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(54) Title: TEMPERATURE MATCHED RETARDATION LAYER (57) Abstract The invention is directed to a liquid crystalline display comprising a display cell containing liquid crystalline material and a retardation layer, said retardation layer comprising a, preferably slightly cross-linked, high-molecular weight material layer and a substrate, wherein the high-molecular weight material has a nematic phase above its T_g and a dynamic viscosity at the working temperature of at least 100 Pa.s, and the difference of the T_c of the high-molecular weight material and the T_c of the low-molecular weight material of the display cell (T_c_{cell}) is in the range of -30 °C to +30 °C, preferably in the range of -20 °C to +20 °C, and more preferably in the range of -10 °C to +10 °C; and the T_g of the high-molecular weight liquid crystalline material is lower than 50 °C. It was found that if high-molecular weight material is used with a T_c comparable with that of the, preferably low-molecular weight, liquid crystalline material of the active cell, the temperature dependency of the retardation value of the retardation layer is comparable with that of the active cell. Thus, the retardation value of the retardation layer is comparable with that of the active cell within the temperature range in which displays are used. It was further found that by cross-linking of the high-molecular weight liquid crystalline material, the retardation layers according to the invention become less susceptible to pinhole forming and unwanted variation of the twist, and have improved mechanical stability.		