

Abstract of the Disclosure

A spacer for display panels which can keep the gap width between substrates constant at normal temperature and high  
5 temperatures and can always ensure excellent display quality without being affected by temperature variations. This spacer has a linear thermal expansion coefficient of higher than  $2.0 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $8.0 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  or lower. A radiation sensitive resin composition which gives this spacer  
10 comprises [A] a copolymer of (a1) an unsaturated carboxylic acid and/or an unsaturated carboxylic anhydride and (a2) an unsaturated compound other than the component (a1), [B] a polyfunctional unsaturated monomer and [C] a radiation sensitive polymerization initiator. A liquid crystal  
15 display device comprising the above spacer.

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