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(54) **Systems and methods for using billboards**

(57) A billboard system for displaying information, the billboard system comprising a base portion (100) permanently fixable at a position where the billboard system is to be used, the base portion (100) comprising a first connection means. The billboard system also comprises

a display module (200) switchably connectable to the base portion (100) via the first connection means. The first connection means is thereby suitable for connecting a display module of a first type as well as for connecting a display module of a second, different, type.

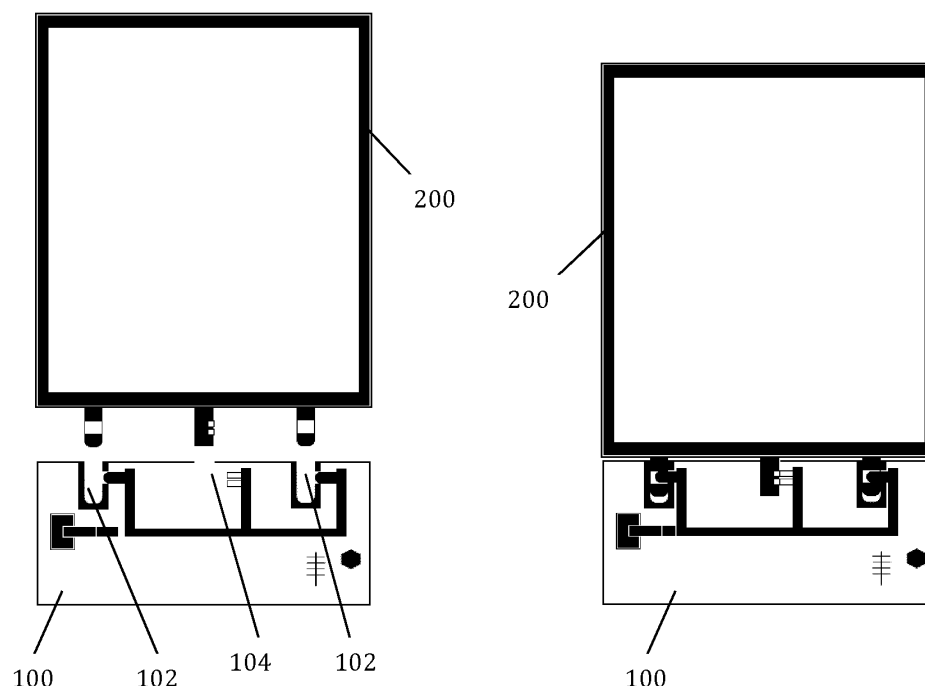


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