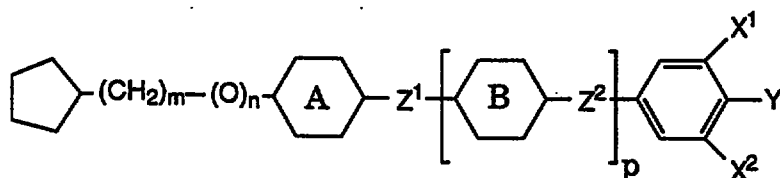


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Abstract

5 The present invention is concerned with liquid crystalline compounds of the general formula



10 wherein
rings A and B each independently signify trans-1,4-cyclohexylene or 1,4-phenylene, which is optionally mono- or multiply-substituted with fluorine, or one of rings A and B also signifies trans-1,3-dioxane-5,2-diyl, pyridine-5,2-diyl or pyrimidine-5,2-diyl;
15 Z¹ and Z² signify a single bond or one of groups Z¹ and Z² also signifies -(CH₂)₂-, -CH₂O-, -COO- or -C≡C-;
20 X¹ and X² each independently signify hydrogen or fluorine;
Y signifies fluorine, chlorine, cyano, -OCHF₂, -CHF₂, -OCF₃ or -CF₃;
m signifies a whole number of 0 to 7;
25 n signifies 0 or, where A is an aromatic ring, also 1; and
p signifies 0 or 1;

liquid crystalline mixtures containing such compounds as well as the use of such compounds and mixtures in optical devices.

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