

ABSTRACT

Provided is an image display device including a polarizing plate (36) bonded to a surface of an image display cell (10) with a pressure sensitive adhesive layer (39) interposed therebetween. The polarizing plate includes a polarizer (31) and a retardation film (35), and the retardation film is arranged between the polarizer and the image display cell. An in-plane birefringence of the retardation film is 8×10^{-3} or more at a wavelength of 550 nm. It is preferable that an absolute value of a difference $|\theta_1 - \theta_2|$ between an angle θ_1 and an angle θ_2 is 0.4° or less, where the angle θ_1 is an angle formed by an absorption axis direction of the polarizer and a slow axis direction of the retardation film when the polarizing plate is bonded to the image display cell with the pressure sensitive adhesive layer interposed therebetween, and θ_2 is an angle formed by the absorption axis direction of the polarizer and the slow axis direction of the retardation film when the polarizing plate is peeled from the image display cell.

FIG. 1