (07-20)

PETITION
Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program

PART I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPEAL TO ACCORD FAST-TRACK STATUS

Appeal No.:	2023-001432	Application Number:	17 /331,280
First Named Inventor:	Mora Etal.	Filing Date:	05/26/2021
Title of Invention:	MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE		

PART II. CERTIFICATIONS: Appellant hereby certifies the following and petitions to participate in the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program for the above-identified appeal.

1. Appellant files this certification and petition under 37 CFR 41.3 to include the appeal in the application identified in Part I (above) in the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program.

2. The above-identified appeal is pending before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and a docketing notice has been issued.

3. The petition fee for filing a petition under 37 CFR 41.3 accompanies this petition.

4. The above-identified appeal is currently not treated as special under MPEP 708.01 (e.g., age or health of the inventor).

5. The registered practitioner submitting this certification and petition has a power of attorney (37 CFR 1.32), or has authority to act (37 CFR 1.34), for the above-identified application, or the appellant is prosecuting the appellant's own case (37 CFR 1.31).

PART III. ORAL HEARING: For informational purposes, please indicate whether Appellant has filed a compliant Request for Oral Hearing per 37 CFR 41.47 for the above-identified appeal:

Yes **X** No ☐

☐ If yes, Appellant hereby waives the Oral Hearing. (Appellant is not required to waive an Oral Hearing to participate in the Fast-Track Patent Appeal Pilot.)

Signature /Thomas M. Coester/	Date 2/3/2023
Name (Print/Typed) Thomas M. Coester	Practitioner Registration Number 39637

Note: *This form must be signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and consistent with Certification 5 above. See 37 CFR 1.4(d) for signature requirements and certifications.*
*Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required.**
*Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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The **Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579)** requires that you be given certain information in connection with your submission of the attached form related to a patent application or patent. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised that: (1) the general authority for the collection of this information is 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2); (2) furnishing of the information solicited is voluntary; and (3) the principal purpose for which the information is used by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is to process and/or examine your submission related to a patent application or patent. If you do not furnish the requested information, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may not be able to process and/or examine your submission, which may result in termination of proceedings or abandonment of the application or expiration of the patent.

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Title of Invention

MAGNETICALLY COUPLED WALLET ACCESSORY FOR MOBILE DEVICE

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Appeal 2023-001432
Application 17/331,280
Technology Center 3700

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on February 3, 2023 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.3 and the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program. The petition satisfies the requirements of 85 Fed. Reg. 39,888 (July 2, 2020) and 87 Fed. Reg. 60,135 (Oct. 4, 2022). Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

Appeal 2023-001432 is hereby accorded fast-track status.

If there are any questions pertaining to this decision on petition, please contact the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at 571-272-9797.

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Appellant:	FERNANDO MORA et al.
Application No:	17/331,280
Hearing Room:	Alexandria: Room B
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Hearing Date:	Thursday, June 22, 2023
Hearing Time:	1:00 PM ET
Location:	**Madison Building - East Wing** **600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor** **Alexandria, Virginia** **22313-1450**

NOTICE OF HEARING - ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 21 DAYS

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) will hear the above-identified appeal on the date indicated. The hearing will commence at the time set, and as soon as the argument in one appeal concludes, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is 20 minutes, unless additional time is requested and approved before the argument commences. If the application involved in this appeal has been published, the hearing will be open to the public.

Hearing Attendance Confirmation or Waiver

Appellant is required to confirm attendance at the hearing or waive the hearing within 21 days of the mailing date of this notice. Appellant may confirm or waive attendance by completing the "APPELLANT RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING" and returning it to the PTAB.

Options for Hearing Attendance

If Appellant opts to attend the hearing, Appellant may appear in-person, by video, or by telephone. In Appellant's response to the NOTICE OF HEARING, Appellant should indicate the manner in which Appellant will appear for the hearing.

If Appellant is no longer interested in having a hearing, then Appellant must file a waiver of the hearing with the PTAB. This allows the panel of Administrative Patent Judges assigned to the appeal to act promptly on the appeal without waiting for the hearing date.

If Appellant fails to respond to this NOTICE OF HEARING, the PTAB will issue a decision on the briefs based on the written record.

In-Person Hearing Attendance

The hearing will take place at the location specified in the header, however Appellant may request to appear at a hearing room in the USPTO Alexandria headquarters or a hearing room or conference room in one of the USPTO regional offices located in (1) Detroit, Michigan; (2) Dallas, Texas; (3) Denver, Colorado; and (4) San Jose, California. The PTAB attempts to grant all hearing location requests, subject to space availability

Usage of a hearing room or a conference room in the USPTO Alexandria headquarters or one of the regional offices is not guaranteed until confirmed by the PTAB. In the event the request cannot be granted, then Appellant is responsible for proposing an alternate option, such as selecting a different USPTO location, by telephone, or by video, which is subject to approval by PTAB.

Appellant's selection and the PTAB's approval to utilize a hearing room or a conference room other than that of the designated hearing location does not guarantee that an Administrative Patent Judge assigned to the appeal will be physically present at that location, and the hearing itself may be conducted via video..

Remote Video Hearing Attendance

Appellant may participate in a hearing by video at a location other than the USPTO Alexandria headquarters or a regional office. Appellant will receive an Order detailing the video hearing instructions.

Telephonic Hearing Attendance

Appellant may participate in a hearing by telephone. Appellant will receive an Order detailing the telephonic hearing instructions.

Remote Viewing Request

Members of the public may request to remotely view this oral hearing. If resources are available, the Board generally expects to grant such requests.

In addition to remote viewing of an oral hearing, the USPTO Alexandria headquarters and the USPTO regional office locations in (1) Detroit, Michigan; (2) Dallas, Texas; (3) Denver, Colorado; and (4) San Jose, California are generally available for any member of the public to view a hearing, subject to room availability and advance coordination with the PTAB.

If Appellant objects to the Board granting such requests, for example, because confidential information may be discussed, the party must notify the Board by contacting PTABHearings@uspto.gov at least five business days prior to the oral hearing date.

Legal Experience and Advancement Program

The Board has established the "Legal Experience and Advancement Program," or "LEAP," to encourage advocates before the Board to develop their skills and to aid in succession planning for the next generation. The Board defines a LEAP practitioner as a patent agent or attorney having three (3) or fewer substantive oral arguments in any federal tribunal, including PTAB. Whether an argument is "substantive" for purposes of determining whether an advocate qualifies as a LEAP practitioner will be made on a case-by-case basis with considerations to include, for example, the amount of time that the practitioner argued, the circumstances of the argument, and whether the argument concerned the merits or ancillary issues.

Appellants are encouraged to participate in the Board's LEAP program. Appellant may request that a LEAP practitioner participate in the program and conduct at least a portion of the oral argument. In exchange, the Board will grant up to fifteen (15) minutes of additional argument time, depending on the length of the proceeding and the PTAB's hearing schedule. Appellant should submit a request and LEAP verification form no later than at least five (5) business days before the hearing, by email to the Board at PTABHearings@uspto.gov. A combined LEAP Practitioner Request for Oral Hearing Participation and Verification Form is available on the LEAP website, www.uspto.gov/leap.

A LEAP practitioner may conduct the entire oral argument or may share time with other counsel, provided that the LEAP practitioner is offered a meaningful and substantive opportunity to argue before the Board. Appellant has the discretion as to the type and quantity of oral argument that will be conducted by the LEAP practitioner. Moreover, whether the LEAP practitioner conducts the argument in whole or in part, the Board will permit more experienced counsel to provide some assistance to the LEAP practitioner, if necessary, during oral argument, and to clarify any statements on the record before the conclusion of the oral argument. Importantly, the Board does not draw any inference about the importance of a particular issue or issues, or the merits of Appellant's arguments regarding that issue, from the Appellant's decision to have (or not to have) a LEAP practitioner argue.

In instances where an advocate does not meet the LEAP eligibility requirements, due to the number of "substantive" oral hearing arguments, but nonetheless has a basis for considering themselves to be in the category of advocates that this program is intended to assist, the Board encourages argument by such advocates during oral hearings. Even though additional argument time will not be provided in such circumstances, as with LEAP, an Appellant may request to share time with counsel and the Board will permit more experienced counsel to provide some assistance, if necessary, during oral argument, and to clarify any statements on the record before the conclusion of the oral argument.

As always, all practitioners appearing before the Board shall demonstrate the highest professional standards. All practitioners are expected to have a command of the factual record, the applicable law, and Board procedures, as well as the authority to commit the party they represent. The Board discerns that it is often LEAP practitioners who have the best understanding of the facts of the case and the evidence of record, and the Board encourages their participation. Examples of the issues that a LEAP practitioner may argue include claim construction argument(s), or patentability argument(s) including, e.g., analyses of prior art or objective indicia of non-obviousness.

Special Requests

If Appellant has any special requests related to appearing at the oral hearing, Appellant should inform the PTAB. Special requests may include accommodations for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals and blind or low vision individuals. Additionally, Appellant may assist the PTAB by indicating ways to accommodate the special requests. The PTAB will make every effort to accommodate the special requests in the manner suggested by Appellant.

Submission of Appellant's Demonstratives

Demonstrative exhibits are neither required nor expected, but Appellant may use them to assist in the presentation of its case. If Appellant has any Power Point slides or other demonstratives, they must be submitted for inclusion into the record at least ten (10) days before the hearing date by submitting them through the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS) available at https://www.uspto.gov/patents/apply/applying-online/about-efs-web. If demonstrative exhibits are provided, they must not include any information not previously made of record in this proceeding, and the Board will refuse to allow the use of demonstrative exhibits that do not comply with this requirement. See, e.g., 37 C.F.R. § 41.47(e)(1), (2). Accordingly, demonstratives shall be clearly marked with the words "DEMONSTRATIVE EXHIBIT – NOT EVIDENCE" in the footer.

Submission of Appellant's Response to the Notice of Hearing*

To return a completed APPELLANT RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING, Appellant may use one of the following transmittal methods:

1. By the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS), available at https://www.uspto.gov/patents/apply/applying-online/about-efs-web
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In all communications relating to this appeal, please identify the appeal number along with the underlying application number.

Questions

For further information about hearings, see 37 CFR § 41.47 and the Hearings section of the PTAB webpage: http://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/patent-trial-and-appeal-board/hearings. Also, for questions, please contact the PTAB Hearings Clerk at 571-272-9797.

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APPELLANT RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING

Appellant responds to the NOTICE OF HEARING in the above-identified appeal.

Hearing Attendance Options (please select one)

( ) I elect an IN-PERSON hearing and will appear at a hearing room in the following USPTO office:

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( ) DETROIT, MI - 300 River Place Drive
( ) DENVER, CO – 1961 Stout Street

( ) I elect a remote VIDEO hearing and will appear from a non-USPTO location that I secure for myself.

( ) I elect a TELEPHONIC hearing.

( ) I WAIVE the hearing.

( ) I am requesting to RESCHEDULE the hearing. **A separate paper must be filed.**

Conflicts

To aid the judges assigned to the appeal in determining whether any conflicts exist that may require a recusal, please list the names of any additional person(s) who will be participating in the oral hearing and their affiliation with Appellant.

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Signature of Attorney/Agent/Appellant	Date

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Appeal 2023-001432
Application 17/331,280
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Before MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, JILL D. HILL, and
ARTHUR M. PESLAK, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

PESLAK, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION ON APPEAL

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 134(a), Appellant[1] appeals from the Examiner's decision to reject claims 1–12. *See* Non-Final Act. 1. We have jurisdiction under 35 U.S.C. § 6(b). An oral hearing was held in this matter on June 22, 2023.

We AFFIRM-IN-PART.

[1] "Appellant" refers to "applicant" as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.42. Appellant identifies the real party in interest as 1Lss, Inc. Appeal Br. 3.

CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The claims are directed to a magnetically coupled wallet for attachment to a mobile device. Claim 1, reproduced below, illustrates the claimed subject matter:

> 1. A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:
> a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;
> a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;
> a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and
> wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement; and
> wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

REFERENCES

The Examiner relies on the following references to reject the claims:

Name	Reference	Date
Berkley	US 2017/0354229 A1	Dec. 14, 2017
Levy	US 2019/0198212 A1	June 27, 2019
Sartee	US 2014/0043748 A1	Feb. 13, 2014
Gluck	US 2017/0196331 A1	July 13, 2017
Yeo	US 2018/0234126 A1	Aug. 16, 2018
Murphy	US 2014/0217135 A1	Aug. 7, 2014
Baker	US 2012/0031937 A1	Feb. 9, 2012
Ippolito	US 5,718,329	Feb. 17, 1998
Van Geer	US 6,026,873	Feb. 22, 2000
Mitsuyama	US 5,080,223	June 14, 1992
Baca	US 2016/0260532 A1	Sept. 8, 2016

REJECTIONS[2]

The Examiner maintains the following rejections:

Claim(s) Rejected	35 U.S.C. §	Reference(s)/ Basis
1, 3–5, 7, 11[3]	103	Berkley, Levy
2	103	Berkley, Levy, Sartee
6	103	Berkley, Levy, Sartee, Gluck
10	103	Berkley, Levy, Yeo, Murphy, and/or Baker
11	103	Berkley, Levy, and Ippolito or Van Geer and Matsuyama
1, 3–5, 7–9,11	103	Berkley, Baca, or Levy
2	103	Berkley, Baca, Sartee
6	103	Berkley, Baca, Sartee, Gluck
10	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy, Yeo, Murphy, Baker
11	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy, Ippolito, Van Geer, Matsuyama
12	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy

[2] In the Answer, the Examiner withdrew a double patenting rejection. Ans. 23.

[3] The caption for this rejection includes claim 9 but no rejection of claim 9 appears in the body of the rejection. Non-Final Act. 2–7.

OPINION

Rejections 1–5: Rejections based on Berkley and Levy without Baca

In the rejection of independent claim 1, the Examiner relies on Berkley as disclosing a wallet "for attachment to a mobile device comprising: a body (12) defining a compartment and having a device side surface; and including a magnetic arrangement ([0029]) that in use magnetically couples the accessory/body to a mobile device" and "the magnets cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device (i.e., the specific orientation shown in the drawings)." Non-Final Act. 2. The Examiner relies on Levy for disclosing the remaining limitations of claim 1 including "a first arrangement" and "a second arrangement" as recited in claim 1 and "wherein the first and second arrangements cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device." *Id.* at 3–4.

Appellant contends that every embodiment disclosed in Levy "uses a male/female keying arrangement to both define the orientation between the charger and the mobile device and to mitigate shearing and rotational forces." Appeal Br. 10 (citing Levy, ¶¶ 38, 54, 64). Appellant further contends that "there is no teaching or suggestion in *Levy* that the first and second arrangement collectively 'cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.' Rather it is the protrusion and tabs that are entirely responsible for the orientation adopted by the charger on the phone or the phone on the charger." *Id.* at 10–11.

The Examiner responds that "the rejection is considered to encompass either also including the mating protrusion and recess structure or alternately merely using sufficiently strong magnets to secure the parts together." Ans.

24. The Examiner asserts that "Appellant appears to be ignoring that even if Levy's mechanical connector were considered entirely necessary, the rejection of claim 1 . . . would still be met by including the mechanical connector feature as well." *Id.* The Examiner argues "that a person of ordinary skill in the [art] would understand that magnets alone are capable of being used to secure two objects together without mechanical structures." *Id.* The Examiner points to paragraph 32 of Levy, which, according to the Examiner "indicates that the case is mechanically 'and magnetically' restricted from rotation as does [0034], and [0052]." *Id.* at 24–25.

For the following reasons, we do not sustain the rejection of claim 1.

Claim 1 recites that "the first and second arrangements *cause* the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device." Appeal Br. 22 (emphasis added).

Figure 1A of Levy is reproduced below:

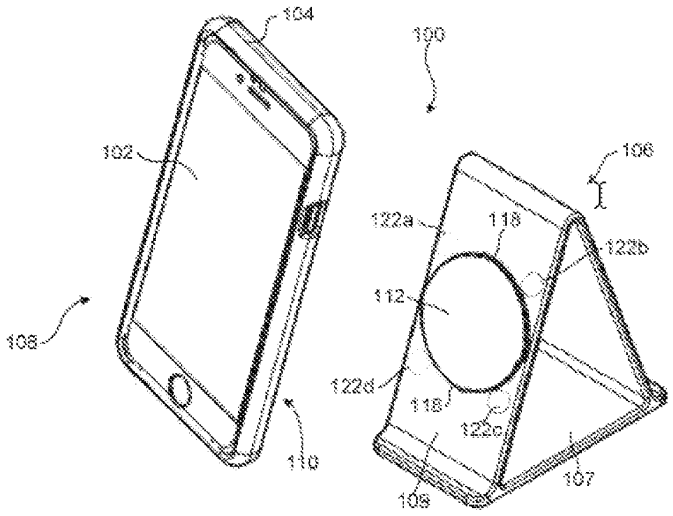


FIG. 1A

Figure 1A is an isometric view of a personal electronic device within case 104 and mounting structure 106. Levy ¶¶ 6, 37. Levy discloses that "[t]o ensure that the case 104 remains properly oriented relative to the mount 106 and is restrained from moving when the case 104 is coupled to the mount 106, the mount 106 and the case 104 include mating alignment features." *Id.* ¶ 37. Levy further discloses that "mount 106 includes a shaped protrusion 112 formed on one side of the receiving surface 109 . . . and the case 104 includes a similarly shaped recess 114." *Id.* In addition, "protrusion 112 has a generally circular shape and a plurality of alignment and anti-rotation tabs spaced around the perimeter of protrusion 112" and "recess 114 has a generally circular shape and plurality of cut-outs 116 . . . so as to receive the tabs of the protrusion 112 when the protrusion 112 is mated in the recess 114." *Id.* ¶ 38. Levy explains that the "one or more registration protuberances is adjacent to the central protuberance and is positioned to fit in selected ones of the registration recesses to control a selected orientation of the case relative to the mounting structure." *Id.* ¶ 34. Levy's magnets "align with the case magnet when the case is engaged with the mounting structure in the selected orientation." *Id.*

Based on the foregoing disclosure in Levy, we find that Levy's protuberances and recesses, not the magnets, cause the orientation of the electronic device in mount 106. We, thus, do not sustain the rejection of claim 1 based on Berkley and Levy.

Claims 2–7, 10, and 11 depend from claim 1. Appeal Br. 22–23. In rejecting claims 2–7, 10, and 11, the Examiner relies on various additional disclosures from Berkley, Levy, Sartee, Gluck, Yeo, Murphy, Baker, Ippolito, Van Geer, and Mitsuyama. Non-Final Act. 5–10. We have

reviewed the additional disclosures cited by the Examiner and find that the additional disclosures do not cure the deficiencies in the rejection of claim 1. Consequently, we do not sustain the Examiner's rejections of claim 2–7, 10, and 11.

Rejection 6: Obviousness of Claims 1, 3–5, 7–9, 11 over Berkley and Baca alone or in view of Levy

Claims 1, 3–5

Appellant argues claims 1 and 3–5 as a group. Appeal Br. 16–17. We select claim 1 as representative and claims 3–5 stand or fall with claim 1. 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(iv)(2021).

The Examiner relies on Berkley for disclosing many of the limitations of claim 1. Non-Final Act. 11. The Examiner finds that Baca discloses "a magnetic attachment mechanism for coupling a structure to an electronic device case, and the use of a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at a surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at that surface." *Id.* at 12 (citing Baca, ¶¶ 83–84, Figs.2A–3A, Figs. 4A–4I). The Examiner further finds that Baca similarly discloses a second arrangement of magnetic material as recited and that the first and second arrangements "cause the accessory to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device." *Id.* (citing Baca ¶¶ 83–84).

The Examiner notes "that Baca discloses having multiple surface-side magnetic attachments to attach a single-device side magnetic attachment' but that "multiple surface-side magnetic attachments spaced apart in similar fashion to the device-side attachments shown would clearly be capable of concurrent attachment as claimed with an appropriate set of device-side attachments." Non-Final Act. 12. According to the Examiner, "relative to

using only a single surface-side attachment, this modification comprises at most a mere duplication of parts (i.e., it merely adds another surface-side connector)" or "constitutes at most a mere rearrangement of parts (i.e., rearranging which surface has a plurality of magnetic arrangements and which has only one)" neither of which patentably distinguish over the prior art. *Id.* at 12–13 (citing MPEP § 2144.04). The Examiner reasons that it would have been obvious, given Baca's teachings, to use "a plurality of device-side attachments shown in [Baca's] FIGS. 2A-3A, on the wallet/body of Berkley, in order to provide a strong and self-orienting connection, for the other art known benefits of the Baca structure" or alternatively "as a mere selection of an art appropriate magnetic arrangement to use." *Id.* at 13. The Examiner concludes that "all of the limitations of the claim are met, noting that the device-side magnets and concurrent magnetic coupling are clearly only functionally recited." *Id.*

Appellant first contends that Baca is non-analogous art. Appeal Br. 16. Appellant argues that the field of invention is the "attachment of mobile accessories to be carried with the mobile device." Appeal Br. 17; Reply Br. 9 ("Appellant's field of endeavor is wallets designed to be magnetically connected to mobile devices and transported therewith."). According to Appellant, Baca is in a different field because it "relates to a surface mount for a smart phone to allow it to be mounted to e.g., an automobile dashboard." Appeal Br. 17. Appellant also argues that Baca is not reasonably pertinent to the problem solved by Appellant which is "the problem of shear and radial forces that tend to detach accessories attached to mobile devices during use." *Id.* According to Appellant, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have understood "that [Baca's] surface mount

experience[s] a different force profile than hand carried items" and "the same forces sought to be overcome in a mobile environment (e.g. radial forces) are used to ease the detachment of devices from surface mounts." *Id.*

Appellant next contends that, even if Baca is analogous art, it "teaches that . . . the magnetic attachment to the device side surface is a single array of magnetic elements" but does not teach any device or wallet with "two distinct arrangements of magnets as required by claim 1." Appeal Br. 17.

The Examiner responds that "Baca is in the field of appellant's endeavor, which is attaching a mobile/electronic device to other structures, and/or is reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the appellant was concerned, which includes the use of magnetic attachments to secure mobile/electronic device/case to another object." Ans. 29–30. The Examiner asserts "that fastener structures used to attach a mobile device to one type of surface/structure (e.g. a vehicle dashboard, wall) are also relevant and can frequently be used to also attach to other types of surfaces/structures (e.g. a wallet, charger, etc.)." *Id.* at 30.

The Examiner further responds "that Baca teaches that the surface mount is only a single array of magnetic elements," but paragraph 64 of Baca "explicitly disclos[es] the use of multiple surface-side magnetic arrays (equivalent to the magnetic attachment on the wallet of Berkley), rather than only a single surface-side attachment." Ans. 30. The Examiner acknowledges that "Baca does not explicitly disclose using multiple surface side magnetic attachments in combination with multiple device side magnetic attachments" but asserts that "such a teaching is not necessary to meet the limitations of the claims which only structurally requires the

wallet/body to have a plurality of spaced magnetic attachment regions/arrays." *Id.* at 30–31.

For the following reasons, we sustain the rejection of claim 1 over Berkley and Baca.

The analogous art test requires that a reference either be in the field of the applicant's endeavor or reasonably pertinent to the problem with which the inventor was concerned in order to rely on that reference as a basis for the rejection. *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1443, 1447 (Fed. Cir. 1992). References are selected as being reasonably pertinent to the problem based on the judgment of a person having ordinary skill in the art. *Id.* ("[I]t is necessary to consider 'the reality of the circumstances,' --in other words, common sense--in deciding in which fields a person of ordinary skill would reasonably be expected to look for a solution to the problem facing the inventor." (quoting *In re Wood*, 599 F.2d 1032, 1036 (CCPA 1979))).

Baca discloses mounting a mobile device to an automobile dashboard. Baca, ¶ 52, Fig. 16. Applicant's Specification similarly discloses an embodiment where a mobile phone with attached wallet is mounted to an automobile dashboard. Spec., Fig. 18; ¶ 92. The Specification further provides that the disclosure of Figure 18 advantageously "can be used to mount two items" in either portrait or landscape orientation. Because both Baca and the present application disclose mounting a mobile device to an automobile dashboard, we find that Baca is in the field of Appellant's

endeavor and also reasonably pertinent to the particular problem facing Appellant.[4]

Appellant argues that Baca does not explicitly teach a device or wallet with two distinct magnetic arrangements. However, what a reference teaches a person of ordinary skill is not limited to what a reference specifically "talks about" or what is specifically "mentioned" or "written" in the reference. *Syntex (U.S.A.) LLC v. Apotex, Inc.*, 407 F.3d 1371, 1380 (Fed. Cir. 2005). In this case, the Examiner finds that Baca discloses having "multiple surface-side attachments to attach a single device-side magnetic attachment." Non-Final Act. 12 (citing Baca ¶ 64). Appellant does not dispute this finding. Appeal Br. 16–17. The Examiner reasons that "multiple surface-side attachments shown [in Baca] would clearly be capable of concurrent attachment as claimed with an appropriate set of device-side attachments." Non-Final Act. 12. The Examiner further reasons that the claim limitations are met because adding another surface side connector is merely duplicating parts or rearranging the surface which has a plurality of magnets and which has only one. *Id.* at 12–13. Appellant fails to address the Examiner's reasoning or provide evidence that the claimed arrangement yields unexpected results. Appeal Br. 16–17. In the absence of evidence of new or unexpected results, adding a second set of device side attachments is an obvious duplication of parts. *See In re Harza*, 274 F.2d 669, 774 (CCPA 1960).

[4] We note that Baca, like the present application is assigned to Appellant and the inventor listed on Baca is one of the inventors of the present application. *Compare* Baca, codes (71), (72) *with* Appeal Br. 3 (Real Party In Interest).

The Examiner further provides reasons why one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine Berkley and Baca. Non-Final Act. 13. Appellant fails to dispute the Examiner's stated reasons for combining Berkley and Baca. Appeal Br. 16–17.

The Examiner has accounted for all the limitations of claim 1 and provided reasons supported by disclosure from the references why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine Berkley and Baca. We find the reasons stated are reasonable and supported by a rational underpinning. We, thus, sustain the rejection of claim 1 over Berkley in view of Baca. Claims 3–5 fall with claim 1.

Claim 7

The Examiner finds that Berkley discloses "the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar." Non-Final Act. 6 (citing Berkley, Fig. 3). Appellant relies on its prior argument for claim 7 in the Berkley and Levy ground. Appeal Br. 17.

In its claim 7 argument for the Berkley and Levy ground, Appellant contends that Levy's protrusion and tab interconnection "would necessarily result in two non-planar abutting surfaces." This argument does not persuade us of Examiner error because Levy's protrusions and tabs are not part of this ground of rejection for either claim 1 or claim 7. Because Appellant's argument does not address the rejection, we sustain the Examiner's rejection of claim 7.

Claim 8

The Examiner finds that "Baca FIGs 4E and 4G will perform this function if attached in appropriate relationship." Non-Final Act. 14. The

Examiner alternately finds that Baca "us[es] asymmetrical arrangements to allow for mounting in only one position, and . . . it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art . . . to form a plurality of arrays to allow mounting in only one position, in order to prevent inadvertently attaching the device in a less favored orientation." *Id.* According to the Examiner, this would be "a mere selection of an art appropriate asymmetric magnetic arrangement[] and/or . . . doing so is 'obvious to try' as a mere selection from a limited number of art known alternatives." *Id.* The Examiner reasons that "the arrangements are either overall symmetric and allow only one orientation, or they allow for multiple orientations, and a person of ordinary skill in the art is capable of weighing these two alternatives and deciding which they prefer." *Id.* at 14–15.

Appellant responds that "[t]he Office's assertion that *Baca*'s asymmetric arrangement would 'if properly arranged' permit this result begs the question of whether that proper arrangement is suggested by the reference." Appeal Br. 18. According to Appellant, Baca's "single array surface mount is designed, intended and disclosed as allowing connection in both a portrait and a landscape orientation. There is no suggestion of limiting the attachment orientation to a single orientation." *Id.*

The Examiner responds that "the Baca structure with two appropriate arrays (e.g. two asymmetrical arrays arranged side by side such that both are NSNS) is capable of the claimed use (e.g. with an appropriate pair of mating asymmetrical arrays both arranged such that they are SNSN)." Ans. 32. The Examiner also relies on paragraph 84 of Baca as disclosing the use of "asymmetrical arrays whereby the device can be mounted in only one

position, which provides sufficient motivation to use a set of magnetic arrays for mounting in only a single position/orientation." *Id.*

Appellant replies that the Examiner "create[s] an undisclosed embodiment of *Baca* that allegedly meets this limitation." Reply Br. 11. Appellant contends that "the Examiner incorrectly relies on paragraph [0084] of *Baca* as teaching an asymmetric array that allows only a single position." *Id.* According to Appellant, this paragraph "actually teaches that an asymmetric array prevents a 180˚ flip but paragraph [0084] neither teaches nor suggests that this would eliminate engagement of a 90˚ turn." *Id.*

For the following reasons, we sustain the rejection of claim 8.

Claim 8 recites "the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation." Appeal Br. 23. Baca's Figures 4B–4E, 4G, and 4I "are examples of asymmetrical self-aligning magnet pole arraignments whereby the electronic display device can be mounted in only one position." Baca ¶ 84. Appellant's argument that the asymmetric magnetic pole arrangements prevent only a 180˚ flip but not a 90˚ turn doesn't apprise us of Examiner error because the argument is not commensurate with the scope of claim 8, which requires coupling in exactly one orientation and which we find is explicitly disclosed in paragraph 84 of Baca.

Claim 9

The Examiner finds that "the symmetrical arrangements of e.g., Baca FIG. 4A, 4B, or 4C will perform this function in similar fashion to the invention." Non-Final Act. 15.

Appellant responds that the Examiner fails to sufficiently explain the rejection to enable Appellant to address the rejection. Appeal Br. 18. Nonetheless, Appellant argues that Baca's symmetric arrangement "enable[es] three or more possible orientations based on the disclosure of Baca." *Id.*; Reply Br. 12.

The Examiner responds that "a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claims invention from the prior art." Ans. 32. The Examiner asserts that "the Baca structure with two appropriate arrays (e.g. two symmetrical arrays arranged side by side such that both are NSSN) is capable of the claimed use (e.g. with an appropriate pair of mating asymmetrical arrays both arranged side by side that they are SNNS will only attach in two orientations which are 180 degrees apart)." *Id.* The Examiner further asserts that whether Baca allows for attachment in multiple orientations to a structure having multiple different appropriate sets of arrays "is irrelevant, as that it is also capable of being attached to structures which allow for more than two attachment orientations does not preclude its being capable of being attached to structures which allow for only two attachment orientations." *Id.* at 32–33.

For the following reasons, we sustain the rejection of claim 9.

Paragraph 84 of Baca discloses that Figure 4A, relied on by the Examiner, is one of the disclosed "examples of self-aligning magnet pole arrangements whereby the electronic display device can be mounted in either of two positions." Baca ¶ 84. Thus, we disagree with Appellant that the rejection is "not sufficiently explained." Appeal Br. 18. Nor does

Appellant explain sufficiently why Baca's "symmetric arrangement enable[es] three or more possible orientations." *Id.*

Claim 11

The Examiner finds that Berkley Figures 1–3 and 6 "show the opening tapered along the sides as claimed in numerous ways." Non-Final Act. 15. The Examiner finds that Berkley's opening "tapers toward a long axis at the 'top' of the opening as shown in FIG. 1, or it tapers along a long axis at the 'bottom of the opening as shown in FIG. 1 or it tapers towards a long axis located centrally along the sidewall." *Id.*

Appellant contends that "it is impossible to discern from the Office Action what the Office believes to be the long axis." Appeal Br. 12, 18. Appellant further contends that Berkley's "rounded edge . . . is not diminishing in the direction [of] any discernable long axis." *Id.* at 12.

In the Answer, the Examiner argues that Figure 3 of Berkley discloses that "the opening tapers/narrows vertically as it moves toward the device, and so tapers toward a 'long axis' through the top wall adjacent the device." Ans. 26.

For the following reasons, we do not sustain the rejection of claim 11.

Claim 11 depends from claim 1 and recites "wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers toward a long axis of the body." Appeal Br. 23. In Berkley, the long axis of the body would be an axis from left to right in Figure 2 or 3. Baca, Figs. 2, 3. Any tapering of Berkley's opening 16 is parallel to the long axis of the body not toward the long axis. *See* Baca, Fig. 2.

Rejection 7: Obviousness of Claim 2 over Berkley, Baca and Sartee

The Examiner finds that "Sartee discloses forming a similar body defining a compartment and the use of a ferromagnetic shield between an interior surface of the body . . . and a plurality of magnets used to attach an object to the compartment." Non-Final Act. 15–16 (citing Baca ¶¶ 81, 128, Figs. 12C, 12D). The Examiner determines it would have been obvious "to add a ferromagnetic shield as taught by Sartee between the first and second arrangements and the compartment." *Id.* at 16.

Appellant contends that Sartee "is a flat tablet cover, it forms no compartment. The[re] is nothing in *Sartee* . . . that is analogous to Appellants claimed structure, its compartment, or its shield." Appeal Br. 13, 18.

The Examiner responds that "the rejection references FIGS. 12C-D which shows the tablet interior, and the sections referenced relate to magnets and shields/shunts interior to the tablet." Ans. 27.

In the Reply Brief, Appellant contends that Sartee does not disclose "a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment." Reply Br. 9. Appellant also contends "that the 'shunt' on which the Examiner relies is not expressly shown in the figures." *Id.* According to Appellant, Sartee's "shunt is internal to the tablet and designed to concentrate the magnetic flux between [the] magnets on the cover attached to the tablet and the magnets within the tablet to which they connect." *Id.*

For the following reasons, we do not sustain the rejection of claim 2.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1and recites "a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment." Appeal Br. 22.

Appellant's Figure 3 illustrates the placement of magnetic shields 113 and 123 relative to magnets 20 and 119 and finger loop 115 in wallet 100. Spec. ¶¶ 77–78, Fig. 3. As can be seen in Appellant's Figures 14A and 14B, when assembled magnetic shields will be between magnets 20,119 and compartment 10.

Sartee discloses "[a] cover that is magnetically attached to a tablet device." Sartee, code (57). Sartee's Figure 12C shows a cross-section view of Sartee's "cover assembly/tablet device." *Id.* ¶ 34. Cover 1000 contains magnets 1032 and 1034. *Id.* ¶ 129. Tablet 806 contains Hall Effect sensors 118-1 and 118-2 to detect magnetic fields from magnets 1032 and 1034. *Id.* ¶¶ 125, 128. Sartee discloses "providing a magnetic shield that reduces a magnetic field that emanates from rear surface 806 in the vicinity of Hall Effect sensor 118-2." *Id.* ¶ 128.

The Examiner does not identify what component in Sartee corresponds to the recited "compartment." Non-Final Act. 15–16. The ordinary meaning compartment is "a part or space marked or partitioned off."[5] To the extent that the Examiner alleges that Sartee's tablet corresponds to the recited "compartment," such a finding appears contrary to the ordinary meaning of a compartment as a "space." *See* Spec. ¶ 82, Fig. 9 (illustrating credit cards placed in the "compartment"). Further, Sartee does not disclose that the magnetic shunt is between the magnets and Hall Effect

[5] Compartment Definition & Meaning | Dictionary.com (last accessed June 29, 2023).

sensors only that it is in the vicinity of the Hall Effect sensors. Sartee, ¶ 128. Fig. 12C. Consequently, the Examiner has not adequately explained how combining the teachings of Sartee with Berkley and Baca accounts for the limitation of claim 2.

Rejection 8: Obviousness of Claim 6 over Berkley, Baca, Sartee, and Gluck

For claim 6, the Examiner relies on the combination of Berkley, Baca, and Sartee for claim 2 alone or in view of Gluck. Non-Final Act. 16–17. The Examiner does not cite any evidence from Gluck that would cure the deficiencies in the rejection of claim 2. Therefore, we do not sustain the rejection of claim 6 for the same reasons discussed above for claim 2.

Rejection 9: Obviousness of Claim 10 over Berkley, Baca, Levy, and Yeo, Murphy, or Baker

The Examiner finds that each of Yeo, Murphy, and Baker disclose a finger loop as recited in claim 10. Non-Final Act. 17–18. The Examiner also provides reasons why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have combined any of Yeo, Murphy, or Baker with Berkley as modified by Baca. *Id.* at 18. Appellant does not provide arguments for the patentability of claim 10 apart from its arguments for claim 1. Appeal Br. 19. Consequently, we summarily sustain the rejection of claim 10.

Rejection 10: Obviousness of Claim 11 over Berkley, Baca, Levy and either Ippolito, Van Geer, or Mitsuyama

In this alternate rejection of claim 11, the Examiner finds that "Ippolito discloses forming a similar holder with a compartment and an opening into the compartment and wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening." Non-Final Act. 18 (referring to "tapered

portion 18" in Ippolito Fig. 1-A). The Examiner reasons it would have been obvious "given the disclosure of Ippolito, to ad[d] a tapered finger opening . . . to provide better access for a user to insert and remove cards . . . and/or as a mere substitution of one art known access opening shape for another." *Id.* at 19.

Appellant does not specifically address Ippolito's tapered portion 18 or the Examiner's reasons why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have combined Ippolito with the other references. Appeal Br. 15–16, 19. We agree with the Examiner that tapered portion 18 shown in Ippolito's Figure 1-A tapers from the outside edge of the semi-circle toward axis x-x which corresponds to the recited "long axis of the body." For these reasons, we sustain the rejection of claim 11.

Rejection 11: Obviousness of Claim 12 over Berkley, Baca, and Levy

The Examiner relies on Berkley in view of Baca and Levy as articulated for claim 1 for certain limitations of claim 12. Non-Final Act. 19. The Examiner relies on Levy for the last two limitations of claim 12. In connection with the limitation, "wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement" ("the first wherein clause"), the Examiner finds that Levy "teaches different magnetic arrangements having different orientation, noting for example the top left and the top right or bottom left arrangements corresponding to FIG. 8A have different orientations, as do any two of the arrangements corresponding to FIG. 9A." *Id.* For the last limitation in claim 12 ("the second wherein clause"), the Examiner's analysis is that this limitation is disclosed "per Levy." *Id.* at 19–20.

Appellant contends that the two circles in Figure 8A of Levy "have the same orientation, that is circles are orientation agnostic" and "none . . . have either a different orientation or a different geometric pattern." Appeal Br. 19. Appellant concedes that Figure 9A of Levy "arguably teaches" the first wherein clause but fails to teach the second wherein clause. *Id.* at 20. Appellant first argues that "there is no suggestion in *Levy* the arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation (it is the protrusion and tabs that cause a specific orientation.)" *Id.* Appellant then argues that "there is no reasonable way, taught or suggested, by the combination of how the orientation of *Baca's* singular linear array would be transformed into two distinct arrangements with different orientations." *Id.*

The Examiner responds that "Baca is the primary modifying reference, and Baca demonstrates the use of a magnetic attachment mechanism without the use of additional mechanical couplings []and . . . explicitly indicates that such mechanical couplings are optional/unnecessary." Ans. 33 (citing Baca ¶ 20). The Examiner explains that "the combination use[s] the multiple arrays taught by Baca and the teaching of Levy to locate four symmetrical arrangements in different orientations, which can be either straight arrays like those of Baca appropriately arranged or circular or triangular arrays like those of Levy." *Id.* at 34.

In the Reply, Appellant contends that the Examiner has yet to explain how/why one of ordinary skill would take the single array of magnets that stick on to a car dashboard and replace it with a plurality of arrays in different orientations or geometric configurations." Reply Br. 12. According to Appellant, "[s]ticking multiple independent arrays to the

dashboard would result in an installation and usability problem to the point that such a problem would never be produced." *Id.*

For the following reasons, we do not sustain the rejection of claim 12.

The rejection relies on Levy to satisfy the second wherein clause reciting that the first and second arrangements "cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device." Non-Final Act. 19–20. As discussed above in rejection 1, we find that Levy's protuberances and recesses, not the magnets, cause the orientation of the electronic device in mount 106. In the Answer, the Examiner changes position and relies on Baca with Levy to satisfy the second wherein clause. Ans. 33. However, the Examiner fails to provide any reasoning as to how or why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have further modified the Berkley and Baca combination with the teachings of Levy to meet the second wherein clause. Non-Final Act. 19–20. Consequently, we do not sustain the rejection of claim 12.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner's rejections are affirmed-in-part.

DECISION SUMMARY

The following table summarizes our decision:

Claim(s) Rejected	35 U.S.C. §	Reference(s)/ Basis	Affirmed	Reversed
1, 3–5, 7, 11	103	Berkley, Levy		1, 3–5, 7, 11
2	103	Berkley, Levy, Sartee		2
6	103	Berkley, Levy, Sartee, or Gluck		6

10	103	Berkley, Levy, Yeo, Murphy, and/or Baker		10
11	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy, Ippolito or Van Geer and Mitsuyama		11
1, 3–5, 7–9, 11	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy	1, 3–5, 7–9	11
2	103	Berkley, Baca, Sartee		2
6	103	Berkley, Baca, Sartee, Gluck		6
10	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy, Yeo, Murphy, Baker	10	
11	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy, Ippolito, Van Geer, Mitsuyama	11	
12	103	Berkley, Baca, Levy		12
Overall Outcome			1, 3–5, 7–11	2, 6, 12

TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

No time period for taking any subsequent action in connection with this appeal may be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)(iv).

AFFIRMED-IN-PART

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL

In response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals dated July 14, 2023, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks, and respectfully requests the application be passed on to allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by [[double brackets]], ~~strikethrough~~ and/or underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

CLAIMS.

1. (Currently Amended) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

a ferromagnetic shield between the first and second arrangements and the compartment;

wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines at least one content removal slot.

4. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein an attractive force between the first arrangement, the second arrangement and complementary arrangement of magnets associated with the mobile device are sufficient to support a weight of the mobile device.

5. (Previously Presented) The wallet of claim 1 wherein a spacing between the first region and the second region in the first arrangement is less than 2 mm.

6. (Original) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:~~The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:~~

a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;

a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;

a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and

a metallic plate between the first arrangement and the compartment;

wherein the first arrangement and the second arrangement are physically separated on the wallet by a region of nonmagnetic material, the region of nonmagnetic material having a maximum cross dimension greater than a distance between any two immediately adjacent first polarity and opposite polarity regions in the first or second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

7. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the device side surface is substantially planar and an attachment surface of the mobile device is also substantially planar.

8. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly one orientation.

9. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the first and second arrangement permit coupling to the mobile device in exactly two orientations.

10. (Original) The wallet of claim 1 further comprising:
a finger loop on a surface opposite the device side surface.

11. (Currently Amended) The wallet of claim 1 wherein the body defines an opening into the compartment and
wherein a material defining the opening tapers towards a long axis of the body at the opening to expose a content of the compartment at the opening.

12. (Previously Presented) A wallet for attachment to a mobile device comprising:
a body defining a compartment and having a device side surface;
a first arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface;
a second arrangement of magnetic material having a first region exposing a first polarity magnetic field at the device side surface and a second adjacent region exposing an opposite polarity magnetic field at the device side surface; and
wherein the first magnetic arrangement has at least one of a different orientation or a different geometric pattern than the second arrangement; and

wherein the first and second arrangements, in use, concurrently magnetically couple the wallet to a mobile device and wherein the first and second arrangements cause the wallet to adopt a specific orientation on the mobile device.

REMARKS

In response to the Decision by the Board dated July 14, 2023, Applicant amends the application and so that all claims now pending have been indicated to be allowable by the Board. In this amendment, no claims has been added, two claims have been amended and one claim has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

In its decision the Board overturned all rejections as to claims 2, 6 and 12. Applicant has added the limitations of claim 2 to former independent claim 1 and has placed claim 6 in independent form. Claim 12 was previously independent.

Applicant requests the Office enter these amendments and mail a Notice of Allowance as soon as possible.

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JUDGE HILL: Good afternoon. This is the oral hearing for Appeal No. 2023-001432. Panel for today's hearing includes me, Judge Jill Hill, Judges Michael Fitzpatrick and Art Peslak. I am Judge Hill. And counsel, would you make an appearance for the record?

MR. COESTER: Yes, this is Thomas Coester representing 1Lss, Inc. for the Appellant.

JUDGE HILL: Thank you, Mr. Coester. We have the entire record of the case from the appeal final action through the reply brief before us. And we have reviewed the record. Counsel, if you're going to refer to any documents, could you please identify them and the Page numbers or paragraph numbers so that we can go along with you and the transcript can be accurate.

This is a public hearing and it's my understanding that the public line is open. And we look forward to hearing your argument for patentability when you are ready to start your 20 minutes.

MR. COESTER: Thank you and I certainly appreciate your time and consideration today. I guess from our end, the number of issues outstanding and I sort of recognize that it is not the Board's responsibility to address procedural issues in examination, whether your role is to call balls and strikes.

And while I think there are a large number of balls in this

case, I think it might be more useful given that we only have 20 minutes for you to help me with areas where you think where it clicks with having strikes and I can sort of address those in more detail. If you prefer --

JUDGEPESLAK: Mr. Coester?

MR. COESTER: Yes.

JUDGEPESLAK: I'll tell you this. We have a pretty good handle on the set of rejections that's based on Berkley. I think we could use some help understanding your position on the second set of rejections based on Berkley and Baca.

So maybe you want to start there. If you have time, you can circle back to the Berkley rejection.

MR. COESTER: Okay. I think that Baca and Berkley, of course, while it attaches to a phone, it has an attachment mechanism. The primary one they used is Velcro. They suggest that there are other things you could use double-sided tape, and a magnet coupled to the wallet which couples to one of the set of complimentary magnets on the phone. Baca is a surface mount for a phone.

It's designed to be as inobtrusive as possible and is designed primarily originally to couple to an automobile dashboard. In our review there's several things. One, surface mounts are not necessarily directly applicable to what you're going to mount to a phone which is carried with you.

The forced profile experienced by a standing surface

mount is completely different than the forced profile experienced by something which is slightly carried with the phone and going in and out of a user's pocket or purse or so far you have both fairly significant shearing forces and also radial forces which tend to cause dislodgement in the context of a wallet carried with a phone.

One of the reasons why Berkley chose Velcro is because it has, is very resistant to both shearing and radial forces and therefore it was sort of a natural thing. It has a, it has other problems. It's kind of kludgy and if the phone is not attached, the hook and loop material can catch on things, snag your clothes, and just doesn't look very good.

We think that the reason that Baca is an attractive reference is, of course, because it's created by one of the inventors of this application. But in point of fact, it has, uses a single array of magnets which doesn't address the radial forces or the shearing force.

In fact, even in the context of a surface mount, it recognizes that the force of gravity which provides the shearing force in something where no other touching or so forth going on, is a concern even in that context with the weight of the phone and the scale of the magnets used.

So it provides very surface treatments and things like that as a possible option to address those. Vis-a-vis a radial forces in paragraph 99 recognizes the one of the problems with radial forces in surface mounts and suggests that the housing of the magnetic,

the housing of the magnets can be slanted so that some of the weight of the phone can rest against the dashboard and thereby relieve the risk of the radial force that might otherwise cause it to become dislodged.

So as a general matter, we don't think that one of ordinary skill in the art and that's what we're looking at, not what the inventor knew and what an expert, one of ordinary skill, looking at a surface mount is not going to come to the conclusion oh yes, this is instantly transferable to a wallet.

And if you were to combine the single surface, single array of surface mounts with Berkley, you still would only have a single array on the phone or on the -- actually on the wallet which attaches to an array on the phone.

And that would not yield the two groups of magnets that we claim in our claims and it also would be unlikely to yield a satisfactory commercial product because it's unlikely to provide the necessary radial and shearing force resistance necessary in this context. And --

JUDGE PESLAK: Mr. Coester?

MR. COESTER: Yes?

JUDGE PESLAK: Can I ask you a question about that. The examiner says that in Baca you have two sets of magnets on the phone. And one set of magnets on the structure. And/or vice versa. Right? The Examiner is taking the position that you get to what you've claimed in Claim 1 by the change that would be

required to have two sets of magnets on the device side is either a mere duplication of parts or a mere rearrangement of the parts.

And that doesn't patentably distinguish the prior art. And can you point to me in your appeal brief where you addressed those two arguments?

MR. COESTER: Give me a moment. I don't believe I'll be able to find a citation to that at this moment, but I think that it's not, in the context of Baca, he doesn't suggest having a duplication of parts and one would not be motivated to duplicate those parts because in the context of an attachment to the dashboard, you get no benefit from that.

A dashboard tends to have a curved surface. It's, you have to have a flat surface to be able to duplicate those in that context and you would, and there's no evidence that the additional array on the dashboard would improve anything.

So I don't think one would be likely to do that. And also and it's not in the appeal brief, but in the record, this product came out two years after the publication of Baca and, you know, well after the original Baca product came out.

During that time, no other magnetic-coupled wallet came out on the marketplace. This was met with significant market success as reflected in the declaration of Baca submitted in response to the 11-2-21 final action.

It had more than three times the kickstarter response that only 1.7 percent of kickstarted applications have. It made more

than $2 million by January of 2022 which is fairly significant for a small company that does solely online distribution and it represents 22 percent of the revenue of 1Lss.

It is not I think straight forward to, it took even the client a significant amount of time and effort to develop the product after they knew the existence of Baca. There is a, once Applicant's product came out, there was significant adoption in the marketplace, both buying their product and then copycats that came out in subsequent years, including the Apple Wallet in 2020.

So I think that if you look at both the reference as a whole and the invention as a whole, as is required, you have to come to the conclusion that if it had been as obvious as the examiner would like to make it seem, then one would have expected it to come up much sooner.

One would not have expected such commercial demand and he wouldn't have expected to see the number of copycats enter the marketplace that entered since Applicant's introduction.

JUDGE FITZPATRICK: Mr. Coester, I'm understanding everything you're saying factually, but I want to kind of tie it to certain legal standards. Just a couple that have been implicated. One is the analogous art reference.

I think you said something like it wouldn't have been instantly, a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have considered it to be instantly transferable to a wallet application or a pocket application. Obviously that's not the standard.

So if you could do, put your best kind of argument forward on why it wouldn't be reasonably pertinent to what the person of ordinary skill was concerned with in Berkley.

MR. COESTER: Okay, well I think that there are large numbers of surface mounts and large numbers of magnetic applications and if you go into something where you have a forced profile, which is considerably different than the forced profile that is present in the surface mount, I believe that people would be unlikely to and especially when there's express concern in the reference about certain forces that you know exist, I think you would be, even if you looked at it, you would be likely to discount it as a solution to that problem.

JUDGE PESLAK: I understand.

JUDGE FITZPATRICK: I unmuted myself.

JUDGE PESLAK: Oh.

JUDGE FITZPATRICK: Could I -- please go ahead, Judge.

JUDGE PESLAK: Can I just jump in for one second. How do you reconcile those arguments with the fact that in Figure 18 in the present application it shows attaching the device to the dashboard?

MR. COESTER: Well actually the material of Baca was included in this application and it relates to an embodiment that's not at issue here. The notion in that is the stacking. Once we found the wallet, you still want to be able to couple the wallet to

the dashboard without having to decouple it from the phone because pretty inconvenient if you have to decouple it.

So the introduction of the additional array on the outside of the wallet allowed coupling to the array on the dashboard. If there's no more questions about Baca, I guess I'd like to jump briefly to the use of Sarti (phonetic) in connection with Claim 2.

That particular reference is to the Apple iPad case cover, and the examiner asserts that the shunt, that the body referred to in that claim is the body of the iPad and the shunt is the shield which shields the electronic equipment in the iPad.

Well since the body in this claim refers to the body that has the surface-side attachment it's there for the body of the wallet, external vat, I don't believe that there's a reasonable basis on which one can assert that this teaches or suggests putting a shield between that body, the magnets that are part of the wallet body and the compartment that's part of the wallet to the extent that Sarti is even analogous art which as argued in the appeal brief and the reply brief, I don't believe it is.

I'd also like to touch on the examiner's -- regarding Claims 11, the notion that, seems to have the notion that any line drawn on the surface can be an axial -- a long axis, and I think that, you know, while the examiner is entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation, it's not, reasonableness is constrained.

And, you know, dictionary definitions of what constitutes a long axis and what constitutes an axis at all have to come to play

here. And what it means to taper, and I think he's gotten that wrong in all places.

You know, the reply brief or the appeal brief contain a diagram showing a long axis and showing how it, how the taper goes, and really, none of the references either show this tapering towards the long axis or even really address the issue that one's trying to achieve there by allowing access to multiple credit cards rather than having to push them up individually from the axis slot down below.

JUDGE PESLAK: Mr. Coester?

MR. COESTER: Yes?

JUDGE PESLAK: I know the examiner cited several different references for this taper towards the long axis in Claim 11, but why doesn't that opening in Ippolito (phonetic) taper towards the long axis? It's a long axis is through, and I do think the long axis of the body so that's on the side of the phone and there's sort of a semi-circle at the top of the Ippolito and why doesn't that taper toward the long axis in Ippolito?

MR. COESTER: Okay, there's two things. First of all, that semi-circle is not at the opening. It's not at the opening of the mouth of the wallet where it is effectively it's quite equal to this push up slot so it's not even located in the right place.

But secondly, a semi-circle tapers away from the long axis because the material is getting thicker as you get closer to the long axis not narrower. So the material of the wallet is narrower

away from the semi-circle, the center, the middle of the circle and thicker as it gets closer to the center.

The material of the wall of the wallet. So I don't regard it as a taper towards the long axis and I don't regard it as being located in the right place relative to the claim.

JUDGE PESLAK: Okay, I understand.

MR. COESTER: Would you like me to address Levi, or do you feel that Levi has been sufficiently addressed at this stage?

JUDGE FITZPATRICK: Why don't you address Claim 12 for Berkley, Baca and Levi combination.

MR. COESTER: All right. All right. Claim 12 has two different orientations of magnets that allow it to achieve the orientation -- the relation on the phone are allowed to land on the phone in a particular configuration.

And this is distinct from a notion of a single orientation or a two that have the same relative shape. Now, I don't think that Baca shows two different orientations. It shows linear right, well it shows in terms of what's on the dashboard, the surface-side nod, it shows one array that's horizontally arranged.

So it wouldn't show, it doesn't show any vertical arrangements for example which would constitute a different orientation. I don't believe that Levi and Baca can be properly combined. I don't think they make sense together.

I don't think that Leve solves any problem that Baca suffers from. Even Leve's car mount requires an armature. It

requires this plate and the protrusion with the tabs to establish this orientation. So I don't think that Leve actually is usable to get, I don't think it's the proper reference because it's again, a surface mount.

There's lots of reasons why it doesn't meet the requirements similar to what we talked about with Baca before. It's got, it requires this protrusion with tabs to hold the radial and axis in alignment. It has, those also result in shear forces because you can't move the case down through the solid object.

To the extent it has two orientations of magnets, those would be the triangles in 9A and B which point towards each other. It explicitly suggests that you want to make those as small as possible to get the, to have a larger space for the protrusion and to ensure better coupling for the magnetic charging system.

And none of those requirements are sort of consistent with a better attachment in the context of a wallet like the one applicant claims.

JUDGE HILL: We're almost to the end of the 20 minutes. Do you have anything you would like to say in conclusion?

MR. COESTER: I guess thank you guys for your time. It's a pleasure to have you here and I will look forward to getting your decision in due course.

JUDGE HILL: Thank you.

JUDGE PESLAK: Thank you.

MR. COESTER: Thank you.

JUDGE FITZPATRICK: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 1:27 p.m.)

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		"20140306654" | "20150214752" | "20150244175" | "20160013661" | "20160181857" | "20160285317" | "20170005399" | "20170248999" | "20170264130" | "20170302097" | "20180198209" | "20180198322" | "20180263557" | "20180278099" | "20180351414" | "20190097459" | "20190356175" | "9112363" | "9142999" | "9419465" | "9537337" | "9614396").PN. OR ("11211819").URPN.					
L41	21	magnetic adj positioning near4 inductive adj coupling	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 10:29 AM
L42	143	("20020008973" | "20020039061" | "20020120332" | "20030030342" | "20030048254" | "20040232291" | "20060027719" | "20060145663" | "20070072443" | "20070115085" | "20070182367" | "20070279002" | "20080002340" | "20080004634" | "20080008897" | "20080044679" | "20080157912" | "20080303619" | "20090096413" | "20090236140" | "20090278494" | "20100081377" | "20100156345" | "20100194512" | "20110006611" | "20110018360" | "20110050164" | "3059156" | "3968465" | "4009460" | "4422137" | "4491793" | "4616796" | "4723188" | "4989313" | "5154509" | "5393445" | "5506489" | "6057668" |	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR)	OR	OFF	OFF	2022/01/18 10:44 AM

		"6305656" | "6527971" | "6537463" | "6648914" | "6803744" | "6825620" | "6838963" | "6885270" | "6906608" | "6922591" | "7091806" | "7163181" | "7212414" | "7293308" | "7309181" | "7331793" | "7335316" | "7352567" | "7522878" | "7566296" | "7727035" | "7889040" | "7948208" | "7952322" | "7973635" | "8234509" | "8385822" | "8527688").PN. OR ("8766484").URPN.					
L43	1095	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 coil near5 battery same magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 11:16 AM
L44	6	L43 and (224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 11:17 AM
L45	57	remov$4 same (wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 coil near5 battery same magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 11:18 AM
L46	515	"6825620"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:25 PM
L47	3	"6825620".pn.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:41 PM
L48	5	"7212414".pn. "7522878".pn.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:43 PM
L49	36400	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 battery	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:43 PM
L50	5013	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 battery near5 coil	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:44 PM
L51	354	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 near5 battery near5 supply near5 coil	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:47 PM
L52	194	(wireless or inductive or induction) near5 charg$4 same battery adj pack near10 magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 12:59 PM

L53	276	"5959433"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/18 01:12 PM
L54	263	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) and (case or cover) near10 (wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 08:25 AM
L55	1052	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 through near10 (case or cover)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 01:53 PM
L56	71	L55 and (224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 01:54 PM
L57	26	("0525097" | "10117505" | "20140128132" | "20150122852" | "20160045019" | "20160072933" | "20160286944" | "20160352380" | "20170019513" | "20170354229" | "20180116383" | "20180153287" | "20180168303" | "20190111855" | "20200127694" | "20200329133" | "9033384" | "9300346" | "9397719" | "9531424" | "9568950" | "9692863" | "9706829" | "9800283").PN. OR ("11058194").URPN.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR)	OR	OFF	OFF	2022/01/19 01:56 PM
L58	4	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 through near10 (case or cover) near5 (thin$4 or thick$4)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:00 PM
L59	113	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 (case or cover) near5 (thin$4 or thick$4)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:00 PM
L60	111	L59 not L56	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:01 PM
L61	6	"9806556"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 02:02 PM
L62	53	("20050279661" | "20120118773" | "20120314354" |	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR)	OR	OFF	OFF	2022/01/19 03:03 PM

		"20130042581" | "20130220841" | "20130292269" | "4823397" | "4836256" | "5990874" | "6179122" | "6721651" | "6751552" | "6760570" | "6778388" | "6785566" | "6844845" | "6913201" | "6954405" | "6983130" | "6995976" | "7046230" | "7069063" | "7085542" | "7146701" | "7158376" | "7180735" | "7236588" | "7352961" | "8548541").PN. OR ("8915361").URPN.					
L63	34	("20100018315" | "20110050164" | "20110148352" | "20110192857" | "20110228458" | "20120151973" | "20120235636" | "20130229148" | "20140062799" | "20140321052" | "20140354218" | "20150048752" | "20150214749" | "20160003270" | "20160119036" | "20160236626" | "20160241046" | "20160294427" | "20160318455" | "20160352151" | "20170035172" | "20170062999" | "20170077727" | "20170098952" | "20170098958" | "20170264725" | "20170338676" | "20180069294" | "20180109132" | "20180166905" | "8746448" | "9484769" | "9486910" | "9842688").PN. OR ("10469119").URPN.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR)	OR	OFF	OFF	2022/01/19 03:08 PM
L64	125	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 through near10 (skin)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 03:12 PM
L65	0	(wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4 near10 (skin) near5 (thin$4 or thick$4)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 03:14 PM

L66	2	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) and (skin) near10 (wireless or induct$4) near5 charg$4	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/19 03:15 PM
L67	471	magnet$5 near5 wallet and @pd<"20180925"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/01/28 12:05 PM
L68	64	wallet near10 finger near10 (ring or loop)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:04 PM
L69	81	wallet same finger near10 (ring or loop) not L68	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:05 PM
L70	294	224/217.ccls.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:06 PM
L71	1	L70 and wallet	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:06 PM
L72	2	"20050284904"	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/02/03 02:08 PM
L73	347	wallet SAME (faraday OR metal$4 near5 (shield OR protect$4))	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FIT (AU, AP, AT, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CS, CU, CZ, DD, DE, DK, EA, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, ID, IE, IL, IS, IT, JP, KR, LT, LU, LV, MA, OA, RU, SU, WO, MC, MD, MY, NL, NO, NZ, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, TN, TR, TW, UA, VN); FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/13 02:34 PM
L74	150	wallet SAME ((RFID OR EMP) near5 (shield OR protect$4))	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/13 02:39 PM
L75	77	wallet SAME metal$4 near5 layer$2	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/13 03:17 PM
L76	132	((US-20200093231-A1 OR US-20200098498-A1 OR US-20200297087-A1 OR US-20140262853-A1 OR US-20200329133-A1 OR US-20200127694-A1 OR US-20190111855-A1 OR US-20180168303-A1 OR US-	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FIT (AU, AP, AT, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CS, CU, CZ, DD, DE, DK, EA, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, ID, IE, IL, IS, IT, JP, KR, LT, LU, LV, MA, OA, RU, SU, WO, MC, MD, MY, NL, NO, NZ, PH, PL, PT, RO,	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 11:17 AM

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L77	11	("8599547" | "8757376" | "8923938" | "8978886" | "9049283" | "9179762" | "9503148" | "9787807" | "20070004450" | "20140066142" | "20160080024").pn. OR ("10177804").urpn. AND (PGPB | USPT | USOC).dbnm.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 11:24 AM
L78	791	A45C13/1069.cpc.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:20 PM
L79	1260	A45C1/06.cpc. A45C2001/065.cpc.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:21 PM
L80	18	L78 AND L79	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:21 PM
L81	196	L79 AND magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:21 PM
L82	136	(US-20200093231-$ OR US-20200098498-$ OR US-20200297087-$ OR US-20140262853-$ OR US-20200329133-$ OR US-20200127694-$ OR US-20190111855-$	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:23 PM

		OR US-20180168303-$ OR US-20170354229-$ OR US-20170019513-$ OR US-20160286944-$ OR US-20160045019-$ OR US-20150122852-$ OR US-20140128132-$ OR US-20200178663-$ OR US-20180325247-$ OR US-20200328771-$ OR US-20160040825-$ OR US-20140355200-$ OR US-20140043748-$ OR US-20010016526-$ OR US-20140347795-$ OR US-20160206062-$ OR US-20160037868-$ OR US-20210046885-$ OR US-20160260532-$).did. OR (US-20170196331-$ OR US-20080190526-$ OR US-20140217135-$ OR US-20120031937-$ OR US-20210409073-$ OR US-20210399578-$ OR US-20210399577-$ OR US-20110164471-$ OR US-20120052923-$ OR US-20170094946-$ OR US-20200227954-$ OR US-20160352380-$ OR US-20100081473-$ OR US-20090096413-$ OR US-20110018360-$ OR US-20100081377-$ OR US-20070072443-$ OR US-20030048254-$ OR US-20200315307-$ OR US-20140083997-$ OR US-20150172431-$ OR US-20180062417-$ OR US-20180084881-$ OR US-20200214410-$ OR US-20110227527-$ OR US-20190198212-$ OR US-20200144837-$).did. OR (US-20210050744-$ OR US-20160352151-$ OR US-20160294427-$ OR US-20110050164-$ OR US-20160167833-$ OR US-20050284904-$ OR US-20210315339-$).did. OR (US-8686948-$ OR US-9823131-$ OR US-					

		10134517-$ OR US- 9235270-$ OR US- 9704632-$ OR US- 11058194-$ OR US- 10900608-$ OR US- 10117505-$ OR US- 9800283-$ OR US- 9300346-$ OR US- 9033384-$ OR US- 9185953-$ OR US- 9131756-$ OR US- 10177804-$ OR US- 10076168-$ OR US- 10882661-$ OR US- 9743734-$ OR US- 10156247-$ OR US- 9847805-$ OR US- 10480711-$ OR US- 10842237-$ OR US- 10606314-$ OR US- 10441096-$ OR US- 10327538-$ OR US- 10652379-$ OR US- 8242868-$).did. OR (US-8138869-$ OR US- 8833379-$ OR US- 8344836-$ OR US- 8390411-$ OR US- 9405380-$ OR US- 7698789-$ OR US- 10743628-$ OR US- 8567459-$ OR US- 8322624-$ OR US- 8833620-$ OR US- 9345310-$ OR US- 9368997-$ OR US- 10485478-$ OR US- 11211819-$ OR US- 8754609-$ OR US- 9601929-$ OR US- 9583256-$ OR US- 9706829-$ OR US- 9531424-$ OR US- 6398335-$ OR US- 8766484-$ OR US- 9570936-$ OR US- 7179230-$ OR US- 7633263-$ OR US- 6040680-$ OR US- 6016046-$ OR US- 5959433-$).did. OR (US-10015295-$ OR US-11175699-$ OR US-8915361-$ OR US- 10558239-$ OR US- 10469119-$ OR US- 9806556-$ OR US- 10326488-$ OR US-				

		10063272-$ OR US-7812698-$ OR US-10610004-$ OR US-10595611-$ OR US-10530411-$ OR US-10349728-$ OR US-9237786-$ OR US-7963818-$ OR US-7834729-$ OR US-7431161-$ OR US-9692863-$ OR US-9568950-$).did. OR (US-2957261-$ OR US-0550302-$ OR US-0654143-$ OR US-0667083-$).did. OR (CN-207744789-$ OR CN-206453384-$ OR CN-206303335-$).did.					
L83	17	L82 NOT L76	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:23 PM
L84	178	L79 AND magnet$5 NOT L80	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:26 PM
L85	26	224/183.ccls. AND (wallet OR card OR money OR cash OR bills)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:38 PM
L86	141	(wallet OR billfold OR cardholder OR card ADJ holder) SAME (mulitple OR plurality) near2 magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:41 PM
L87	814	(A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) AND (multiple OR plurality) near2 magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:43 PM
L88	47	(wallet OR billfold OR cardholder OR card ADJ holder) SAME multiple near2 magnet$5	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:43 PM
L89	12	("10309433"|"10455905"|"20070101643"|"20080023508"|"20080110951"|"20090014105"|"20090288244"|"20110280499"|"20130200117"|"3007568"|"6779199"|"8317067").PN.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 12:48 PM
L90	25	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) AND magnet$5 near5 (support OR recess) near5 layer	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:05 PM
L91	13	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14

		A45C$.cpc.) AND magnet$5 near5 (hole OR opening OR aperture) near5 layer					02:41 PM
L92	13	("10838462"|"20110301778"|"20130082532"|"20140221057"|"20140236380"|"20140362518"|"20150043156"|"20150057830"|"20150201723"|"20170080251"|"20180176748"|"20200313712"|"9829941").PN.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:44 PM
L93	567	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) AND magnet near5 (hole OR opening OR aperture)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:45 PM
L94	17	(wallet OR cardholder OR card ADJ holder) SAME magnet near5 (hole OR opening OR aperture)	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:46 PM
L95	771	magnet near5 (support OR recess OR hole OR opening OR aperture) near5 layer	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:47 PM
L96	26	(224/$.ccls. A45F$.cpc. A45C$.cpc.) AND magnet near5 (imbed$4 OR embed$4 OR integral$2) near5 layer	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:50 PM
L97	28	("2540340" | "2784757" | "3483494" | "3727658" | "4303184" | "4373629" | "4826059" | "5934464" | "6446688" | "7721470" | "7806309" | "7926525" | "8251113" | "8646971" | "20030201198" | "20070163689" | "20080230158" | "20090301911" | "20110000590" | "20120216927" | "20130306206" | "20140026375").pn. OR ("9526309").urpn. AND (PGPB | USPT | USOC).dbnm.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:56 PM
L98	387	magnet near5 (imbed$4 OR embed$4 OR integral$2) near5 layer	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 02:59 PM
L99	80	(US-20130254976-$ OR US-20130074392-$ OR US-20120104057-$	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 03:01 PM

		OR US-20100025442-$ OR US-20090314813-$ OR US-20090289089-$ OR US-20090209369-$ OR US-20090206117-$ OR US-20090145938-$ OR US-20080023508-$ OR US-20060054647-$ OR US-20060032876-$ OR US-20100176174-$ OR US-20100176173-$ OR US-20020195472-$ OR US-20100294822-$ OR US-20090302076-$ OR US-20020148865-$ OR US-20110204108-$ OR US-20110024470-$ OR US-20100327031-$ OR US-20100219217-$ OR US-20080230435-$ OR US-20060016841-$ OR US-20050199663-$ OR US-20070033698- $).did. OR (US- 20030178455-$ OR US-20100270349-$ OR US-20100181353-$ OR US-20060219743-$ OR US-20040217141-$ OR US-20030034366-$ OR US-20060289574-$ OR US-20050198872-$ OR US-20060022007-$ OR US-20140063791-$ OR US-20140041275-$ OR US-20140082983-$ OR US-20040031181- $).did. OR (US- 7561015-$ OR US- 6964361-$ OR US- 6945503-$ OR US- 6601742-$ OR US- 3746177-$ OR US- 5937559-$ OR US- 6616020-$ OR US- 6587022-$ OR US- 6520863-$ OR US- 6496094-$ OR US- 6427340-$ OR US- 6267277-$ OR US- 6135408-$ OR US- 5593073-$ OR US- 5367278-$ OR US- 5364094-$ OR US- 5196818-$ OR US- 4826059-$ OR US- 4736877-$ OR US- 4182470-$ OR US-				

		8141210-$ OR US-5042702-$ OR US-8371487-$ OR US-6213364-$ OR US-5570827-$ OR US-1679606-$).did. OR (US-6209769-$ OR US-5458267-$ OR US-3938717-$ OR US-3583612-$ OR US-7025238-$ OR US-8308033-$ OR US-5562238-$ OR US-5511706-$ OR US-5484093-$ OR US-5351868-$ OR US-4384372-$ OR US-4284220-$ OR US-6928764-$).did. OR (US-2910804-$).did. OR (US-3938717-$ OR CN-201276409-$ OR US-5267494-$ OR CN-201011248-$ OR CN-101021120-$).did.					
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L102	7	("4730160"|"5295089"|"5859762"|"6778196"|"6922333"|"7280348"|"7586743").PN.	(US-PGPUB; USPAT)	OR	ON	ON	2022/04/14 03:58 PM
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		OR US-20150172431-A1 OR US-20180062417-A1 OR US-20180084881-A1 OR US-20200214410-A1 OR US-20110227527-A1 OR US-20190198212-A1 OR US-20200144837-A1 OR US-20210050744-A1 OR US-20160352151-A1 OR US-20160294427-A1 OR US-20110050164-A1 OR US-20160167833-A1 OR US-20050284904-A1 OR US-20170135452-A1 OR US-20140374488-A1 OR US-20190380458-A1 OR US-20140034520-A1 OR US-20070109130-A1 OR US-20210315339-A1 OR US-20210330057-A1 OR US-20170303650-A1 OR US-20150334212-A1 OR US-20150257499-A1 OR US-20110277892-A1 OR US-20130254976-A1 OR US-20220029654-A1 OR US-20090288244-A1 OR US-20170156466-A1 OR US-20160106202-A1 OR US-20150320168-A1 OR US-20140091117-A1 OR US-20090289089-A1 OR US-20070125931-A1 OR US-20170300085-A1 OR US-20160051019-A1 OR US-20020153074-A1 OR US-20200089285-A1 OR US-20160255734-A1 OR US-20140220271-A1 OR US-20130026171-A1 OR US-20110096513-A1 OR US-20220047050-A1 OR US-20180332936-A1 OR US-					

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17/331,280	05/26/2021	Fernando Mora	1021P003C	6639

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	Examiner ADAM J WAGGENSPACK	Art Unit 3734	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

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   ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-12 . As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information , please see **http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp** or send an inquiry to **PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.**

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/ADAM J WAGGENSPACK/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3734

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 and 3-12 are allowed.

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Conclusion

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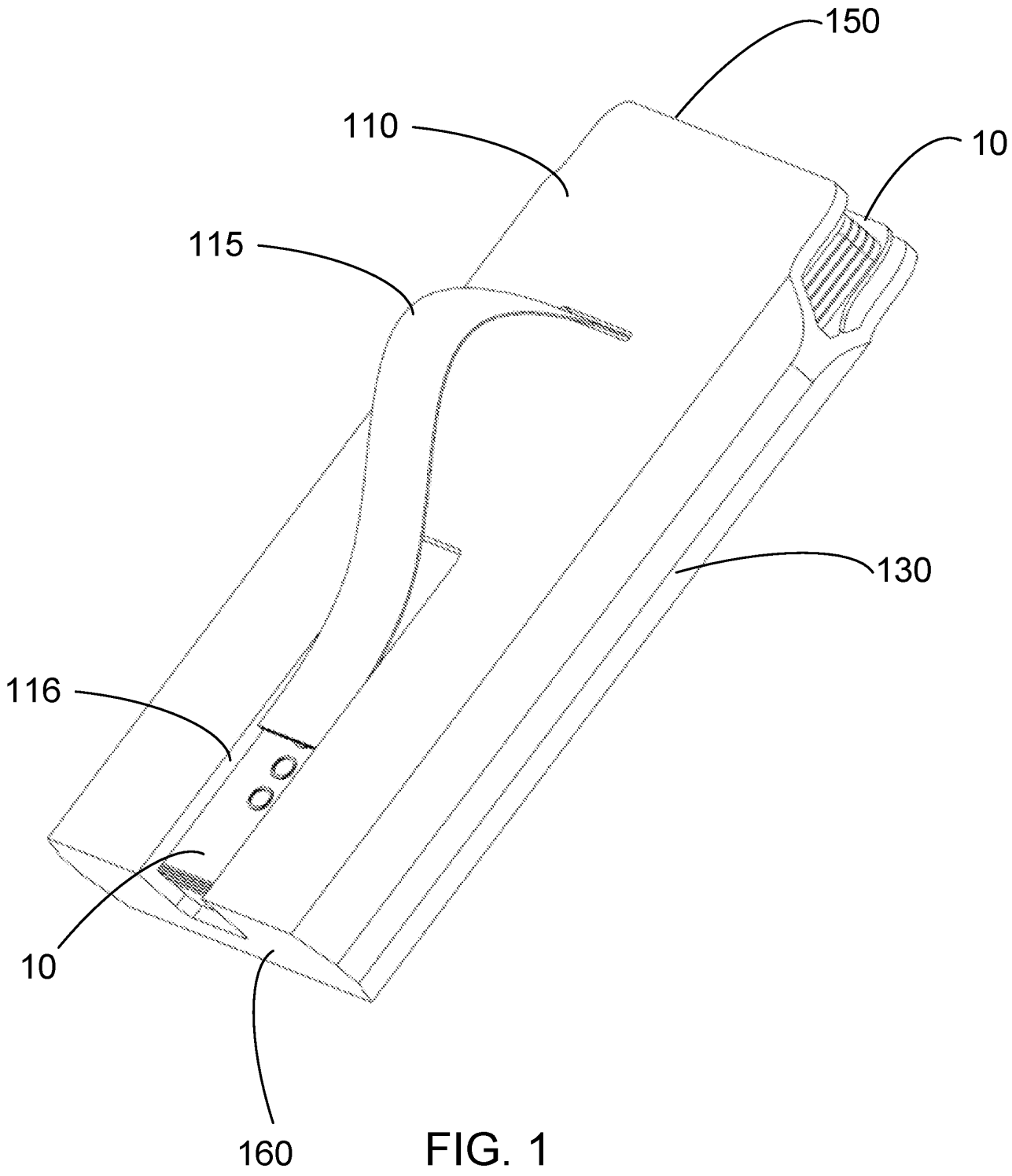


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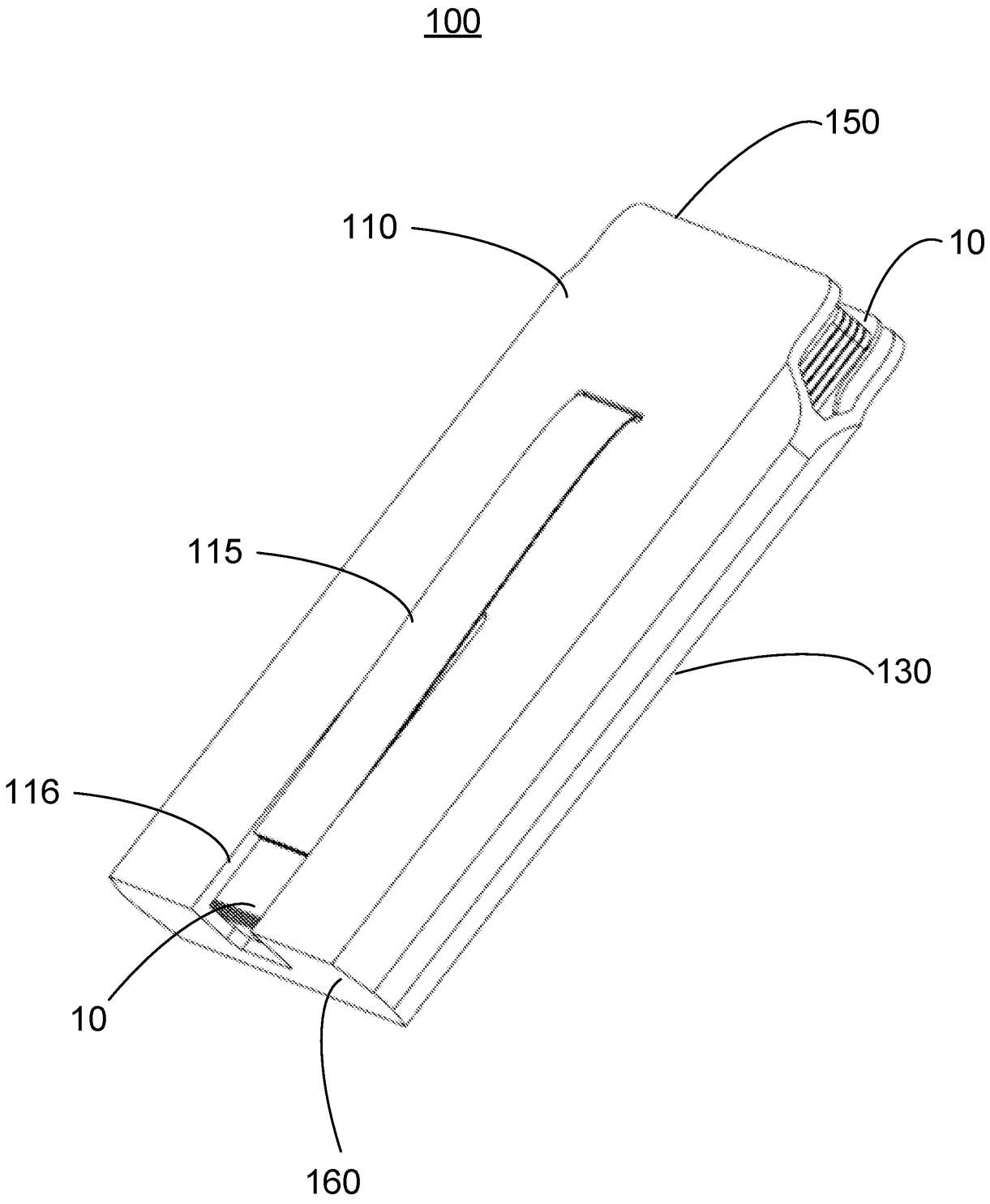


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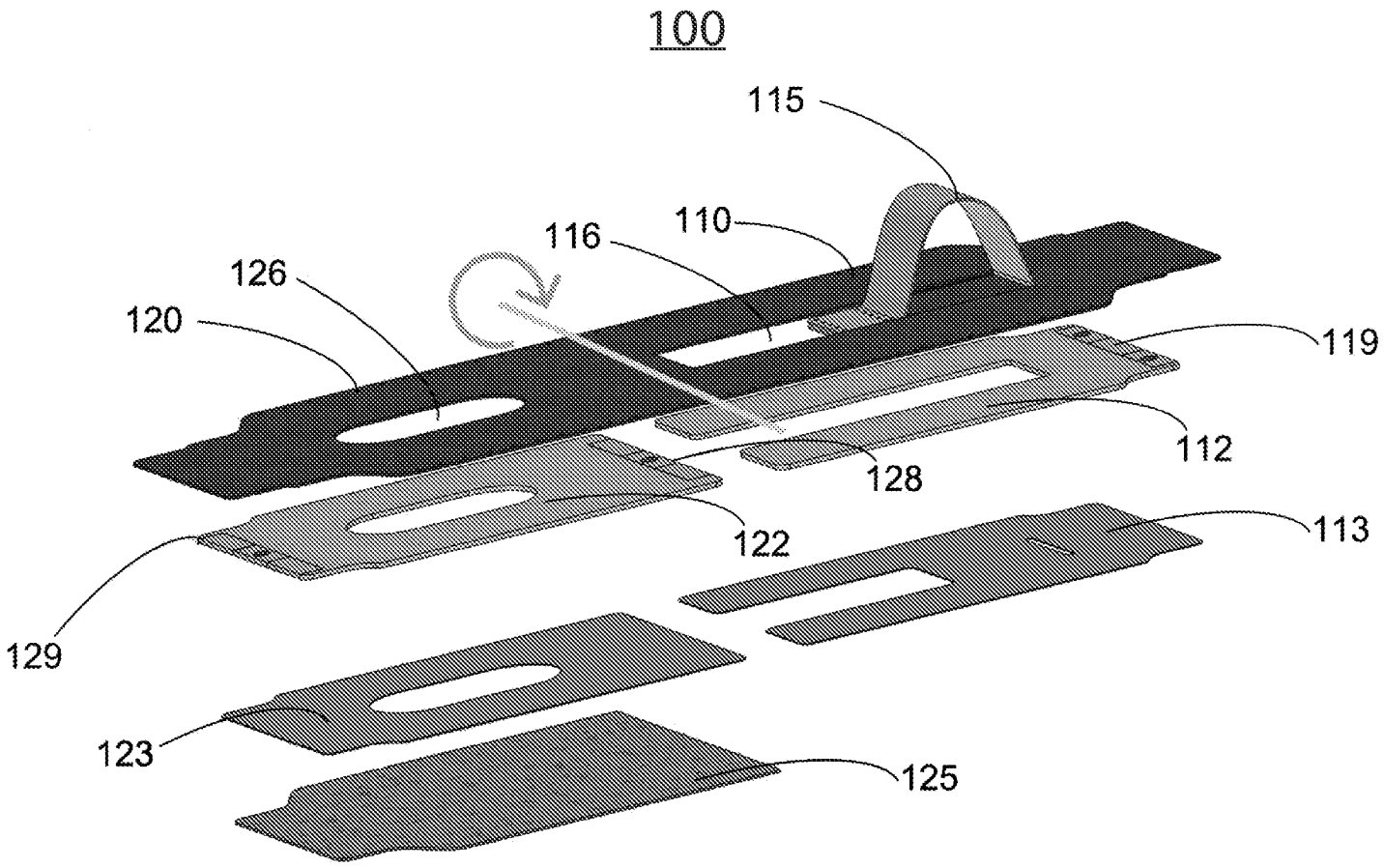


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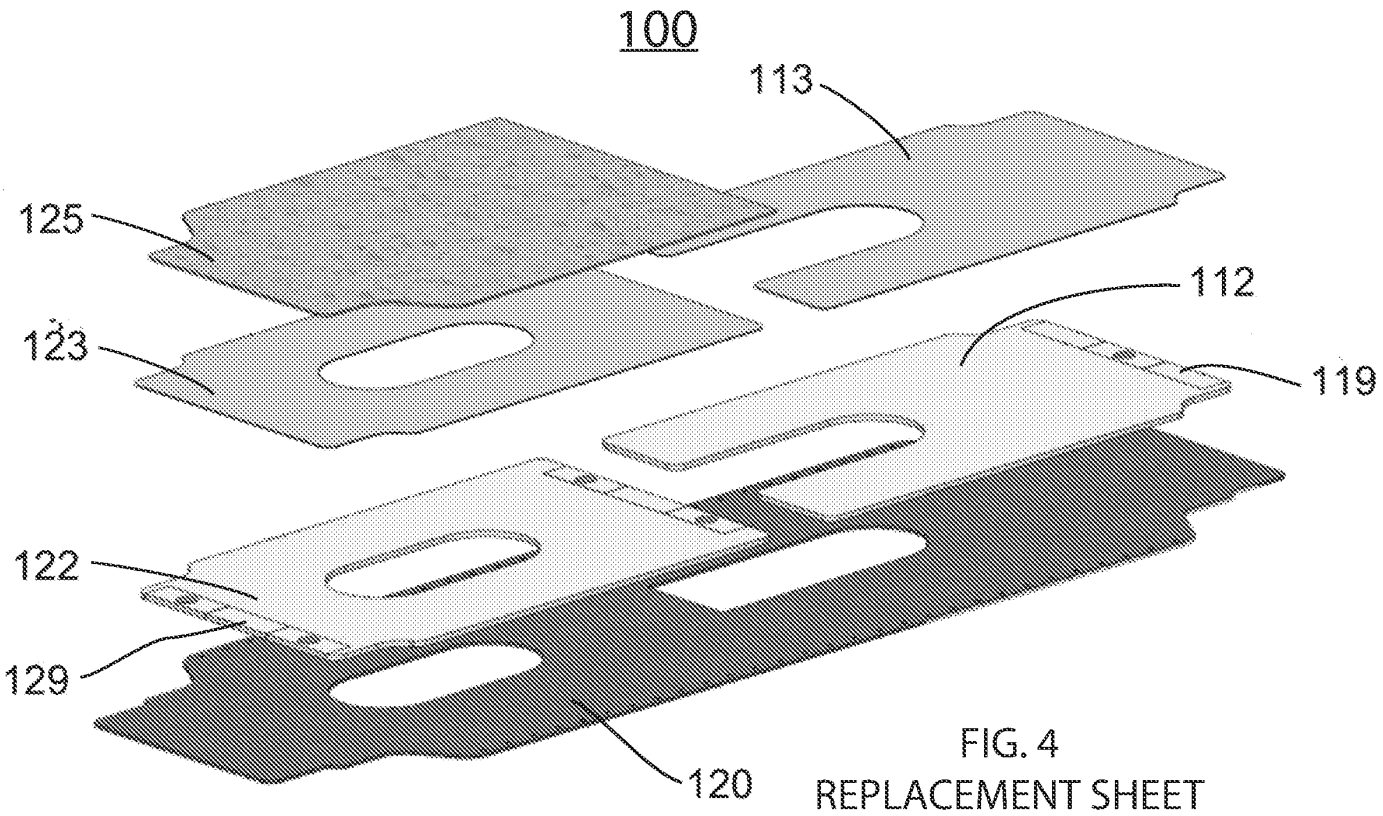


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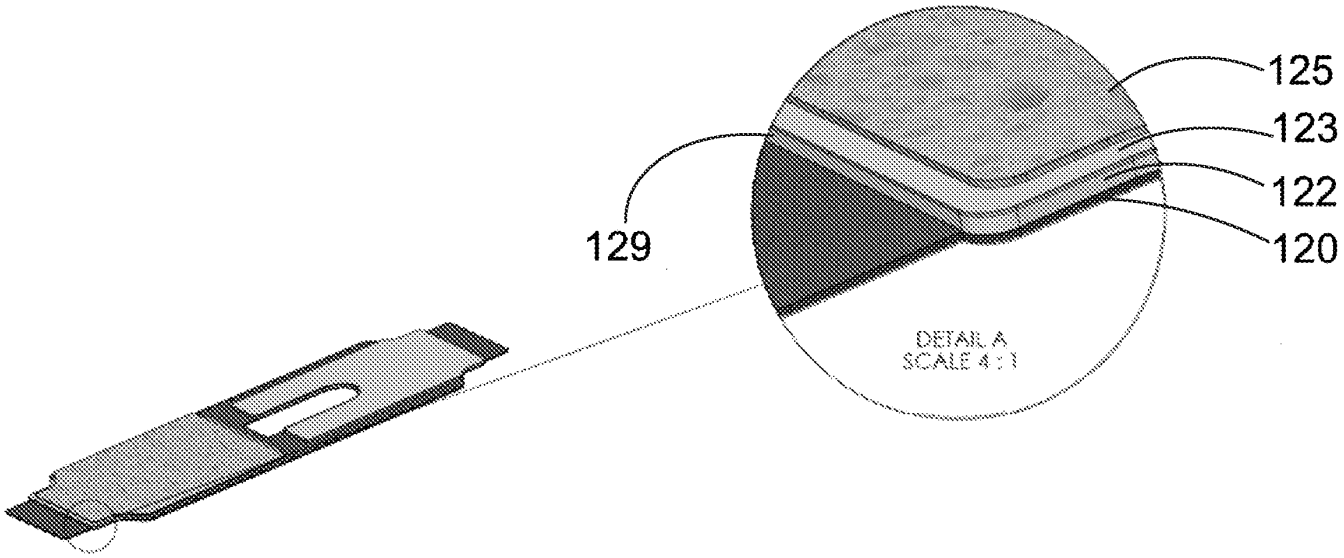


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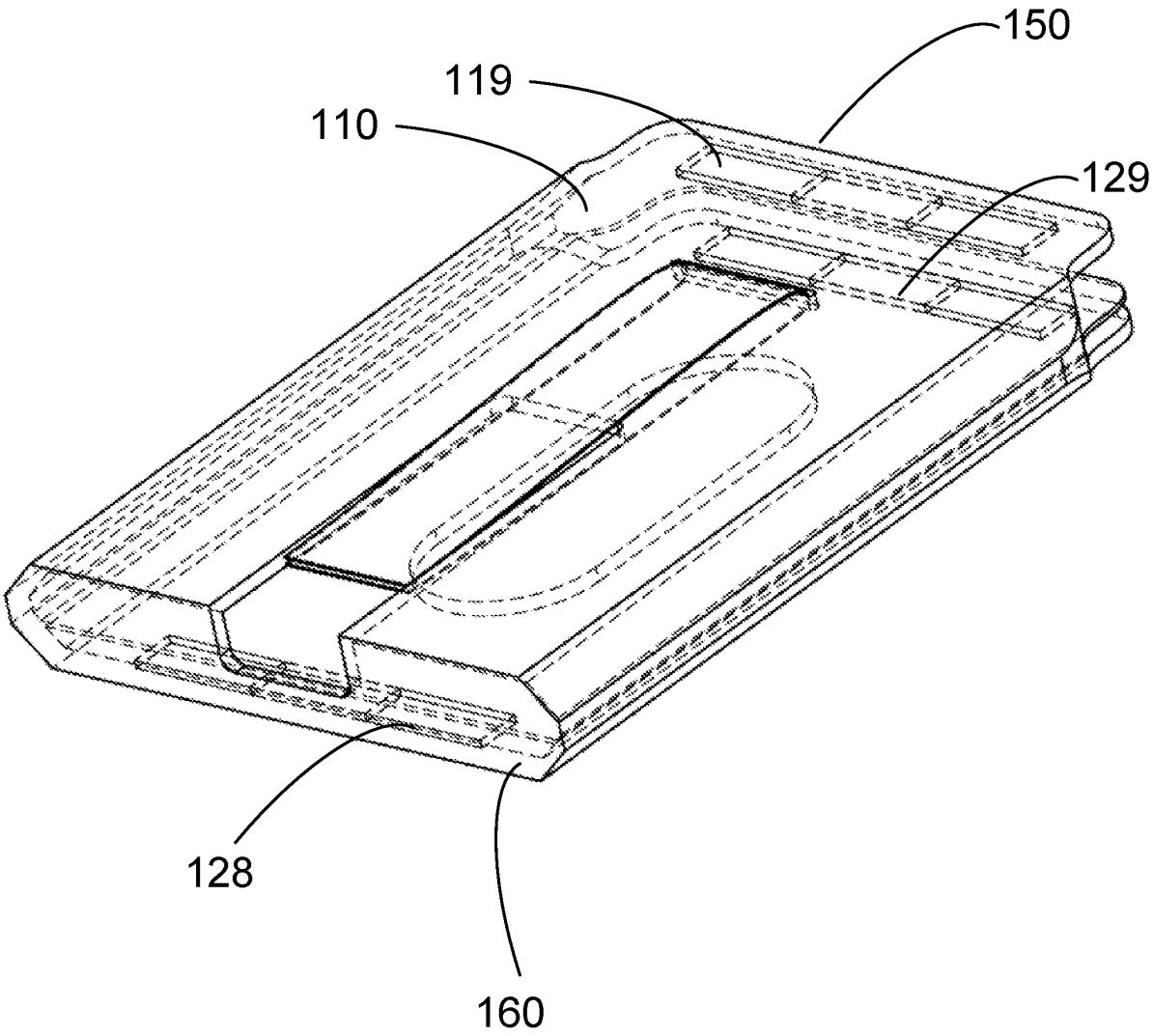


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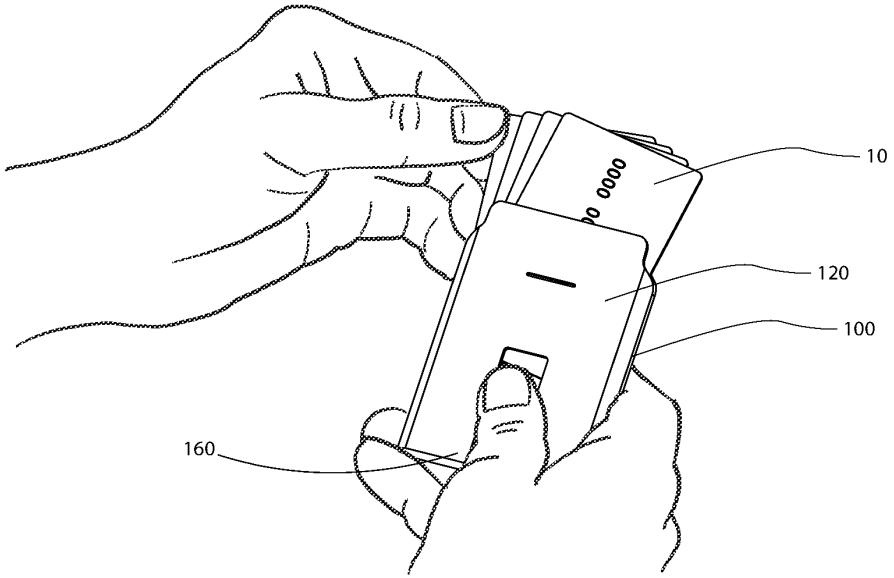


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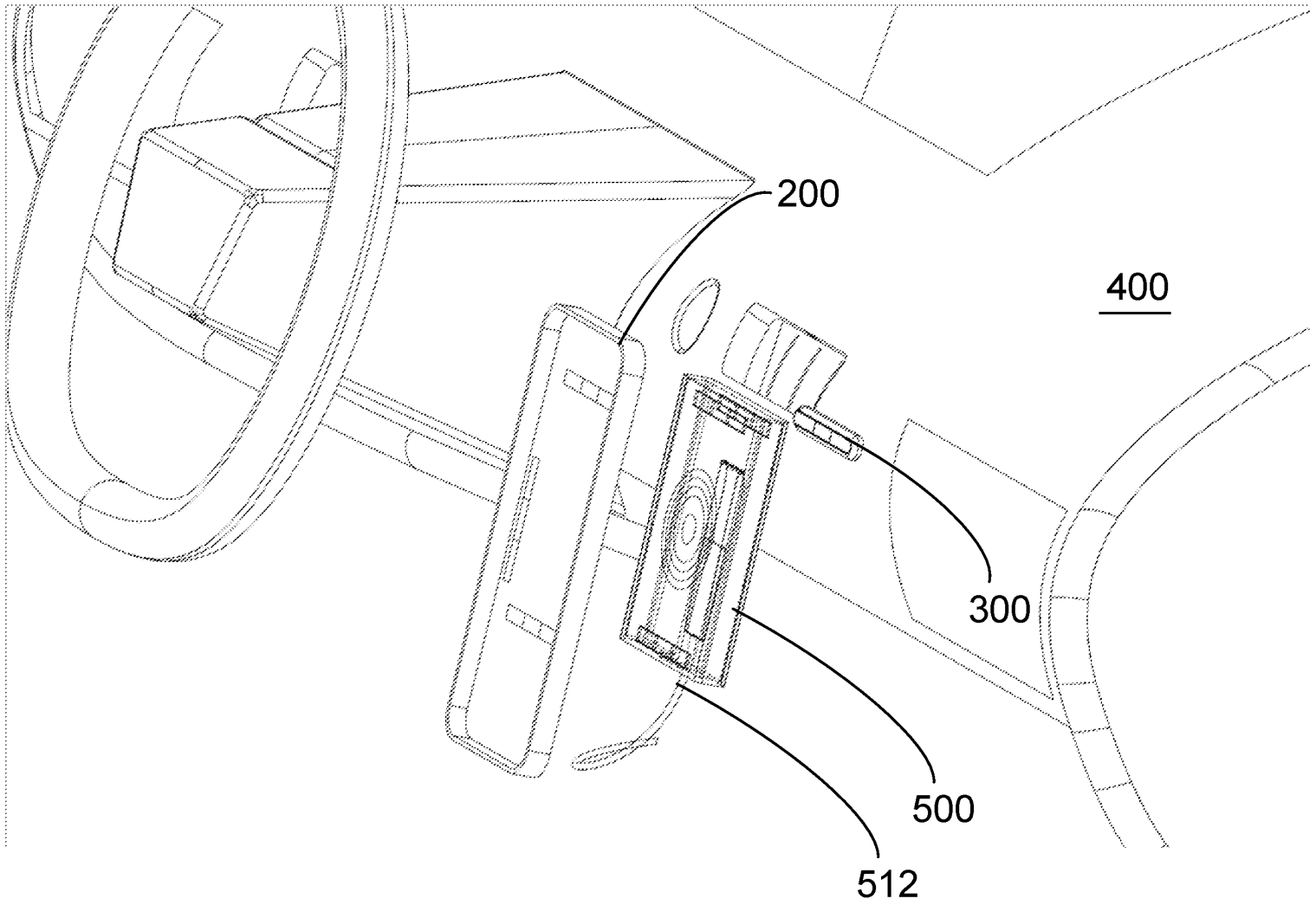


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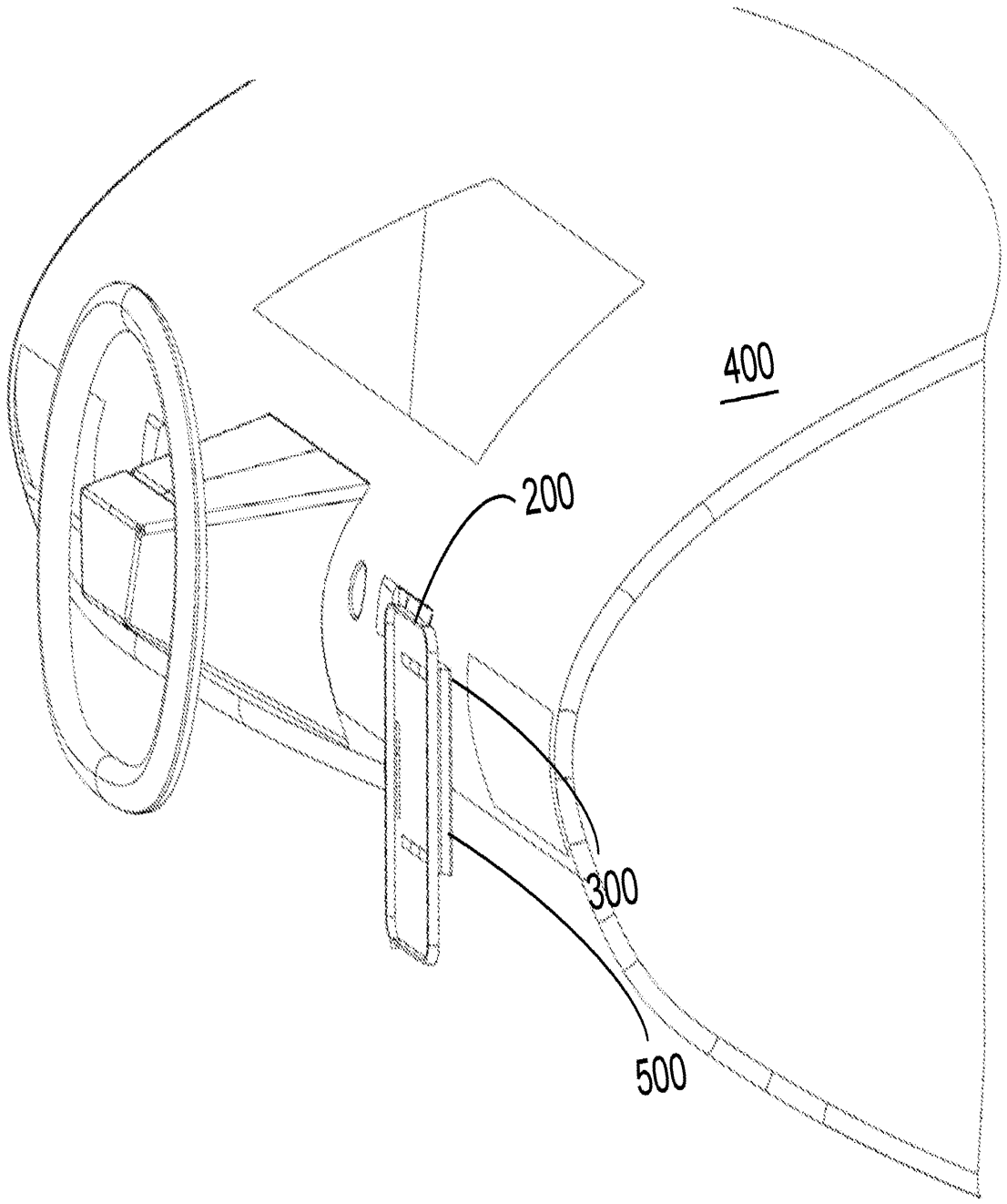


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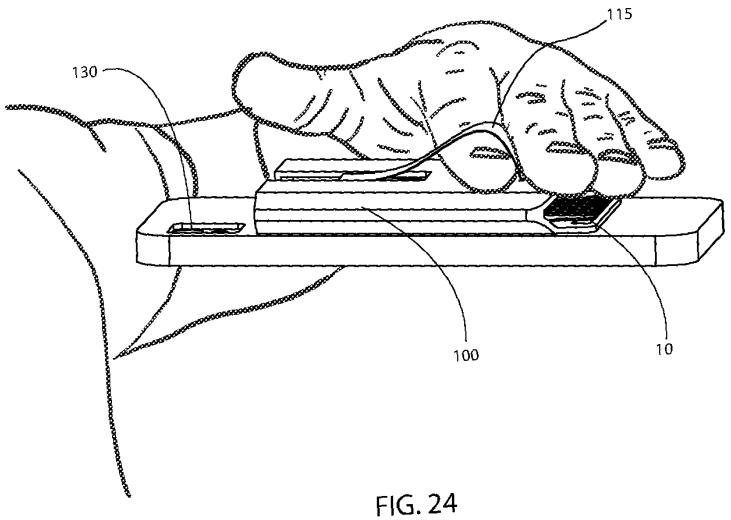


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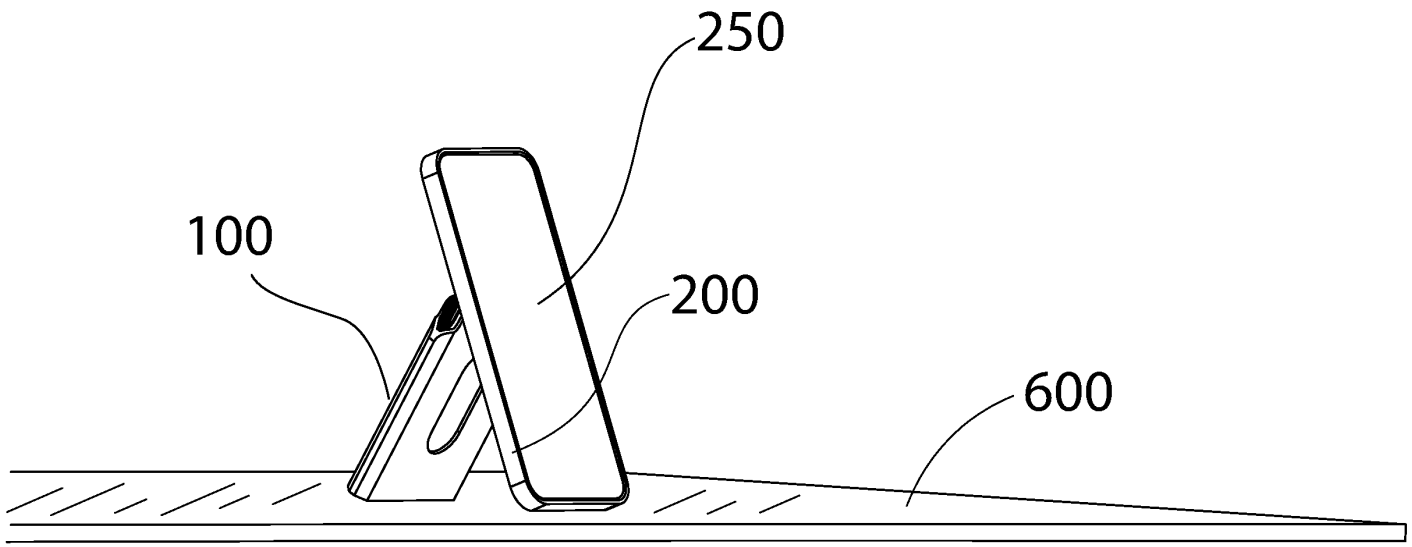


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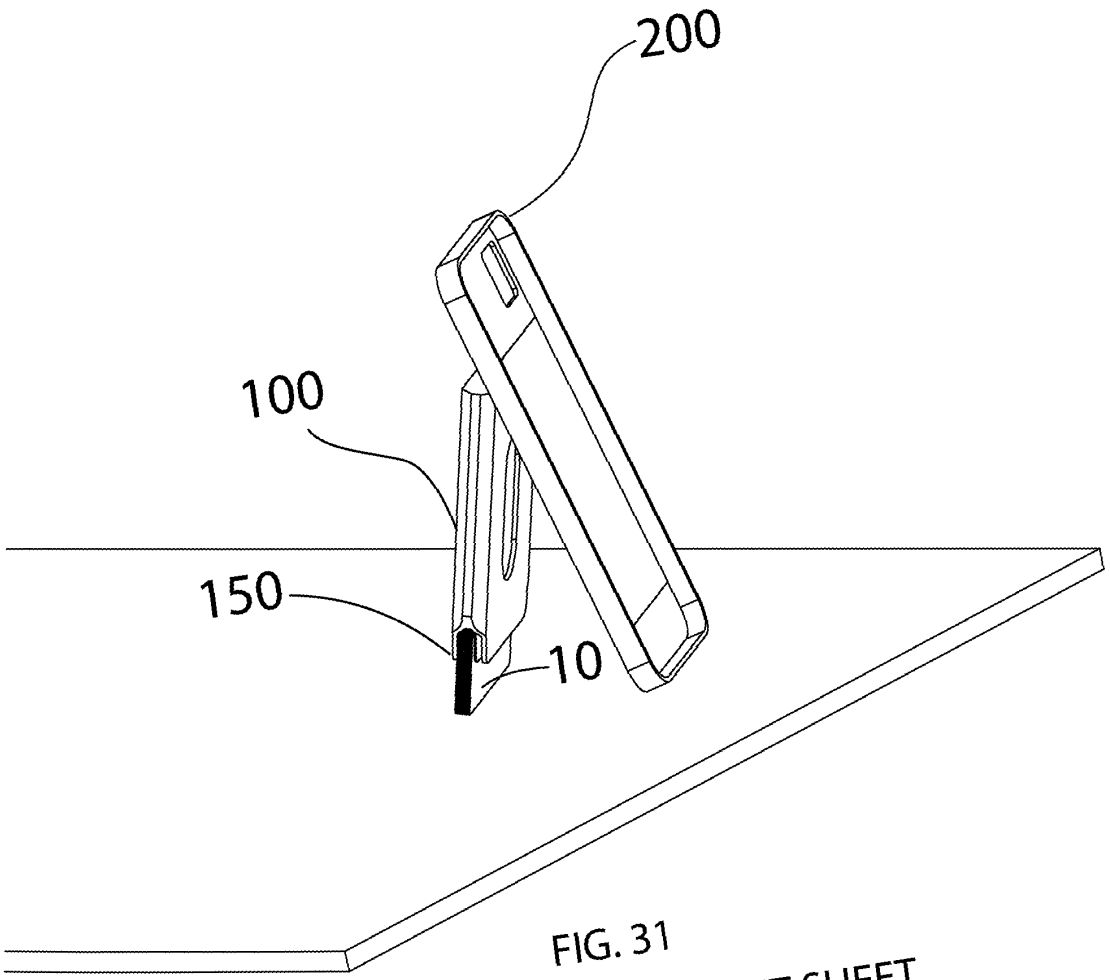


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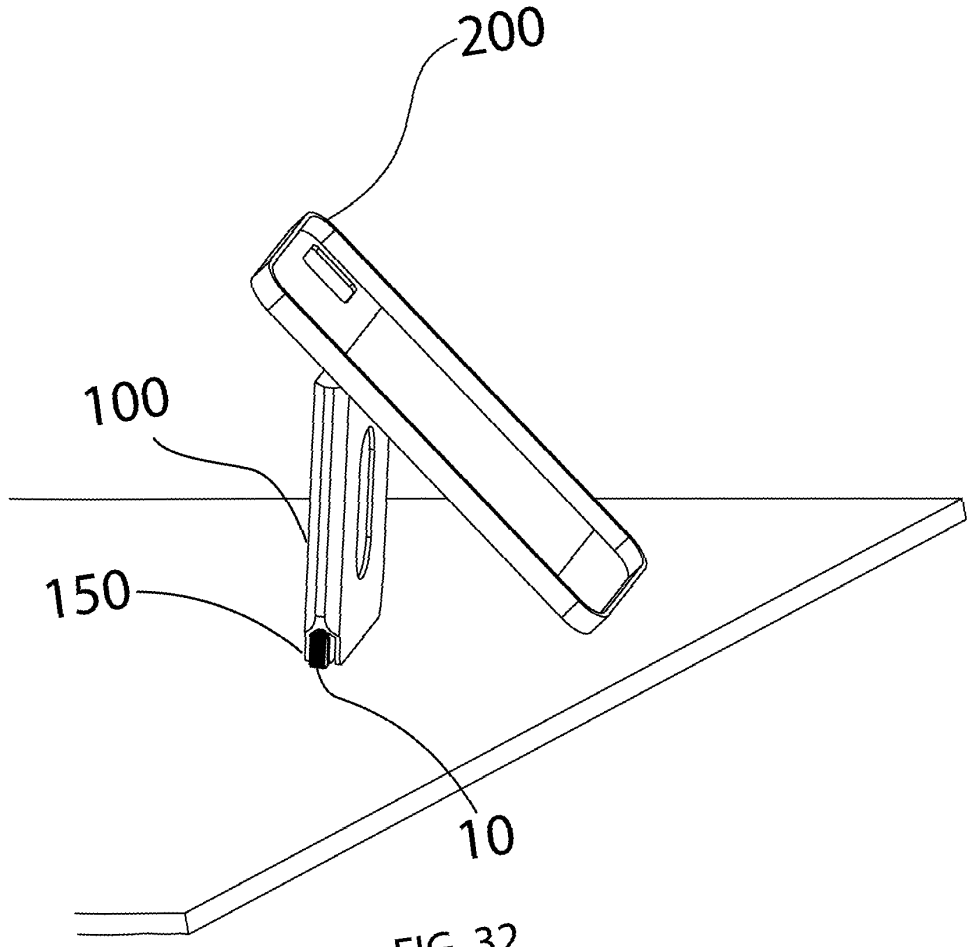


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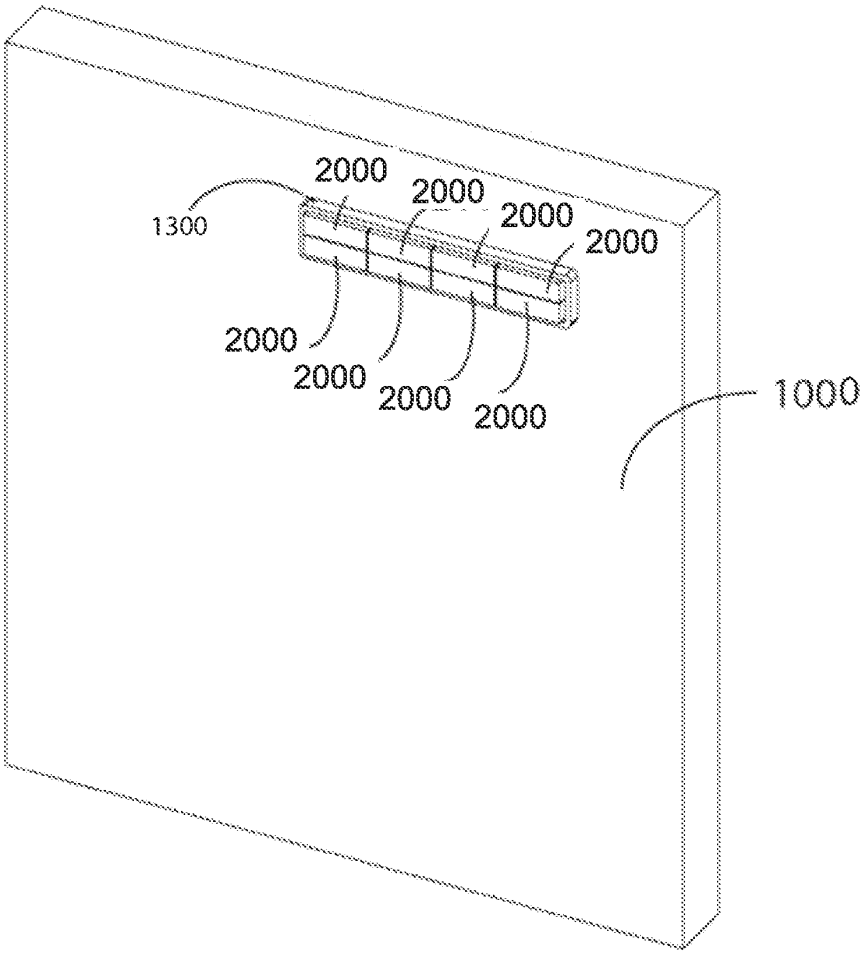


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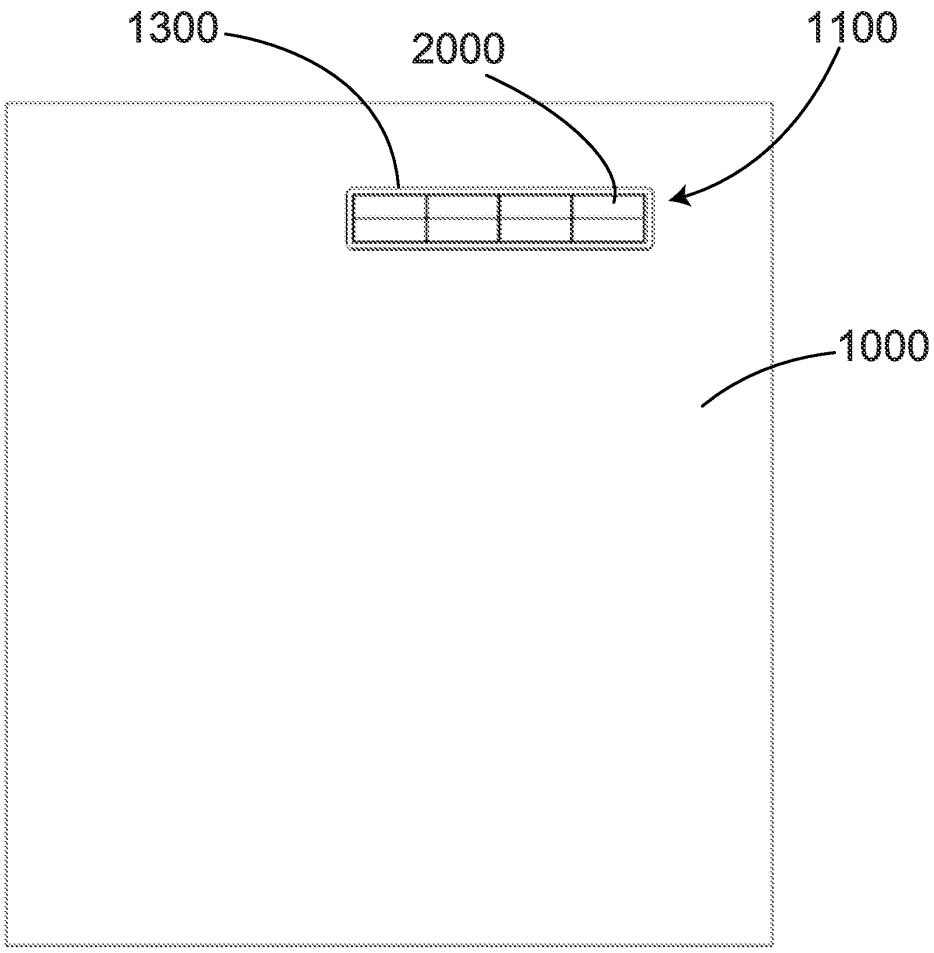


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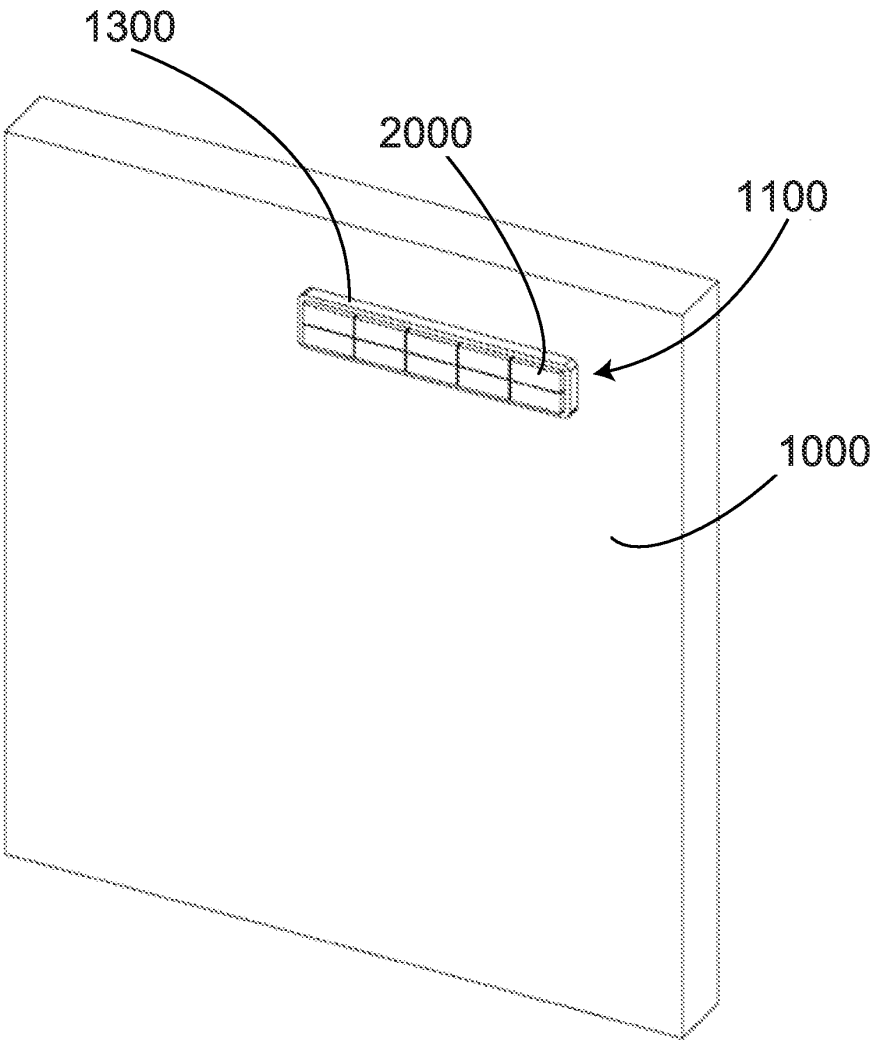


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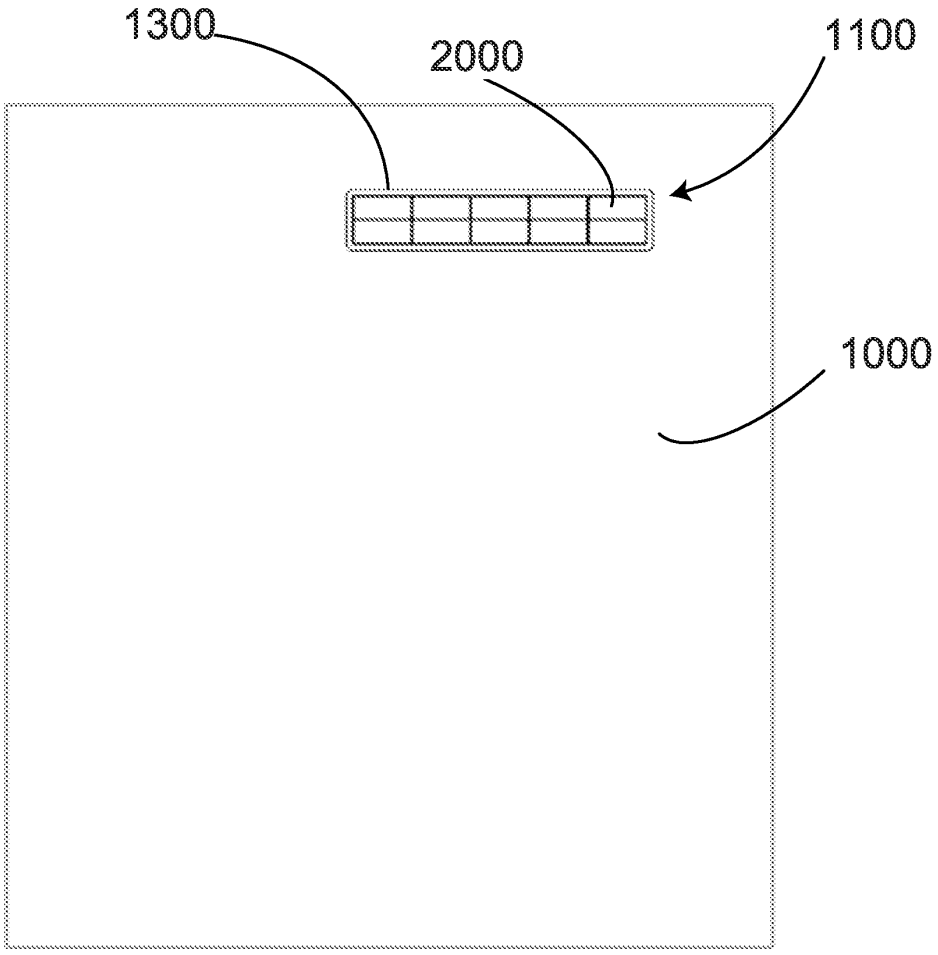


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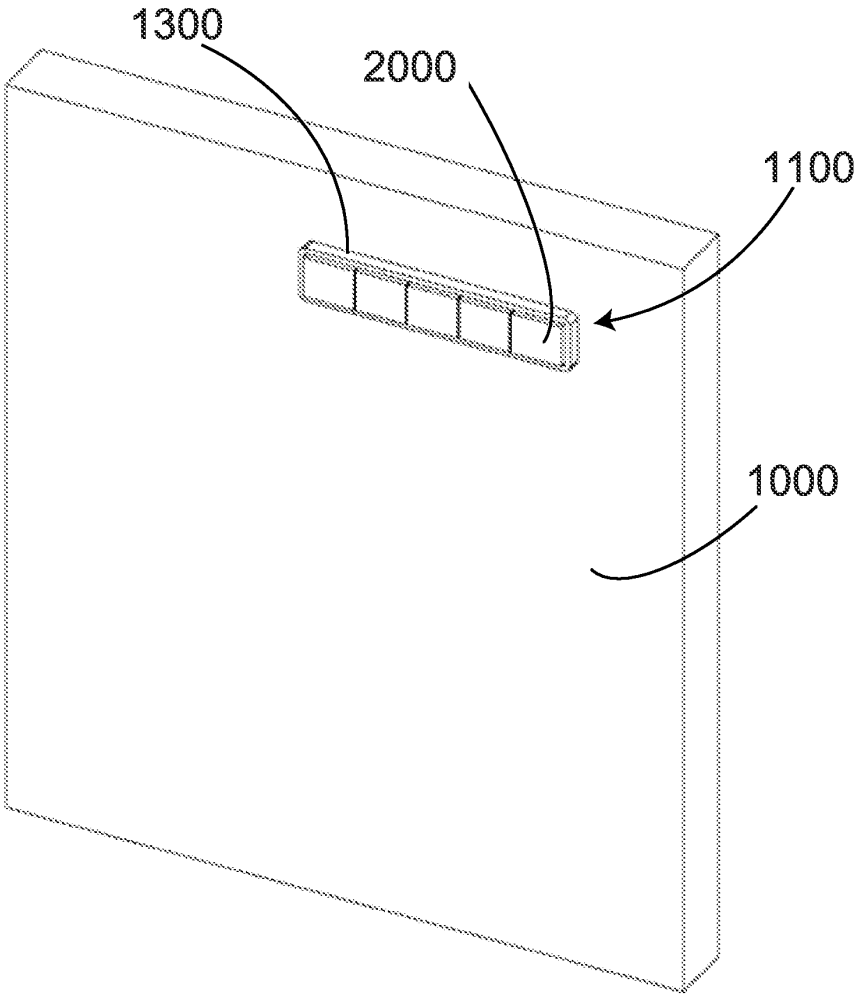


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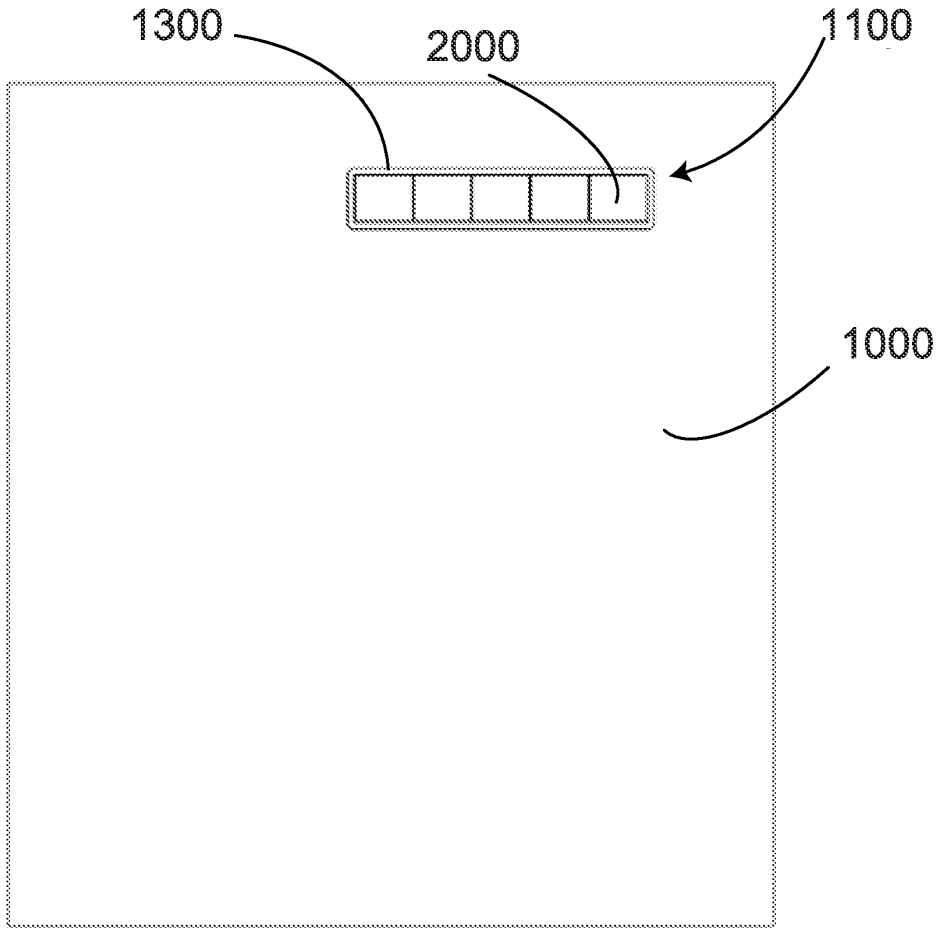


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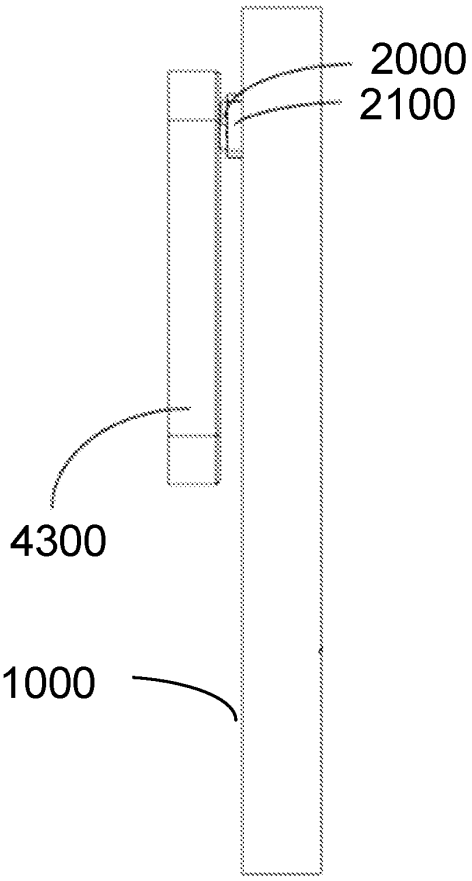


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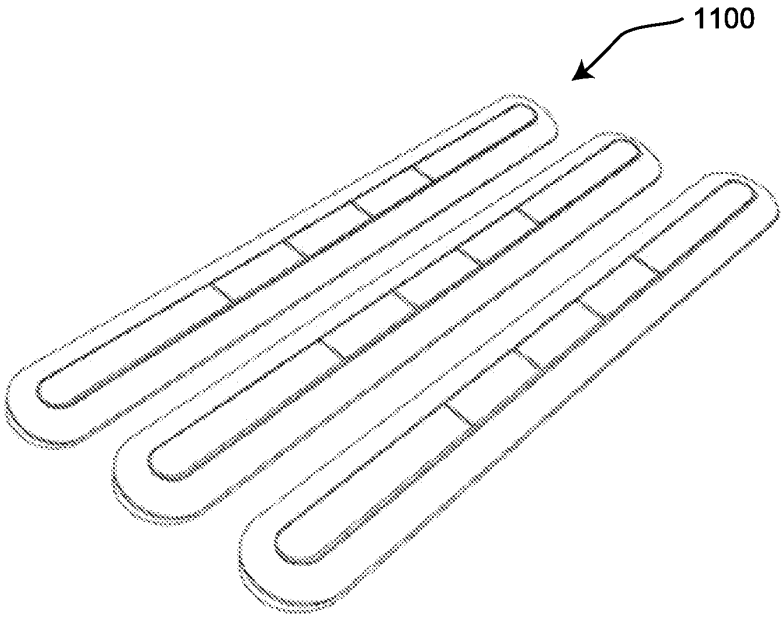


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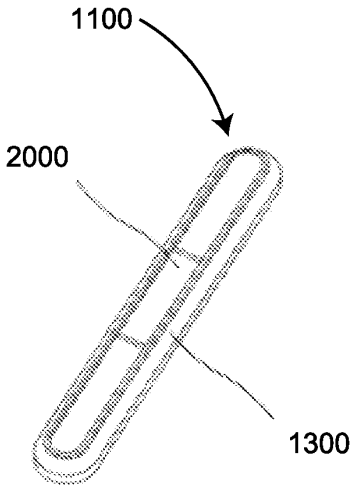


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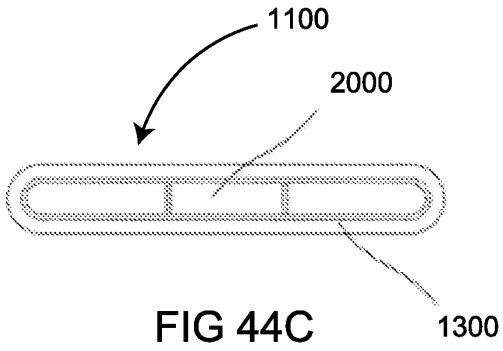


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Applicant submits replacement sheets for Figures 1-6, 9, 22-24, 28, 31,32, 40A-F, 42B and 44A-C. Approval is requested.

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