

# EXHIBIT A



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- [54] **CAMERA WITH TOUCH SENSITIVE CONTROL**
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### [57] ABSTRACT

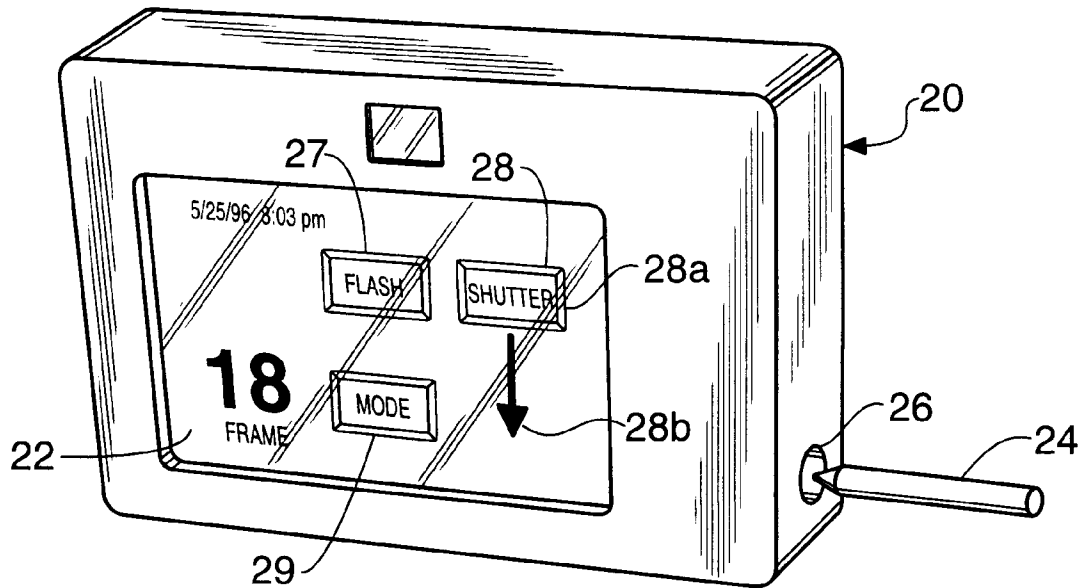
A camera having a touch sensitive control with first and second positions spaced apart along a surface of the camera, and a shutter. A processor is connected to the touch sensitive control and the shutter, so that as a user slides a finger from the first to the second positions, the shutter is operated. The sliding shutter control inhibits vibration during picture taking while allowing a two-position shutter control. The touch sensitive control may particularly be a touch sensitive screen and icons controlling other camera functions can be presented thereon. These camera control icons can be re-positioned or re-sized on the screen to suit user preferences and/or physical limitations.

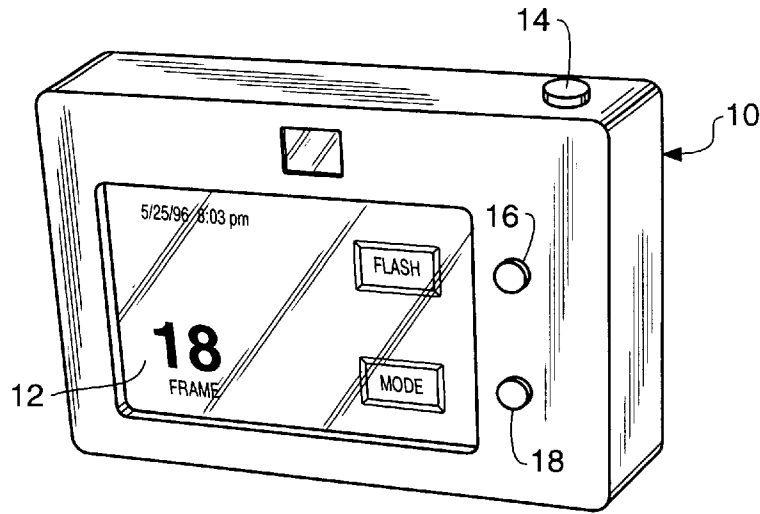
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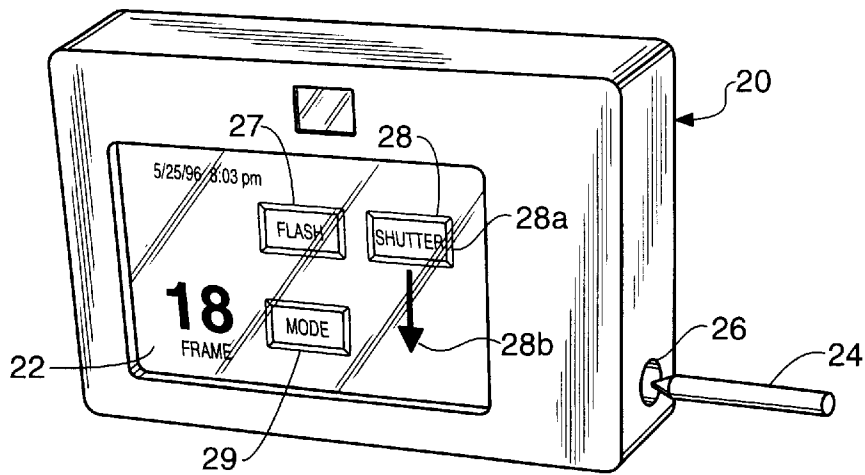
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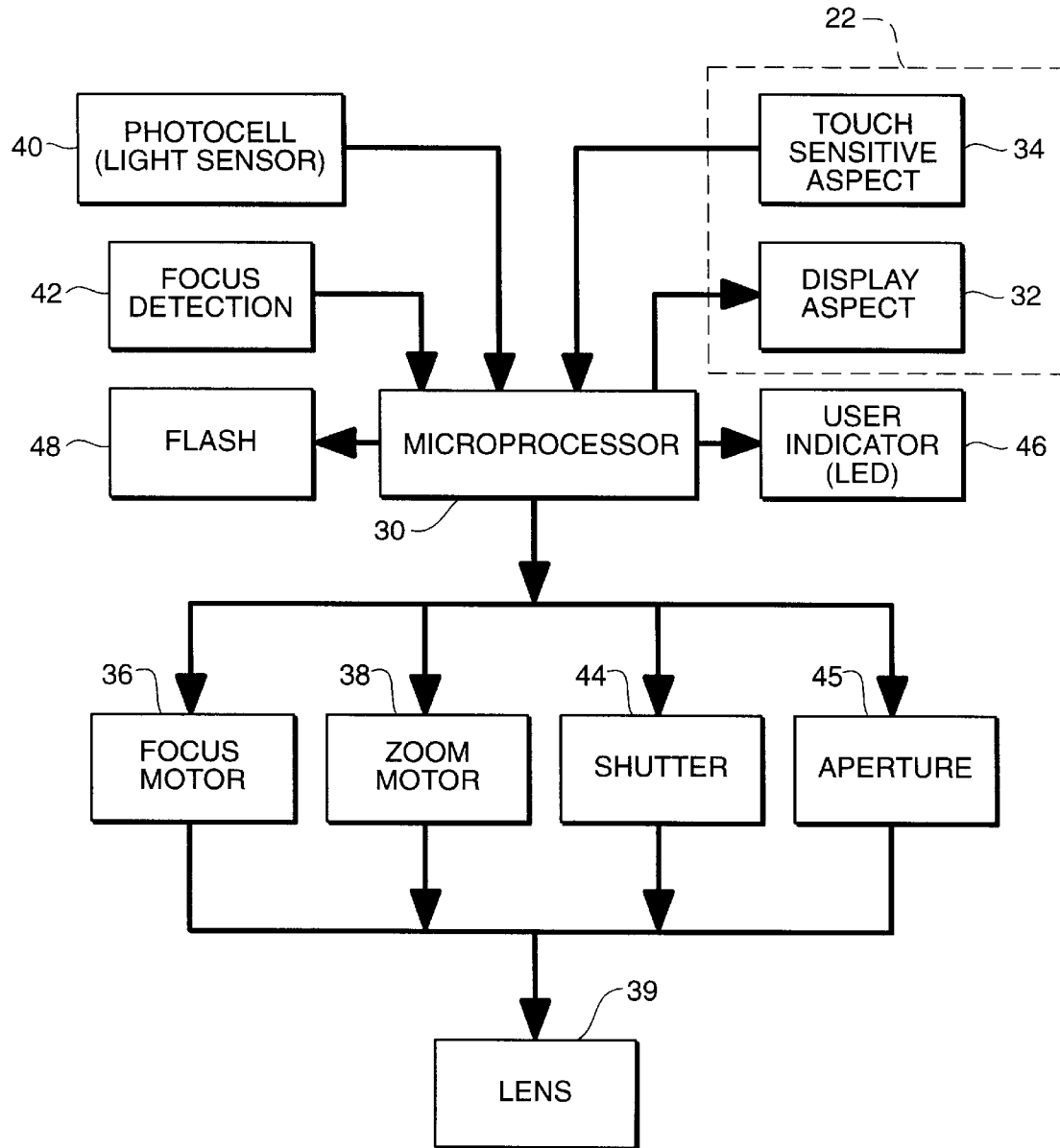




**Fig. 1**  
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**Fig. 2**



**Fig. 3**

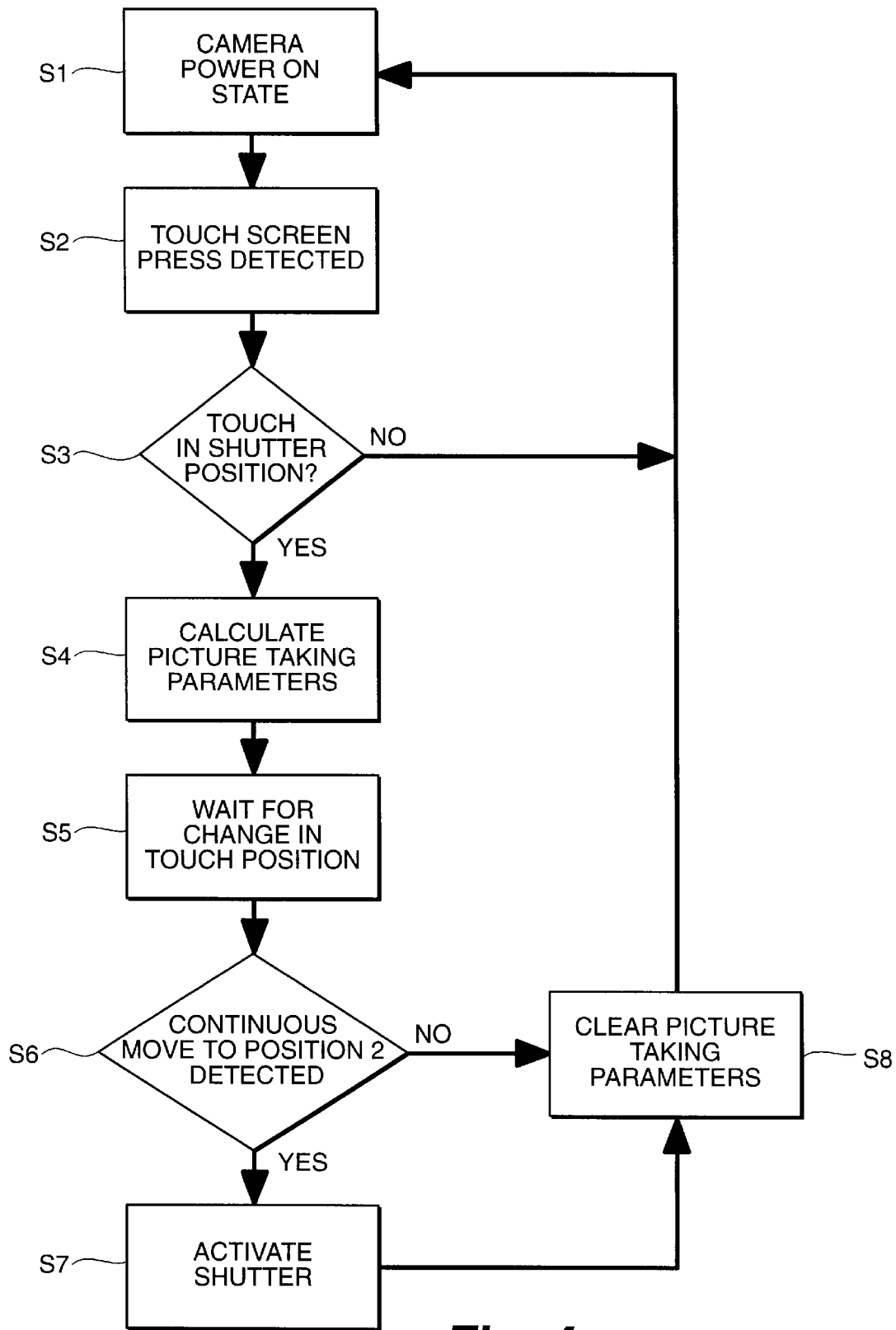


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