

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

TITLE: BACKLIGHT CONTROL APPARATUS FOR KEYBOARD

A backlight control apparatus is provided which is designed to control the activation of a backlight illuminating from behind, for example, push button switches of a portable information terminal devices or a portable telephone. The backlight control apparatus includes a photosensor which monitors the brightness level of an ambient light. If the brightness level of the ambient light is higher than a given level required to visually perceive characters printed on the push button switches, the backlight control apparatus keeps the backlight turned off. This minimizes the consumption of power of a storage battery for the backlight.

Figure 1.

