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(54) Apparatus and methods for selective imaging in nonemissive display systems

(57) A writing head (100) capable of rapidly and efficiently generating high field gradients while remaining amenable to low-voltage control utilises a piezoelectric (110) or Rosen transformer. A one- or two- dimensional array of such writing heads may be used to address a

substrate (127) bearing an arrangement of electrically responsive, nonemissive display elements (125), applying an image pattern thereto. Similarly, the array of writing heads can be used to remove an image, returning the substrate (127) to its original unimaged state.

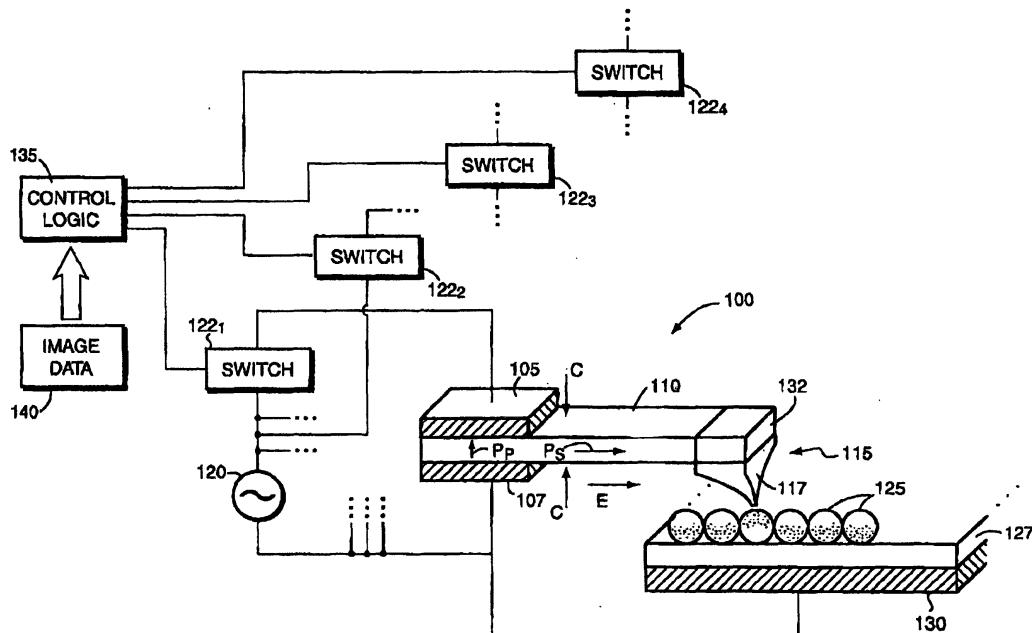


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1. Claims: 1-9,16-22

Apparatus and method for addressing a non emissive bistable display using a piezoelectric transformer.

2. Claims: 10-12,23-25

Apparatus and method for addressing a non emissive bistable display using a charge receptor

3. Claims: 13-15

An electronic camera comprising a charge receptor and sensing means

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