Thin-film laser lift-off for dual-mode display application

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For a decade, there have been many research and development in new emerging display, such as double-sided OLED or LCD display for DID and mobile applications. A reflective/emissive dual-mode display can reduce power consumption and enhance image quality by swtiching its mode depending on surrounding brightness. By integrating two fucntional devices or displays in a single panel, it could reduce panel thickness and manufacturing cost, and invent a new application. It needs a very thin layer structure, which has fuctional devices and interconnection lines above and below. Lifting of this thin layer off a carrier substrate and making it intact is important.

An aim of our experiments was to investigate a sacrificial multi-layer structure for laser lift-off, which can transfer sub-10-µm-thick thin layer. By adjusting deposition process of sacrifical layer and inserting thermal barrier layer, we could reduce a laser energy for lift-off and thermal budget to device above. Cracks and wrinkles of thin layer suppressed by optimum laser energy. To demonstrate thin layer lift-off, we fabricated dummy structure with green fabry-perot reflector integrated in OLED encapsulation on 5-µm-thick thin layer, which has double-sided ITO anode electrodes, and successfully lifted off thin layer structure from carrier glass. In the near future, this thin layer lift-off will be key integration process for reflective/emissive dual-mode display application.

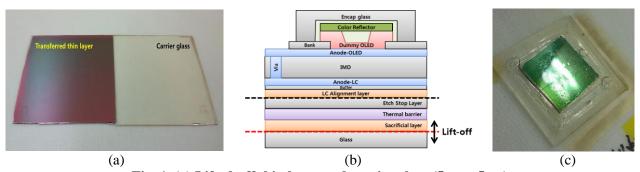


Fig. 1. (a) Lifted-off thin layer and carrier glass (5cm x 5cm)
(b) Thin layer structure for laser lift-off in dummy dual-mode device
(c) Lifted-off device after sacrificial layer strip

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