

Abstract of the Disclosure (Fig. 1):

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LIQUID CRYSTAL ELECTROOPTICAL DEVICE

A liquid crystal electrooptical element comprises a pair of
10 substrates (5) positioned between a pair of polarizing plates
(7), electrodes (4) and alignment films (2) disposed on the
respective opposing inside surfaces of said substrates (5),
and a chiral nematic liquid crystal (21) sandwiched between
said pair of substrates (5). The liquid crystal is switched
15 between metastable states and the polarization axes of both
polarization plates (7) are set to specific angles according
to the initial state of the liquid crystal and the product of
the thickness and Δn of the liquid crystal layer, thereby to
achieve a display characteristic with a high contrast ratio
20 and a high transmittance.

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