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(54) **Portable computer case**

(57) Cases and methods of use of a laptop computer are provided such that the laptop computer need not be removed from the case, enabling use of the laptop computer keyboard, display and ports located on a back edge of the laptop computer while the laptop computer remains in the case. According to example of the invention, a case (100) for a laptop computer is provided having first (110) and second (130) portions formed of rigid material. The

first portion (110) is adapted to be secured to a display portion (401) of the laptop computer, and the second portion (130) adapted to be secured to a keyboard portion (402) of the laptop computer. Opening and closing the laptop computer is thereby permitted. A covering flap (150) is also provided to be selectively securable across the connective portion (140). Another embodiment of the invention is usable with laptop computers having a multi-axis rotation display portion.

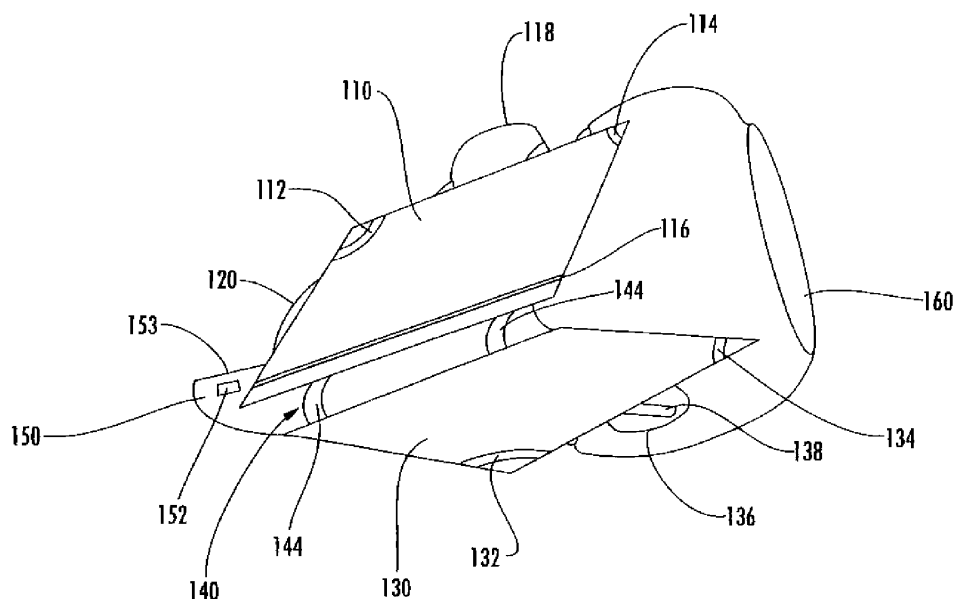


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