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(54) **COUPLED MULTI-BANDS ANTENNAS IN WEARABLE WIRELESS DEVICES**

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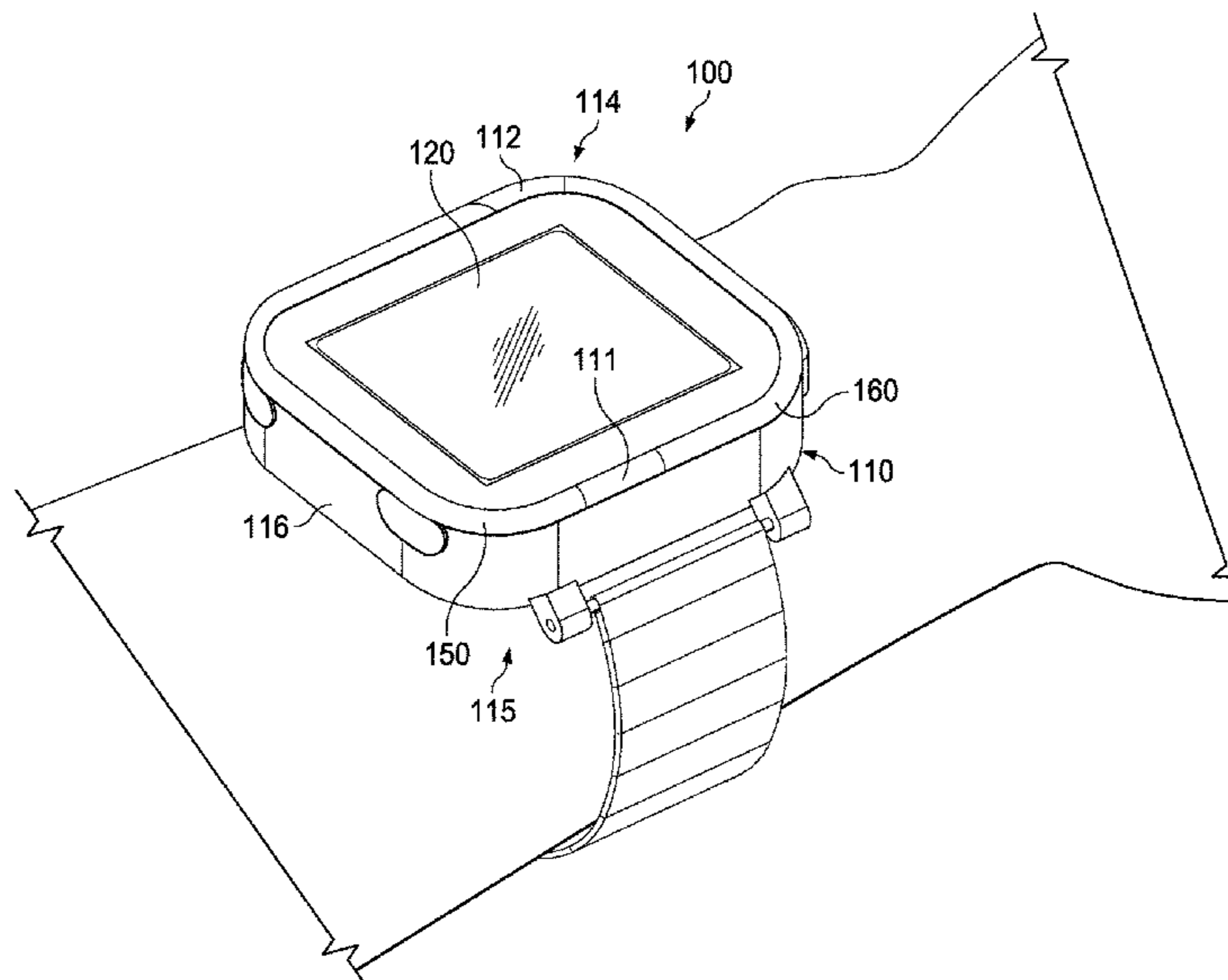
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A wearable wireless device is disclosed. In one embodiment the wearable wireless device includes a circuit board, a housing body housing the circuit board, the housing body having a front side and a back side, a display located at the front side of the housing body, a first antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located on the front side of the housing body and a second antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located on the front side of the housing body.

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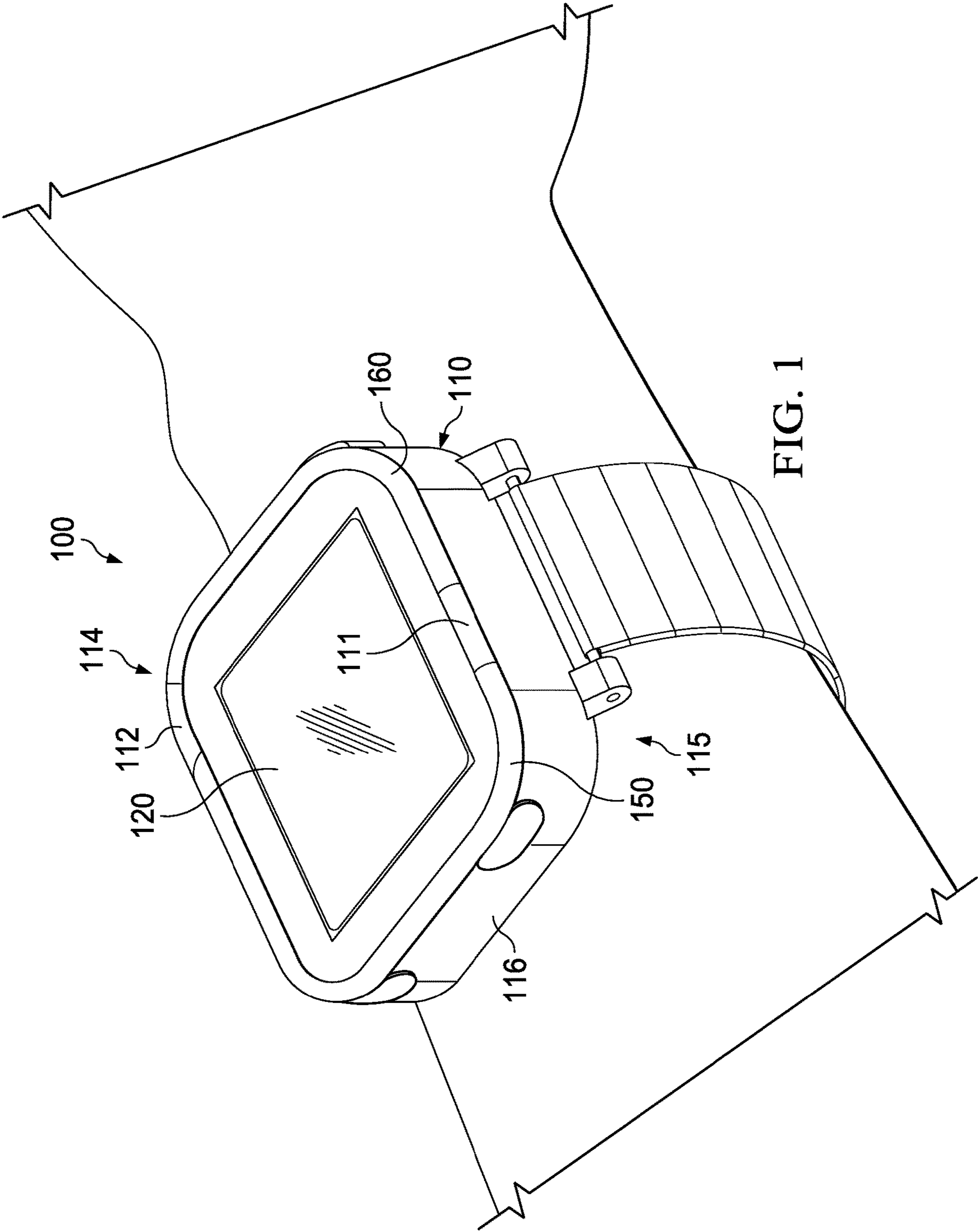
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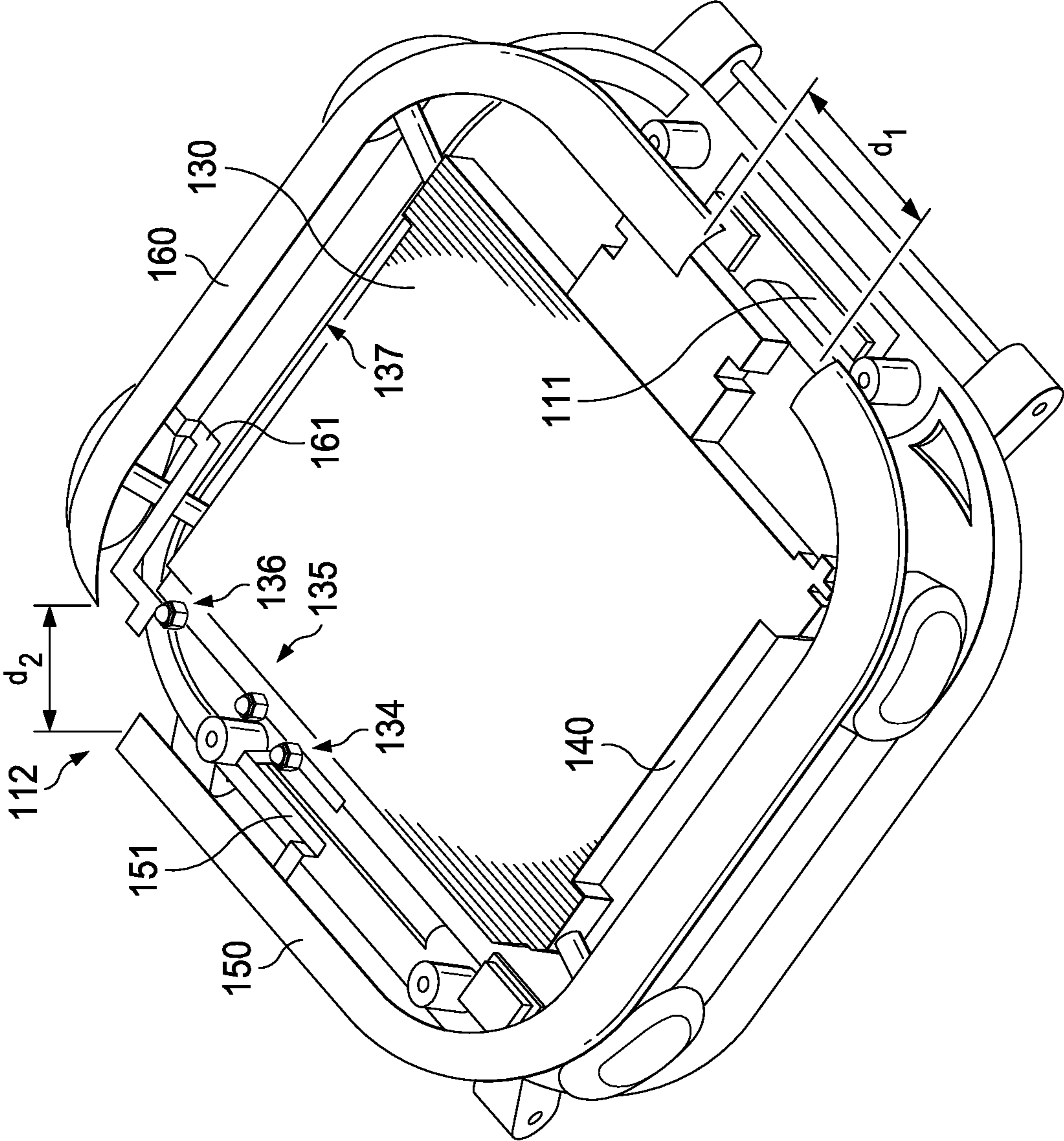
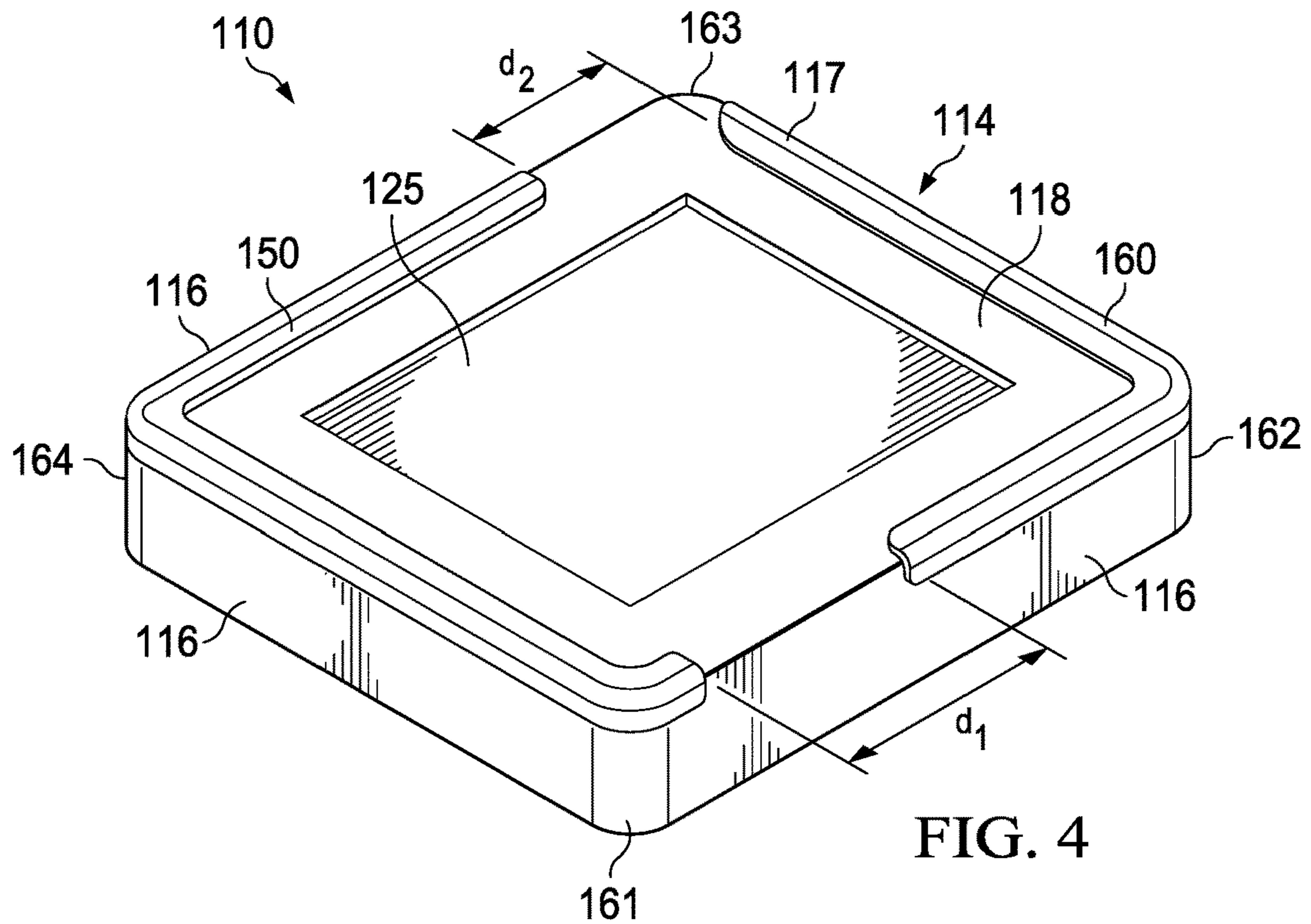
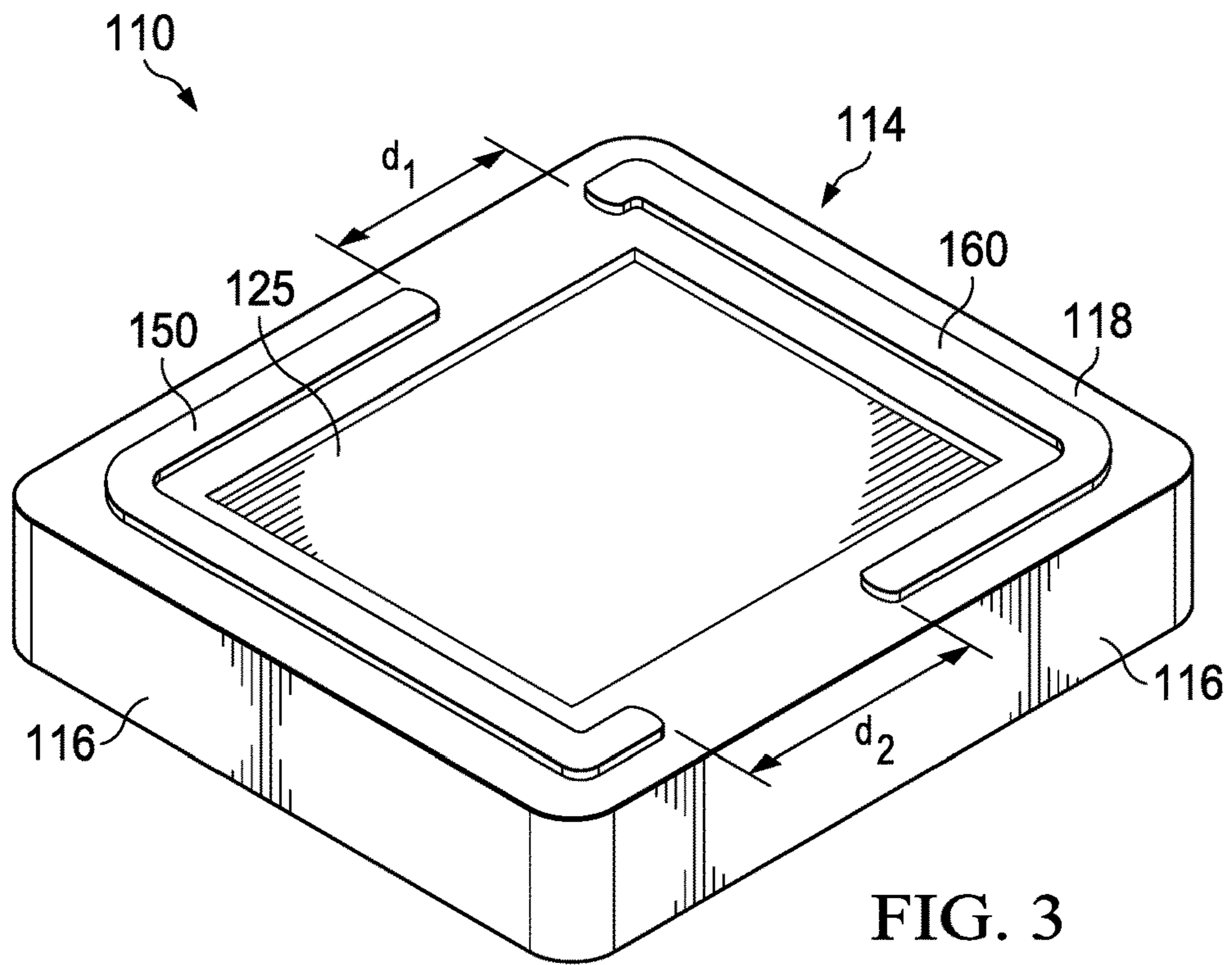


FIG. 2



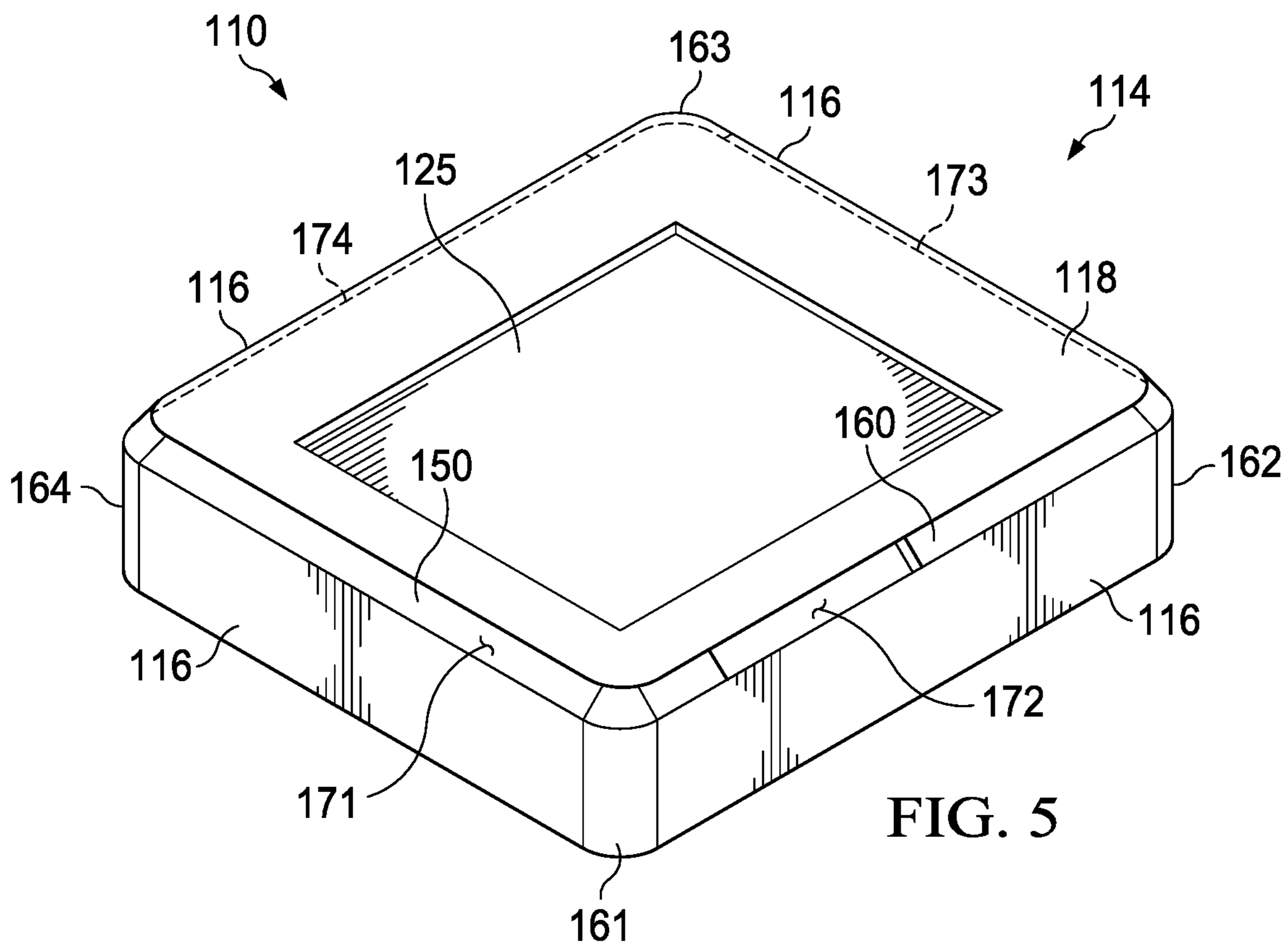


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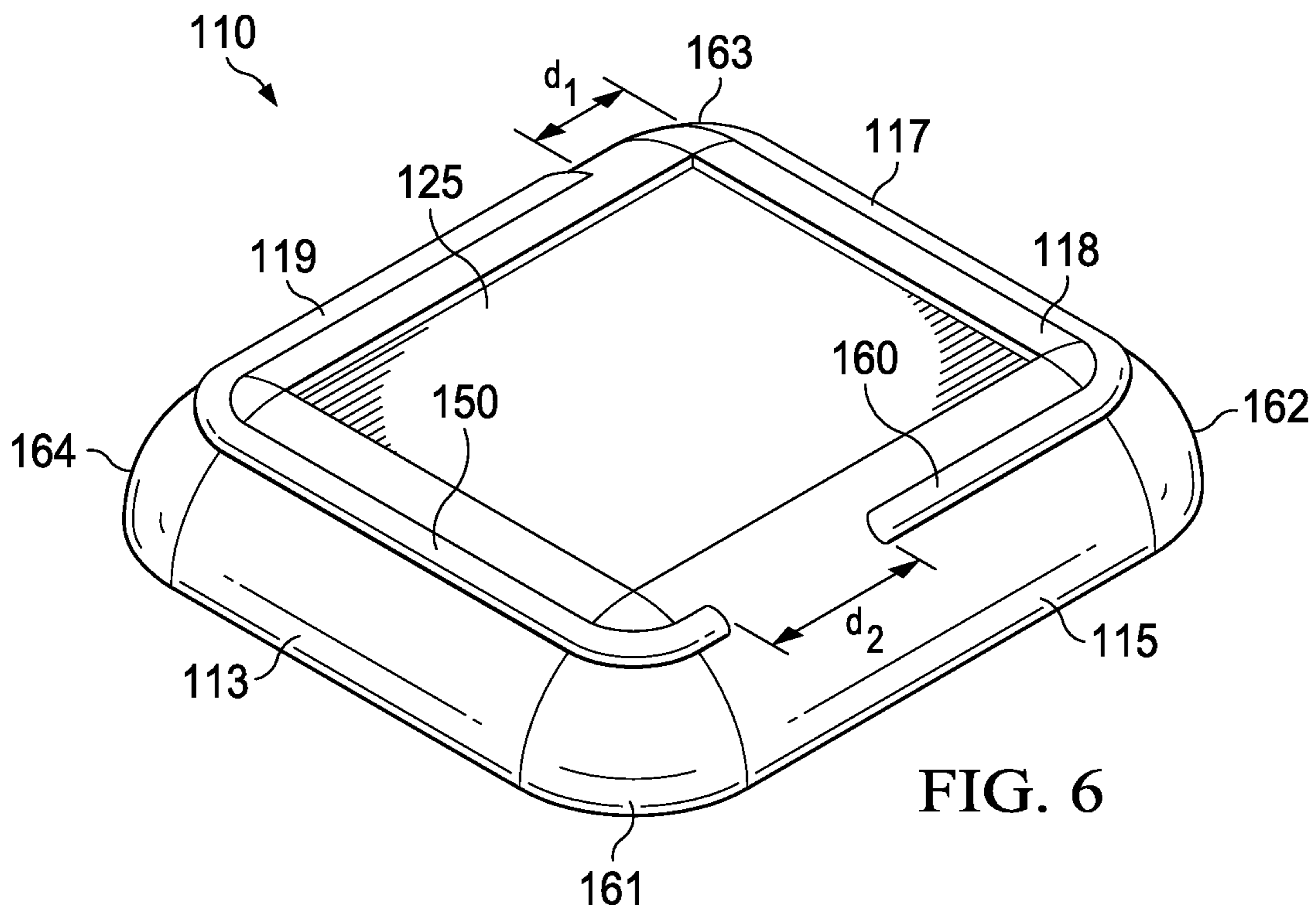


FIG. 6

COUPLED MULTI-BANDS ANTENNAS IN WEARABLE WIRELESS DEVICES

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 14/811,621, which was filed on Jul. 28, 2015 of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates generally to systems and methods for wearable wireless communications devices, and, in particular embodiments, to systems and methods for providing coupled multi-band antennas with improved performance in wearable wireless communications devices.

BACKGROUND

Industrial design of modern wireless devices is evolving towards lower profile devices. These modern wireless devices include cellular phones, tablets, or wearables such as watches, eyeglasses and virtual reality headsets or the like. Wireless devices require multiple multi-band radio frequency (RF) antennas to operate on, or near, users. Typical antennas include cellular main antennas, diversity antennas, wireless networking (e.g., WiFi, 802.11 or Bluetooth) antennas, near field antennas (e.g., near field communication or wireless charging) and global positioning (e.g., GPS, GNSS, Beidou) antennas. Multiple multi-band antennas have to be co-designed to cooperate with each other and with other electromagnetic components such as speakers, LCD screens, batteries, sensors, etc. However, antennas in proximity to each other result in low isolation, reduced efficiency, and increased channel interference.

SUMMARY

In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a wearable wireless device comprises a circuit board, a housing body housing the circuit board, the housing body having a front side and a back side, the back side configured to be closer to the user when worn than the front side, a first antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located at the front side of the housing body and a second antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located at the front side of the housing body, wherein a first end of the first antenna element and a first end of the second antenna element are separated by a first distance, and wherein a second end of the first antenna element and a second end of the second antenna element are separated by a second distance.

In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a wearable wireless device comprises a first antenna comprising a first antenna element and a shared ground plate, a second antenna comprising a second antenna element and the shared ground plate; and a housing body housing the first and second antenna elements at a front side configured to face away from a user and a back side, opposite to the front side, the back side configured to face the user, wherein a first end of the first antenna element and a first end of the second antenna element are separated by a first distance, and wherein a second end of the first antenna element and a second end of the second antenna element are separated by a second distance.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a more complete understanding of the present invention, and the advantages thereof, reference is now made to the following descriptions taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of a wearable wireless device according to an embodiment;

FIG. 2 illustrates a perspective view of a wearable wireless device without the housing material according to an embodiment;

FIG. 3 illustrates a perspective view of a housing of a wearable wireless device according to an embodiment;

FIG. 4 illustrates another perspective view of a housing of a wearable wireless device according to an embodiment;

FIG. 5 illustrates yet another perspective view of a housing of a wearable wireless device according to an embodiment; and

FIG. 6 illustrates a further perspective view of a housing of a wearable wireless device according to an embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

The making and using of the presently preferred embodiments are discussed in detail below. It should be appreciated, however, that the present invention provides many applicable inventive concepts that can be embodied in a wide variety of specific contexts. The specific embodiments discussed are merely illustrative of specific ways to make and use the invention, and do not limit the scope of the invention. Additionally, the methods and apparatuses described may be applied to wireless communications system antenna layout and design, but are not specifically limited to the same.

Modern communications devices provide the ability to communicate on multiple distinct channels in different frequency bands simultaneously, providing increased data throughput and multiple simultaneous wireless communications services in a single device. Many wireless communications devices are designed to be multi-band devices, with the ability to communicate on different cellular frequency bands, such as the 700 MHz-960 MHz bands, 1,700 MHz-2,700 MHz bands. Additionally, wireless devices frequently have additional features such as WiFi connectivity on, for example, the 2,400 MHz, 3,600 MHz, and 5,000 MHz bands, or the like, GPS on the 1227 MHz and 1575 MHz frequencies, and Bluetooth on the 2,400 MHz-2,485 MHz frequencies. The ability to communicate on different frequencies or bands can be provided by multi-band antennas. For example, in some devices, cellular service is provided by an antenna or a set of antennas that is configured to communicate on two or more of the different cellular frequency bands, and supplemental services are provided by a WiFi/GPS/Bluetooth antenna or a set of antennas that is configured to communicate on the WiFi, GPS and Bluetooth bands.

However, in some instances, the cellular bands and the WiFi, GPS or Bluetooth bands may overlap, causing interference when the cellular and GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antennas are in close proximity. Additionally, in relatively small devices such as wearables (e.g., watches, eyeglasses and virtual reality headsets), handheld cellular phones, or tablet computers, the antennas for similar frequency bands are allocated on increasingly smaller space. For example, cellular antennas optimized for the 824-960 MHz and 1700-2700 MHz ranges require large volumes to work efficiently. Such frequencies are close to, or overlap with, the GPS,

WiFi or Bluetooth signals. The overlapping bands, combined with the proximity of the cellular and GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antennas introduce interference in the antennas. For example, transmission on a cellular antenna in the 1700 MHz band may cause interference with GPS signals in the 1575 MHz frequency band. Interference with such a signal is particularly problematic since the GPS signals are transmitted from satellites, resulting in weak and easily over-powered signals.

The systems and methods described herein provide coupled multiband antennas located proximate to each other. For example, the system and methods provide a multiband cellular wireless antenna and a GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna that extends around a top surface of the wearable wireless device. In some embodiments, the multiband antennas are located around a display along the extremities of the wearable wireless device facing away from the nearest body or skin tissue. Such an arrangement provides minimal absorption from the skin or body and an increased radiation aperture. A suitable coupling distance is ensured between the GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna and the multiband cellular antenna reducing the interference between the antennas.

In order to reduce the footprint of the antennas and the overall size of the wearable wireless device, multiple antennas are disposed at the ends of the wearable wireless device away from the user. This arrangement permits improved wireless connectivity since the antennas are located in the outer periphery of the wearable wireless device away from the body or skin of the user. The antennas have better exposures located far away from the body or skin since the skin may block or attenuate radio frequency signals. In some embodiments, improved connectivity is also provided, for example, by coupling the multiple antennas. In other embodiments a small foot print may be achieved by providing a shared ground plate (e.g., circuit board).

An advantage of some embodiments is that the feed points to the two antenna elements are located close to each other on the circuit board. The feed points may be arranged in an area of the circuit board where no other components or wires are located. In other the words, the feed points are located in an area of the circuit board with low or the least interferences, electrical disruption or distortion by other electrical elements. Using these feed locations on an allocated area of the circuit board surface improves antenna performance of the wearable wireless device. Additionally, routing the portions of the GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna on different sides of the wireless device improves the antenna efficiency of the respective antennas and improves their isolation relative to each other when sharing the same or overlapping frequency bands.

FIG. 1 shows a wearable wireless device 100 wearable by a user. The wearable wireless device 100 such as a wearable wrist watch comprises a housing body 110, a display 120 and antenna elements 150, 160. The antenna elements 150, 160 are located on different sides of a front side 114 of the housing body 110 away from the body or skin of the user. In other words, the back side 115 is configured to be closer to the user when worn than the front side 114. The front side 114 of the housing body is opposite to the back side 115 of the housing body 110. The front side 114 is connected to the back side 115 via side surfaces 116. The display 120 may be arranged at the front side 114, and the back side 115 may mostly be covered by a cover casing (not shown) configured to be opened in order to replace the battery.

The wearable wireless device 100 may include a first antenna (comprising the antenna element 150) and a second antenna (comprising the antenna element 160). The antennas

may be multi-mode antennas configured to communicate, transmit, and receive signals on multiple frequency bands. In some embodiments, the first antenna and the second antenna are switched antennas or smart antennas selected for frequency matching performance. Circuitry on the circuit board is configured to sense the incoming or received radio signals of the active antenna.

The first antenna may be configured to provide communication capabilities for cellular wireless communication services. The first antenna may be able to communicate in the cellular frequency bands, such as the 700 MHz-960 MHz bands, 1,700 MHz, 1,900 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,500 MHz and 2,700 MHz bands. The second antenna may be configured to provide communication capabilities for communications services such as Bluetooth, GPS, WiFi, or the like. In some embodiments, the second antenna is a dual mode antenna configured to communicate, transmit or receive on multiple bands for multiple communications services. For example, the second antenna may be a GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna that receives GPS positioning signals on a GPS frequency, set of frequencies or a frequency band. Such a GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna may also be configured to transmit and receive WiFi signals on, for example, the 2,400 MHz, 3,600 MHz and 5,000 MHz WiFi bands. Moreover, the GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna may also be configured to transmit and receive Bluetooth signals on, for example, 2,400 MHz-2,485 MHz band.

The antenna elements 150, 160 may be routed around the display 120 and may be located along the rims or edges of the top surface at a front side 114. The antenna elements 150, 160 may be arranged conformal to the ends, exterior/interior surfaces or outer/inner surfaces of the housing 110. The first antenna element 150 may extend along the top edges of the housing body 110 bending around a first corner and a second corner. The first antenna element 150 may cover a portion of the top surface and portions of the side surfaces. The second antenna element 160 may extend along other top edges of the housing body 110 bending around a third corner. It may also cover a portion of the top surface and portions of side surfaces. Such an arrangement permits for placing the GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna element 160 spaced apart from the multiband cellular antenna element 150 by two distances 111, 112. The distances 111, 112 may be different. For example, the distance 112 near the feed point locations to the circuit board (discussed below at FIG. 2) may be shorter than the distance 111 far from the feed point locations. The distances 111, 112, the arrangement of the antenna elements and the housing body 110 material improve the coupling of the antennas and provide proper isolation.

The antenna elements 150, 160 may comprise a conductive material such as a metal. The metal may be copper, aluminum, or alloys of these materials. The antennas elements 150, 160 may comprise conductive material strips such as metal stripes. The antenna elements 150, 160 are typically not exposed to air on the outside of the housing 110 but are embedded therein. In other words, the antenna elements 150, 160 may be covered by the housing material or a cover material and are therefore not visible to the user. An advantage of arranging the antenna elements 150, 160 in such a way is that they are routed away from the body/skin tissues of the user and the grounded metallic structures (e.g., circuit board) of the wearable wireless device. This minimizes the electromagnetic absorption from the skin/tissue and increases the radiation aperture.

The antenna elements 150, 160 may comprise different lengths. For example, the first antenna element 150 may be a multiband cellular antenna element and the second antenna

element **160** may be a multiband wireless antenna element for wireless services other than cellular services. The multiband antenna **160** may be a combination of a GPS antenna element, a WiFi antenna element, and a Bluetooth antenna element. The multiband antenna element **160** may include more or less than these three wireless services. The antenna elements **150, 160** may be shaped like or may approximate a L, or may be shaped like or approximate a U. Both antenna elements may be bent around one or more corners. For example, the multiband wireless antenna element **160** may be bent around one corner and the multiband cellular antenna element **150** may be bent around two corners. Alternatively, each of the antenna elements **150, 160** may be bent around one corner. In some embodiments, the antenna elements comprise the same form and thickness but different lengths.

The antenna elements **150, 160** each may be an element of a dipole. The other element may be the ground plate (e.g., circuit board **130** as shown in FIG. 2). For example, the first antenna element **150** and the ground plate (e.g., circuit board **130**) may form a first dipole and the second antenna element **160** and the ground plate (e.g., circuit board **130**) may form a second dipole, the ground plate thereby being a shared ground plate. The dipoles may be a half wave dipole. Alternatively, the antenna elements with the ground plate may form a monopole.

The first antenna element **150** may comprise a length of about 55 mm to 90 mm or about 70 mm to 90 mm. Alternatively, the first antenna element **150** may comprise a length of about 84 mm. The second antenna element **160** may comprise a length of about 40 mm to about 65 mm or about 50 mm to about 65 mm. Alternatively, the second antenna element **160** may comprise a length of about 61 mm. The first antenna element **150** may comprise a width of about 3 mm to 6 mm, or alternatively, a width of less than 10 mm or less than 5 mm. The second antenna element **160** may comprise a width of about 3 mm to 6 mm, or alternatively, a width of less than 10 mm or less than 5 mm. In various embodiments the first antenna element **150** and the second antenna element **160** may comprise the same width. The antenna elements **150, 160** may comprise a thickness of more than 3 mm.

The housing body **110** may comprise distances, regions or spaces **111, 112** between the antenna elements **150, 160**. The regions **111, 112** are designed to provide radiation isolation and electric isolation between the two antenna elements **150, 160**. The regions **111, 112** may be configured to reduce or minimize electro-magnetic coupling between the two antenna elements **150, 160**. The material of the housing body **110** may comprise a plastic material such as a thermoplastic material (e.g., Polycarbonate/Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (PC/ABS)), a glass material or rubber material. The material may be a dielectric material. The material of the housing body **110** may comprise a relative permittivity of about 2 or about 2.5. Alternatively, the material may provide a higher relative permittivity, for example up to 4.4. In yet other embodiments the housing body **110** may comprise a relative permittivity of about 2.5 to about 3.5 or to about 4.4. The higher the relative permittivity is that overlies the antenna elements **150, 160** the shorter the antenna elements **150, 160** can be. However, the higher the relative permittivity over the overlying material is the lower the efficiency of the antenna. The antennas may have a particular good efficiency when the length of the cellular antenna is about 84 mm, the length of the wireless antenna (Bluetooth, etc.) is about 61 mm and the relative permittivity of the material of the housing body **110** is about 2.5.

The antenna elements **150, 160** may be embedded in the housing material of the housing body **110**. Alternatively, the antenna elements **150, 160** are located on the surface of the housing body **110** and coated by a cover material. The cover material may have the same or similar electrical properties than the housing material. In an embodiment, the housing material of the housing body **110** may have a different relative permittivity than the coating material.

FIG. 2 shows a wearable wireless device **100** without the housing body **110** (but with the antenna elements **150, 160**) so that inside of the wearable wireless device **100** can be seen. In addition to the elements described earlier, the wearable wireless device **100** may further comprise a circuit board **130** and a battery **140** beneath the circuit board **130**.

The circuit board **130** may be a printed circuit board (PCB) such as a 8-layer, a 10-layer or a 12-14 layer board having 8, 10, 12, 13 or 14 layers of conductive materials or elements spaced part and electrically insulated by, for example, dielectric or insulating layers such as fiberglass, polymer, or the like. The conductive layers are electrically connected by vias and may form, in their entirety, a ground plate. Components such as the display **120**, the touchscreen, the input buttons, the transmitters, the processors, the memory, the battery **140**, the charging circuits, the system on chip (SoC) structures, or the like may be mounted on or connected to the circuit board **130**, or otherwise electrically connected to, the conductive layers in the circuit board **130**.

The first antenna element **150** is connected to the circuit board **130** at a first feed point **134** located at a side **135** of the circuit board **130** and the second antenna element **160** is connected to the circuit board **130** at a second feed point **136** located at the same side **135** of the circuit board **130**. Alternatively, the first feed point **134** and the second feed point **136** may be located on adjacent sides **135, 137** of the circuit board **130** near a corner. The feed points **134, 136** may be connected to the antenna elements **150, 160** via electrical conductive connections **151, 161**. The feed points **134, 136** may be arranged close to one corner of the circuit board **130** away from the other corners of the board **130**.

The feed points **134, 136** may be located in an area of the circuit board **130** which is devoid of conductive lines, elements or components (except of the conductive line which connects the feed points **134, 136** to the rest of the conductive lines, elements or components of the circuit board **130**). The board may only comprise isolation material in this area and may be free of conductive materials. The feed points **134, 136** may be spaced apart by about 10 mm to 50 mm, or alternatively, 20 mm to 40 mm.

In some embodiments the distance d_1 in region **111** between ends of the two antenna elements **150, 160** is longer than the distance d_2 in region **112** between other ends of these antenna elements **150, 160**. Accordingly, the longest open ends of antenna radiating arms (antenna elements **150, 160**) are routed towards the opposite direction of the antenna feeds **134, 136**. In some embodiments, the distances d_1 and d_2 may be between 10 mm and 50 mm.

As can be seen from FIG. 2, a further advantage is that the antenna elements **150, 160** are not only spaced away from the body tissue/skin but also from the ground plate **130** (ground metallic structure). This minimizes the electromagnetic absorption from the skin and interferences from the ground plate and increases the radiation aperture.

FIG. 3 shows a perspective view of a housing body **110** according to some embodiments. The antenna elements **150, 160** are located on the front side **114** of the housing body **110**. The front side of the housing body **110** includes a top surface **118** and side surfaces **116**. An opening **125** in the top

surface **118** of the housing body **110** is configured to receive the display **120**. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are only located on the top surface **118** and not located on the side surfaces **116**. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are typically not seen from the outside because they are either embedded in and located near an outer surface of the housing body **110** or covered by a thin layer of a cover coating so that the antenna elements **150**, **160** are protected from being scratched or otherwise damaged.

FIG. 4 shows another perspective view of a housing body **110** according to other embodiments. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are located on the front side **114** of the housing body **110**. Similar to FIG. 3, the front side **114** comprises the top surface **118** and side surfaces **116**. The top surface **118** comprises an opening **125** configured to receive the display **120**. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are bent around the edges and the corners **161**, **162** and **164** so that they are positioned at portions of the top surface **118** and the side surfaces **116**. In some embodiments, the edges and the corners **161-164** are round and not angular. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are embedded in and located near an outer surface of the housing body **110** or covered by a (thin) coating layer.

FIG. 5 shows yet another perspective view of a housing body **110** according to some other embodiments. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are located on the front side **114** of the housing body **110**. Similar to FIG. 3, the front side **114** comprises the top surface **118** and side surfaces **116**. However, the side surfaces **116** are connected to the top surface **118** via tilted, sloped or inclined connecting surfaces **171-174**. The top surface **118** comprises an opening **125** configured to receive the display **120**. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are bent around the edges and the corners **161**, **162** and **164** so that they are positioned at the area of the tilted surfaces **171-174**. The antenna elements **150**, **160** can be positioned at a portion of the top surface **118** and portions of the side surfaces **116**. In some embodiments, the edges between the top surface **118** and the tilted surfaces and the edges between the tilted surface and the side surfaces **116**, and the corners **161-164** are round and not angular. The antenna elements **150**, **160** may be embedded in and located near an outer surface of the housing body **110** or covered by a (thin) coating layer.

FIG. 6 shows a further perspective view of a housing body **110** according to further embodiments. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are located on the front side **114** of the housing body **110**. Similar to FIG. 3, the front side **114** comprises the top surface **118** and demi bull noses or full bull noses **113**, **115**, **117** and **119** connecting the back side. The top surface **118** comprises an opening **125** configured to receive the display **120**. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are bent around the corners **161**, **162** and **164** so that they are positioned at portions of the top surface **118** and portions of the bull noses **113**, **115**, **117** and **119**, or alternatively only portions of the bull noses **113**, **115**, **117** and **119**. The corners **161-164** are round and not angular. The antenna elements **150**, **160** are embedded in and located near an outer surface of the housing body **110** or covered by a (thin) coating layer.

In some embodiments the dimension of the wearable wireless device may be 43 mm×43 mm×11 mm.

Embodiments of the invention include methods for wearing the wearable wireless device by a user. The method may incorporate the wireless device according to previous embodiments. The wearable wireless device can be carried not only around the wrist but on any part of the human body (e.g., as a neckless, as glasses, etc.).

While this invention has been described with reference to illustrative embodiments, this description is not intended to be construed in a limiting sense. Various modifications and combinations of the illustrative embodiments, as well as other embodiments of the invention, will be apparent to persons skilled in the art upon reference to the description. It is therefore intended that the appended claims encompass any such modifications or embodiments.

What is claimed is:

1. A wearable wireless device comprising:

a circuit board;

a housing body housing the circuit board, the housing body having a front side and a back side;

a display located at the front side of the housing body;

a first antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located on the front side of the housing body; and

a second antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located on the front side of the housing body.

2. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, further comprising a battery located at the back side of the housing body.

3. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the front side comprises a top surface and wherein the first and second antenna elements are located at the top surface along top surface edges.

4. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the front side comprises a top surface and the back side comprises a bottom surface, wherein side surfaces connect the top surface and the bottom surface, and wherein the first and second antenna elements are located at the top surface and the side surfaces.

5. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the front side comprises a top surface and the back side comprises a bottom surface, wherein tilted surfaces connect side surfaces to the top surface, and wherein the first and second antenna elements are located at the tilted surfaces.

6. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the front side comprises a demi bull nose structure, wherein the first and second antenna elements are located at the demi bull nose structure.

7. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second antenna elements are embedded in the housing body.

8. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second antenna elements are coated with a protection layer.

9. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein feed points of the first and second antenna elements to the circuit board are located at a side of the wearable wireless device.

10. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first antenna element is part of a first multiband antenna, and wherein the second antenna element is part of a second multiband antenna.

11. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first antenna element is electrically connected to a first feed point, wherein the second antenna element is electrically connected to a second feed point, and wherein the first feed point and the second feed point are located at the same edge of the circuit board.

12. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first antenna element is shorter than the second antenna element.

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13. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second antenna elements bend around one or more corners of the housing body.

14. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second antenna elements have a shared ground plate.

15. The wearable wireless device according to claim 14, wherein the first and second antenna elements with the shared ground plate form a dipole or monopole.

16. The wearable wireless device according to claim 1, wherein a length of the first antenna element is about 55 mm to about 90 mm, wherein a length of the second antenna element is about 40 mm to about 65 mm, and wherein a relative permittivity of a material of the housing body is about 2.5 to about 4.4.

17. A wearable wireless device comprising:
 a circuit board;
 a housing body housing the circuit board, the housing body having a front side and a back side;
 a cellular antenna;
 a GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna; and
 a display located at the front side of the housing body,

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wherein the cellular antenna comprises a first antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located at the front side of the housing body,

wherein the GPS/WiFi/Bluetooth antenna comprises a second antenna element electrically connected to the circuit board and located at the front side of the housing body, and

wherein the wearable wireless device is a watch.

18. The watch according to claim 17, wherein a first end of the first antenna element and a first end of the second antenna element are separated by a first distance, wherein a second end of the first antenna element and a second end of the second antenna element are separated by a second distance.

19. The watch according to claim 18, wherein the first and the second distances are between 10 mm and 50 mm.

20. The wearable wireless device according to claim 17, wherein a length of the first antenna element is about 55 mm to about 90 mm, wherein a length of the second antenna element is about 40 mm to about 65 mm, and wherein a relative permittivity of a material of the housing body is about 2.5 to about 4.4.

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