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#### (54) LIGHT TRAPPING OPTICAL STRUCTURES EMPLOYING LIGHT CONVERTING AND LIGHT GUIDING LAYERS

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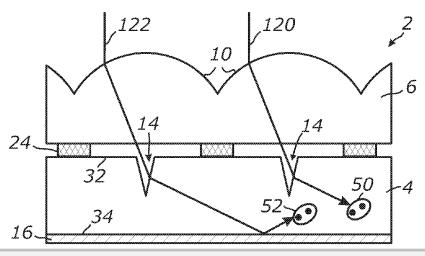
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#### (57) ABSTRACT

A light converting optical system employing a planar light trapping optical structure. The light trapping optical structure includes a monochromatic light source, a light guiding layer, a lenticular lens array incorporating a plurality of linear cylindrical microlenses, a broad-area reflective surface, and a generally planar photoresponsive layer located between the lens array and the reflective surface. The photoresponsive layer is configured at a sufficiently low thickness to transmit at least a portion of incident light without absorption in a single pass. A portion of the unabsorbed light is trapped within the light trapping optical structure and redirected back to the photoresponsive layer.

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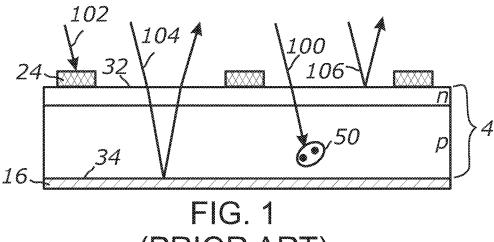


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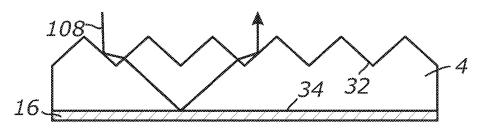
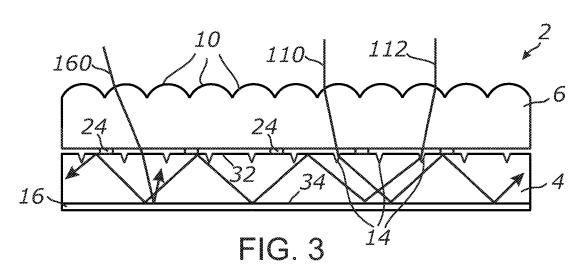


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)





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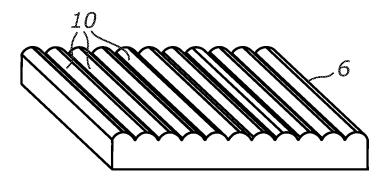


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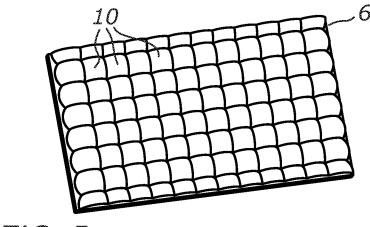


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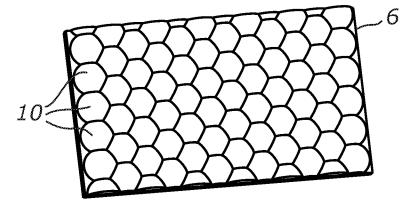


FIG. 6



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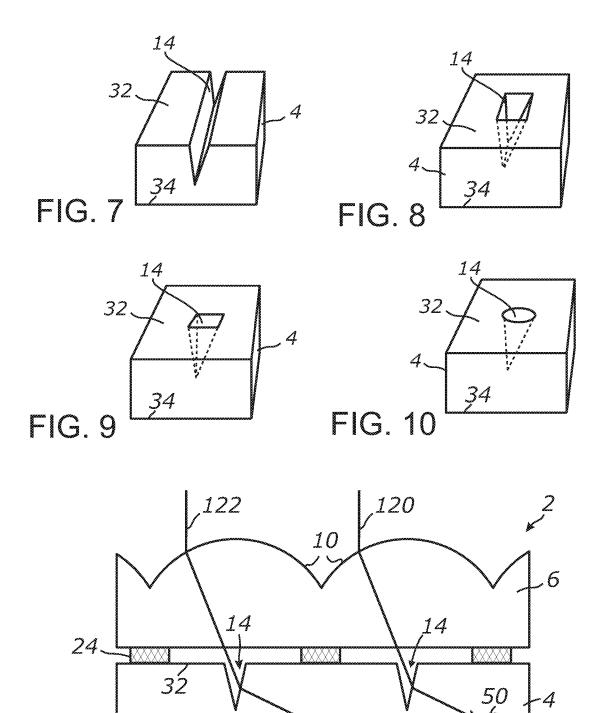


FIG. 11



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