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In an active matrix organic EL display including
a drive control element (Dr) which has a first terminal
connected to a first power supply terminal (Vdd), a
5 control terminal, and a second terminal which outputs
a driving current having a magnitude corresponding to
the voltage between the first terminal and the control
terminal, a capacitor (C) which has one electrode
connected to the control terminal and can maintain
10 the voltage between the first terminal and the control
terminal constant, and an organic EL element (OLED)
connected between the second terminal and a second
power supply terminal (Vss), a plurality of switches
(Sw1a - Sw1c) connected in series are used as switches
15 between the second terminal and the control terminal
to obtain a perfect nonconductive state, and the switch
(Sw1a) on the control terminal side is set in the
nonconductive state earlier than the remaining switch
(Sw1b, Sw1c), thereby decreasing the potential shift
20 amount generated by the capacitance of the switches
themselves.