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### ELASTIC MEMBER AND DISPLAY DEVICE COMPRISING SAME

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#### Abstract

An elastic member, according to one embodiment, comprises: a first layer comprising a first region and a second region; and a second layer on the first layer, wherein the first region is defined as a folding region, the second region is defined as an unfolding region, the first layer is disposed on a second region of the second layer, a pattern part comprising a plurality of holes or grooves is disposed in at least one region among a first region and the second region of the second layer, and the second layer is thicker than the first layer.

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## Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a Continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/013,315, filed Dec. 28, 2022, which is a U.S. National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/KR2021/007688, filed Jun. 18, 2021, which claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 10-2020-0079402, filed Jun. 29, 2020, whose entire disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference.

### TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The embodiment relates to an elastic member and a display device including the same.

### BACKGROUND ART

[0003] Recently, there is an increasing demand for a flexible or foldable display device capable of easily carrying various applications and displaying an image on a large screen when being carried.

[0004] Such a flexible or foldable display device is folded or partially bent when being carried or stored, and may be implemented with the display unfolded when displaying images. Accordingly, an image display region may be increased, and a user may easily carry the display.

[0005] After the flexible or foldable display device is folded or bent, a restoration process of unfolding the flexible display device again may be repeated.

[0006] That is, since the flexible or foldable display device repeats folding and unfolding operations, the substrate of the flexible display device requires predetermined strength and elastic force, and cracks or deformation should not occur in the substrate during folding and restoration.

[0007] Meanwhile, a display substrate, which is an elastic member constituting a flexible or foldable display device, may be applied to a display device. That is, the display substrate may be applied to a display device displaying a screen by disposing a display panel or a touch panel on an elastic member.

[0008] In this case, heat generated from the display panel or the touch panel is transferred to the elastic member, and the heat is not quickly released from within the elastic member, and thus the remaining heat may cause deformation of the elastic member.

[0009] Strength and elasticity of the elastic member may be deformed due to the deformation, and folding reliability of the elastic member or the display device including the elastic member may be deteriorated.

[0010] Therefore, there is a need for an elastic member having a new structure capable of ensuring heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member and preventing deformation of the elastic member.

### DISCLOSURE

#### Technical Problem

[0011] An embodiment is directed to providing an elastic member capable of reducing a thickness and having an improved heat dissipation effect.

#### Technical Solution

[0012] An elastic member according to an embodiment includes: a first layer including a first region and a second region; and a second layer on the first layer, wherein the first region is defined as a folding region, the second region is defined as an unfolding region, and the first layer is disposed on the second region of the second layer, a pattern part including a plurality of holes or grooves is disposed in at least one of the first and second regions of the second layer, and the second layer has a thickness greater than that of the first layer.

[0013] An elastic member according to an embodiment is an elastic member including a first region and a second region, and the elastic member includes: a first layer; and a second layer on the first

layer, wherein the first region is defined as a folding region, the second region is defined as an unfolding region, a pattern part including a plurality of holes or grooves is disposed in at least one of the first region and the second region of the first layer, and a thermal conductivity of the first layer is greater than that of the second layer.

#### Advantageous Effects

[0014] An elastic member according to an embodiment may include a plurality of layers. In detail, the elastic member according to the embodiment may be formed by stacking a layer having high thermal conductivity and a layer having high strength.

[0015] Accordingly, when the elastic member is applied to a display device, heat transferred from a display panel may be effectively dissipated to the outside.

[0016] Accordingly, elasticity and strength of the elastic member may be maintained by preventing the elastic member from being deformed by heat, and thus folding characteristics of the elastic member can be maintained.

[0017] In addition, by making a thickness of a heat dissipation layer smaller than a thickness of the elastic member, it is possible to effectively dissipate heat to the outside while improving the folding characteristics of the elastic member.

[0018] In addition, the elastic member according to the embodiment may have improved folding reliability and heat dissipation characteristics.

[0019] In detail, in the elastic member according to the embodiment, the heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member may be improved by forming a thickness of the first layer (and/or the third layer) having high thermal conductivity to be greater than that of the second layer. In addition, by forming a pattern part in the first layer (and/or the third layer) to form an opening, it is possible to reduce compressive stress applied when the elastic member is folded, thereby easily folding the elastic member.

[0020] In addition, since an additional pattern part is not formed in the second layer having high yield strength, a strength of the second layer can be maintained, and thus it is possible to minimize plastic deformation of the elastic member that occurs during folding or restoring due to the second layer having a high deformation rate when the elastic member is folded.

[0021] Therefore, the elastic member according to the embodiment may have improved folding reliability and improved heat dissipation characteristics, and thus an additional heat dissipation layer is not required, thereby reducing the thickness of the elastic member or a thickness of the display device to which the elastic member is applied.

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## Description

### DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0022] FIG. 1 is a view illustrating a perspective view of an elastic member according to an embodiment.

[0023] FIG. 2 is a view illustrating a side view of an elastic member according to a first embodiment before folding.

[0024] FIG. 3 is a view illustrating a side view of an elastic member according to second and third embodiments before folding.

[0025] FIG. 4 is a view illustrating a side view of an elastic member according to a fourth embodiment before folding.

[0026] FIG. 5 is a view illustrating a side view of the elastic member according to the embodiment after folding.

[0027] FIG. 6 is a view illustrating a top view of a first surface of the elastic member according to the first embodiment.

[0028] FIGS. 7 and 8 are views illustrating a top view of a second surface of the elastic member

according to the first embodiment.

[0029] FIG. **9** is a view illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the first embodiment.

[0030] FIG. **10** is a view illustrating another cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the first embodiment.

[0031] FIG. **11** is a view illustrating a top view of a first surface of the elastic member according to the second embodiment.

[0032] FIG. **12** is a view illustrating a top view of a second surface of the elastic member according to the second embodiment.

[0033] FIGS. **13** to **15** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the second embodiment.

[0034] FIGS. **16** to **17** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the third embodiment.

[0035] FIG. **18** is a view illustrating a top view of a first surface of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment.

[0036] FIG. **19** is a view illustrating a top view of a second surface of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment.

[0037] FIGS. **20** to **22** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the second embodiment.

[0038] FIGS. **23** to **27** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of a display device including an elastic member according to an embodiment.

[0039] FIG. **28** is a view for describing an application example of an elastic member according to embodiments.

## MODES OF THE INVENTION

[0040] Hereinafter, preferred embodiments of the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. However, the spirit and scope of the present invention is not limited to a part of the embodiments described, and may be implemented in various other forms, and within the spirit and scope of the present invention, one or more of the elements of the embodiments may be selectively combined and replaced. In addition, unless expressly otherwise defined and described, the terms used in the embodiments of the present invention (including technical and scientific terms) may be construed the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the present invention belongs, and the terms such as those defined in commonly used dictionaries may be interpreted as having a meaning that is consistent with their meaning in the context of the relevant art.

[0041] In addition, the terms used in the embodiments of the present invention are for describing the embodiments and are not intended to limit the present invention. In this specification, the singular forms may also include the plural forms unless specifically stated in the phrase, and may include at least one of all combinations that may be combined in A, B, and C when described in “at least one (or more) of A (and), B, and C”.

[0042] Further, in describing the elements of the embodiments of the present invention, the terms such as first, second, A, B, (a), and (b) may be used. These terms are only used to distinguish the elements from other elements, and the terms are not limited to the essence, order, or order of the elements.

[0043] In addition, when an element is described as being “connected” or “coupled” to another element, it may include not only when the element is directly “connected” or “coupled” to other elements, but also when the element is “connected” or “coupled” by another element between the element and other elements.

[0044] Further, when described as being formed or disposed “on (over)” or “under (below)” of each element, the “on (over)” or “under (below)” may include not only when two elements are directly connected to each other, but also when one or more other elements are formed or disposed

between two elements.

[0045] Furthermore, when expressed as “on (over)” or “under (below)”, it may include not only the upper direction but also the lower direction based on one element.

[0046] Hereinafter, an elastic member according to an embodiment will be described with reference to the drawings.

[0047] FIGS. **1** to **5** are views illustrating a perspective view of an elastic member according to an embodiment and a side view before and after folding.

[0048] Referring to FIGS. **2** to **4**, an elastic member **1000** may be formed in a single layer or in multiple layers.

[0049] In detail, the elastic member **1000** may be formed in multiple layers. For example, the elastic member **1000** may include a plurality of layers including metal, metal alloy, plastics, a composite material (e.g., a carbon fiber reinforced plastic, a magnetic or conductive material, a glass fiber reinforced material, etc.), ceramic, sapphire, glass, and the like.

[0050] Referring to FIGS. **2** and **3**, the elastic member **1000** may include a first layer **1100** and a second layer **1200**. In detail, the elastic member **1000** may include the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** disposed on the first layer **1100**.

[0051] Referring to FIGS. **2** and **3**, the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may have the same or different thicknesses. For example, referring to FIGS. **2** and **3**, a thickness of the first layer **1100** may be greater than that of the second layer **1200**. However, the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the thickness of the second layer **1200** may be greater than that of the first layer **1100**.

[0052] In addition, sizes of the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be different. For example, referring to FIG. **2**, the first layer **1100** may be disposed in a region corresponding to a second region **2A** of the second layer **1200**. Alternatively, referring to FIG. **3**, the first layer **1100** may be disposed in both regions corresponding to a first region **1A** and the second region **2A** of the second layer **1200**.

[0053] In addition, referring to FIG. **4**, the elastic member **1000** may include a first layer **1100**, a second layer **1200**, and a third layer **1300**. In detail, the elastic member **1000** may include the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200** disposed on the first layer **1100**, and the third layer **1300** disposed on the second layer **1200**.

[0054] At least one of the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include a metal. For example, the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include different types of metals. In addition, at least one of the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include metals having different thermal conductivity. In addition, at least one of the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include metals having different yield strengths.

[0055] Shapes, materials, and properties of the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** will be described in detail below.

[0056] The elastic member **1000** may be flexible or foldable. That is, the elastic member **1000** may be folded or bent in one direction. That is, the elastic member **1000** may be a display substrate applied to a flexible display device or a foldable display device.

[0057] In the elastic member **1000**, a first direction **1D** and a second direction **2D** that is different from the first direction **1D** may be defined. For example, the first direction **1D** may be defined as the same direction as a folding axis direction of the elastic member **1000**. In addition, the second direction may be a direction perpendicular to the first direction.

[0058] In addition, any one direction of the first direction **1D** and the second direction **2D** may be defined as a width direction of the elastic member **1000**, and the other direction may be defined as a longitudinal direction of the elastic member **1000**.

[0059] The elastic member **1000** may be folded in any one of the width direction and the longitudinal direction of the elastic member **1000** as a folding axis.

[0060] Hereinafter, for convenience of description, the first direction is defined as the same

direction as the folding axis. In addition, the first direction is defined as the width direction of the elastic member **1000**, and the second direction is defined as the longitudinal direction of the elastic member **1000**.

[0061] The elastic member **1000** may include at least two regions. In detail, the elastic member **1000** may include a first region **1A** and a second region **2A**.

[0062] The first region **1A** may be defined as a region where the elastic member **1000** is folded. That is, the first region **1A** may be a folding region.

[0063] In addition, the second region **2A** may be defined as a region where the elastic member **1000** is not folded. That is, the second region **2A** may be an unfolding region.

[0064] Referring to FIG. **1**, the elastic member **1000** may be bent in one direction.

[0065] In detail, the elastic member **1000** may include a first surface **1S** and a second surface **2S** opposite to the first surface **1S**. In the elastic member **1000**, the first surface **1S** or the second surfaces **2S** may be bent to face each other.

[0066] Hereinafter, for convenience of description, the first surface **1S** of the elastic member **1000** is defined as a surface facing the display panel and the like when the elastic member **1000** is applied to a display device, and the second surface **2S** is defined as a surface opposite to the first surface **1S**.

[0067] A bending direction of the elastic member **1000** may vary depending on stress remaining on the first surface **1S** and the second surface **2S**. In detail, in the elastic member **1000**, among the first surface **1S** and the second surface **2S**, surfaces having a small residual stress may be bent in a direction facing each other.

[0068] As described above, the elastic member **1000** may have the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** defined therein. The first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be regions defined when the elastic member **1000** is bent in a direction in which the first surface **1S** or the second surface **2S** faces each other.

[0069] In detail, the elastic member **1000** may be bent in one direction, and the elastic member **1000** may be divided into the first region **1A** that is folded (folding region) and the second region **2A** that is not folded (unfolding region).

[0070] Referring to FIGS. **2** to **5**, the elastic member **1000** may include a first region **1A** that is a region where the elastic member **1000** is bent. In addition, the elastic member **1000** may include a second region **2A** that is not bent and is disposed adjacent to the first region **1A**.

[0071] For example, the second region **2A** may be formed on the left and right sides of the first region **1A**, respectively, based on a bending direction of the elastic member **1000**. That is, the second region **2A** may be disposed at both ends of the first region **1A**. That is, the first region **1A** may be disposed between the second regions **2A**.

[0072] The first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be formed on the same elastic member **1000**. That is, the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be formed integrally with each other without being separated from the same one elastic member **1000**.

[0073] Sizes of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be different from each other. In detail, the size of the second region **2A** may be greater than the size of the first region **1A**.

[0074] FIG. **5** is a side view of the elastic member after the elastic member is folded.

[0075] Referring to FIG. **5**, the elastic member **1000** may be folded in one direction around the folding axis. In detail, the first surfaces **1S** may be folded in a direction facing each other along the folding axis.

[0076] As the elastic member **1000** is folded in one direction, the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be formed on the elastic member **1000**. That is, a folding region formed as the elastic member **1000** is folded in one direction and an unfolding region positioned at both ends of the folding region may be formed on the elastic member **1000**.

[0077] The folding region may be defined as a region where a curvature **R** is formed, and the unfolding region may be defined as a region where the curvature **R** is not formed or the curvature is

close to zero.

[0078] Referring to FIGS. 2 to 5, the elastic member **1000** may be folded in one direction to be formed in an order of the unfolding region, the folding region, and the unfolding region.

[0079] A plurality of pattern parts may be formed in at least one of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** in order to reduce and distribute stress generated when the elastic member **1000** is folded. The pattern parts will be described in detail below.

[0080] Meanwhile, FIG. 4 illustrates that the first surfaces **1S** of the elastic member **1000** are folded to face each other, but the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the second surfaces **2S** may be folded to face each other. That is, as described above, the bending direction of the elastic member **1000** may vary depending on a magnitude of the stress remaining on the first surface **1S** and the second surface **2S**.

[0081] In detail, a folded surface of the elastic member may vary depending on a formation position of the pattern part formed on the elastic member **1000** to be described below.

[0082] That is, in the elastic member **1000**, surfaces on which the pattern parts of the elastic member **1000** are formed may be folded to face each other.

[0083] Hereinafter, an elastic member according to various embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the drawings.

[0084] Hereinafter, an elastic member according to a first embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. 6 to 10.

[0085] Referring to FIGS. 6 to 8 are views illustrating a top view of the elastic member according to the first embodiment. FIG. 6 is a view illustrating a top view of a first surface of the elastic member according to the embodiment, and FIGS. 7 and 8 are views illustrating a top view of a second surface of the elastic member according to the embodiment.

[0086] Referring to FIG. 6, a plurality of pattern parts **PA** may be disposed on the first surface **1S** of the elastic member **1000**. The first surface **1S** of the elastic member **1000** according to the first embodiment may be one surface of the second layer **1200** among the layers of the elastic member. That is, the elastic member **1000** according to the first embodiment may include a plurality of pattern parts formed on the second layer **1200**.

[0087] In detail, a first pattern part **PA1** may be disposed in the first region **1A** of the elastic member **1000**. In addition, a second pattern part **PA2** may be disposed in the second region **2A** of the elastic member **1000**. However, the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the elastic member **1000** may include only the first pattern part **PA1** disposed in the first region **1A**, and a pattern part may not be disposed in the second region **2A**.

[0088] At least one of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be disposed to extend in the same or similar direction to the folding axis.

[0089] The elastic member **1000** may be easily folded by the first pattern part **PA1** disposed in the first region **1A**.

[0090] That is, the elastic member **1000** may reduce a thickness of the first region folded in the elastic member **1000** by the first pattern part **PA1**. Accordingly, in the elastic member **1000**, a stress generation region generated when the elastic member is folded may be reduced. That is, by reducing a thickness of the elastic member proportional to compressive stress in the first region **1A** which is the folding region of the elastic member, it is possible to reduce the compressive stress generated when the elastic member is folded.

[0091] That is, since the thickness of the elastic member **1000** is reduced in the region where the elastic member **1000** is folded by the first pattern part **PA1**, and thereby the compressive stress is reduced, it is possible to prevent the elastic member **1000** from being deformed.

[0092] The second pattern part **PA2** disposed in the second region **2A** may improve reliability of the elastic member **1000**.

[0093] In detail, a difference in deformation due to heat in the first region **1A** in which the first pattern part **PA1** is disposed may be relieved by the second pattern part **PA2** disposed in the second

region 2A. That is, when heat is applied to the elastic member **1000**, the difference in deformation due to heat in the first region 1A and the second region 2A may be relieved by forming pattern parts in both the first region 1A and the second region 2A. Accordingly, it is possible to prevent the elastic member **1000** from being bent or twisted.

[0094] In addition, it is possible to prevent bending of the elastic member by relieving unevenness of the stress between the first region 1A and the second region 2A by the second pattern part PA2 formed in the second region 2A.

[0095] In addition, when a panel or the like is adhered on the elastic member **1000** through an adhesive layer by the second pattern part PA2 formed in the second region 2A, since an adhesive material is disposed to fill the inside of the first pattern part PA1 of the second region 2A and the second pattern part PA2 of the second region 2A, it is possible to prevent the adhesive layer forming a step difference between the first and second regions.

[0096] In addition, the elastic member **1000** may maintain a predetermined strength even when the second pattern part PA2 is formed in the second region 2A. In detail, an area of the elastic member in which the pattern part is not formed may be secured as a certain area by remaining a region where the pattern part, such as a hole or groove, is not formed in the second region 2A. Accordingly, a strength of the elastic member **1000** may be secured, and support force of the elastic member **1000** supporting a panel or the like may be secured.

[0097] Referring to FIGS. 7 and 8, pattern parts may or may not be disposed on the second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000**. The second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000** according to the first embodiment may include both the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0098] In detail, the first layer **1100** may be disposed only in the second region 2A of the elastic member **1000**. Accordingly, the second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000** may be one surface of the second layer **1200** in the first region 1A and may be one surface of the first layer **1100** in the second region 2A.

[0099] Referring to FIGS. 7 and 8, the first pattern part PA1 may be formed on the first surface 1S of the elastic member **1000** but may not be formed on the second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000**.

[0100] In detail, referring to FIG. 7, the first pattern part PA1 may be formed in a groove shape formed by partially etching the second layer **1200**, and thus pattern parts may not be disposed on the second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000**.

[0101] Alternatively, referring to FIG. 8, the first pattern part PA1 may be formed in a hole shape formed through the second layer **1200**, and thus a plurality of pattern parts may be disposed the second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000**.

[0102] At least one of the first pattern part PA1 and the second pattern part PA2 may have a curved surface. For example, at least one of the first pattern part PA1 and the second pattern part PA2 may be formed in a shape having a curved surface, such as an elliptical shape, a hemispherical shape, or a circular shape.

[0103] Meanwhile, the elastic member **1000** may include a first protrusion P1. In detail, the first protrusion P1 may be disposed at an edge of the elastic member **1000**. In detail, the first protrusion P1 may be disposed at an end of the elastic member **1000**.

[0104] The first protrusion P1 may be formed during a process of manufacturing the elastic member **1000**. In detail, the first protrusion P1 may be formed during a process of manufacturing each of the elastic members **1000** when manufacturing the plurality of elastic members **1000**. For example, when a plurality of elastic members are formed to be spaced apart from each other on a large-area metal substrate, and one elastic member is manufactured by cutting each elastic member, the first protrusion P1 may be formed on a cut surface of the elastic member.

[0105] The first protrusion P1 may be disposed in the second region 2A. That is, the first protrusion P1 may be disposed in the unfolding region of the elastic member. That is, the first protrusion P1



may be disposed on side surfaces LS of the elastic member **1000** surrounding the second region **2A** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0106] At least one of the first protrusion **P1** may be disposed on the side surface LS of the elastic member **1000**. For example, the first protrusion **P1** may include a plurality of first protrusions **P1** that is disposed on the side surface LS of the elastic member **1000** and spaced apart from each other.

[0107] In addition, the elastic member **1000** may further include a second protrusion **P2**.

[0108] The second protrusion **P2** may be disposed on the side surface LS of the elastic member **1000**. For example, the second protrusion **P2** may be disposed on at least one of both side surfaces of the elastic member **1000** in the first direction **1D** and both sides of the elastic member **1000** in the second direction **2D**.

[0109] The second protrusion **P2** may be integrally formed with the elastic member **1000**.

[0110] In addition, a width of the second protrusion **P2** may be changed from the inside to the outside of the elastic member **1000**. In detail, the width of the second protrusion **P2** may decrease as it moves away from the side surface LS of the elastic member **1000**.

[0111] A size of the second protrusion **P2** may be greater than that of the first protrusion **P1**.

[0112] The first protrusion **P1** described above may not be formed on the second protrusion **P2**. In detail, the second protrusion **P2** and the first protrusion **P1** may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other. That is, on the side surface of the elastic member **1000** on which the second protrusion **P2** is formed, the first protrusion **P1** may be disposed only in a region excluding a region where the second protrusion **P2** is disposed.

[0113] Accordingly, it is possible to prevent the second protrusion **P2** from being deformed or damaged due to a decrease in strength by the first protrusion **P1**.

[0114] When a panel or circuit board is disposed on the elastic member **1000**, the second protrusion **P2** may serve to dispose at a position corresponding to a coupling portion of the panel or circuit board, or to align the same.

[0115] Accordingly, a panel or the like may be easily disposed on the elastic member **1000** and distortion of an alignment may be minimized by the second protrusion **P2**, and distortion of an alignment may be minimized.

[0116] FIGS. **9** and **10** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the first embodiment.

[0117] Referring to FIGS. **9** and **10**, the elastic member according to the first embodiment may include a first layer **1100** and a second layer **1200** on the first layer **1100**.

[0118] An area of the first layer **1100** may be smaller than that of the second layer **1200**. In detail, the first layer **1100** may be disposed only in a region corresponding to the second region **2A** of the elastic member **1000**. However, the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the first layer **1100** may also be disposed on a part of the first region **1A**.

[0119] The first layer **1100** is not disposed in the folding region or is disposed in a part of the folding region, and thus when the elastic member is folded, it is possible to prevent an increase in stress due to an increase in thickness in the first region **1A**, so that the folding characteristics of the elastic member may be improved.

[0120] An adhesive layer **100** may be disposed between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**, and the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be adhered to each other through the adhesive layer **100**.

[0121] Although the drawing illustrates that the adhesive layer **100** is disposed only at a position where the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** overlap, that is, in the second region **2A**, the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the adhesive layer **100** may be disposed in both the first region **1A** and the second region **2A**.

[0122] The adhesive layer **100** may include a pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA). In addition, metal particles may be dispersed and disposed inside the adhesive layer **100**. Accordingly, a thermal

conductivity of the adhesive layer **100** may be increased by the metal particles, thereby improving heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member.

[0123] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be formed to have different thicknesses. For example, the thickness of the second layer **1200** may be greater than that of the first layer **1100**.

[0124] A thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** may be 90  $\mu\text{m}$  or more. In detail, the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** may be 90  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . In more detail, the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** may be 120  $\mu\text{m}$  to 170  $\mu\text{m}$ .

[0125] When the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** is less than 90  $\mu\text{m}$ , the support strength of the elastic member **1000** is decreased, so that it may be difficult for the elastic member **1000** to support other panels, etc., and when the member **1000** is folded, an elastic force of the elastic member may be reduced.

[0126] In addition, when the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** exceeds 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , the folding characteristics may be deteriorated, such as plastic deformation occurs when the elastic member is folded due to stress of the elastic member **1000**. In addition, an overall thickness of the display device to which the elastic member is applied may be increased.

[0127] Referring to FIGS. **9** and **10**, the above-described pattern part may be disposed on the elastic member **1000**. In detail, a plurality of pattern parts may be disposed on the second layer **1200** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0128] In detail, the second layer **1200** of the elastic member **1000** may include a plurality of pattern parts disposed on at least one of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A**.

[0129] For example, referring to FIG. **9**, the first pattern part PA1 and the second pattern part PA2 formed to pass through the second layer **1200** may be disposed in the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** of the second layer **1200**.

[0130] Alternatively, referring to FIG. **10**, the first pattern part PA1 may be disposed only in the first region **1A** of the second layer **1200**, and a pattern part may not be disposed in the second region **2A**.

[0131] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may include a metal. In detail, the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may include different types of metals.

[0132] For example, the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may include materials having different thermal conductivity. In detail, a thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** may be greater than that of the second layer **1200**. In detail, the first layer **1100** may include a metal having a thermal conductivity of about 20 W/mK or more.

[0133] That is, the first layer **1100** may be disposed under the second layer **1200** to serve to dissipate heat flowing into the elastic member **1000** to the outside. That is, the first layer **1100** may serve as a heat dissipation layer in the elastic member **1000**.

[0134] A thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** may be 100  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. In detail, the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** may be 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . In more detail, the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** may be 45  $\mu\text{m}$  to 85  $\mu\text{m}$ .

[0135] When the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** exceeds 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , the overall stress of the elastic member may be increased due to the thickness of the first layer, and thus the folding characteristics of the elastic member may be deteriorated. In addition, when the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** is less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , the first layer may not have sufficient heat conduction effect, and thus the elastic member may be deformed by heat.

[0136] The elastic member according to the first embodiment may include a plurality of layers.

[0137] In detail, the elastic member according to the first embodiment may include a first layer having high thermal conductivity. Accordingly, the elastic member according to the first embodiment may increase the overall thermal conductivity of the elastic member by the first layer.

[0138] Therefore, when the elastic member is applied to the display device, heat transferred from the display panel may be effectively dissipated to the outside.

[0139] Accordingly, elasticity and strength of the elastic member may be maintained by preventing

the elastic member from being deformed by heat, and thus the folding characteristics of the elastic member may be maintained.

[0140] Hereinafter, an elastic member according to a second embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **11** to **15**. In the description of the elastic member according to the second embodiment, a description of a configuration the same as or similar to that of the elastic member according to the first embodiment described above will be omitted. In addition, in the description of the elastic member according to the second embodiment, the same reference numerals are assigned to configurations the same as or similar to those of the elastic member according to the first embodiment. In addition, the elastic member according to the second embodiment may be implemented independently or may be implemented in combination with the elastic member according to the first embodiment described above.

[0141] FIGS. **11** and **12** are views illustrating a top view of the elastic member according to the second embodiment. FIG. **11** is a view illustrating a top view of a first surface of the elastic member according to the second embodiment, and FIG. **12** is a view illustrating a top view of a second surface of the elastic member according to the second embodiment.

[0142] Referring to FIGS. **11** and **12**, an elastic member **1000** according to the second embodiment may include a plurality of pattern parts. In detail, in the elastic member **1000** according to the second embodiment, a plurality of pattern parts may be formed in a first layer **1100** among layers of the elastic member, unlike the elastic member according to the first embodiment described above.

[0143] Referring to FIG. **11**, a first surface **1S** of the elastic member **1000** according to the second embodiment may be one surface of a second layer **1200** among the layers of the elastic member. Pattern parts may not be disposed on the second layer **1200**.

[0144] In addition, referring to FIG. **12**, a second surface **2S** of the elastic member **1000** according to the second embodiment may be one surface of the first layer **1100** among the layers of the elastic member. Pattern parts may be disposed on the first layer **1100**.

[0145] That is, a plurality of pattern parts may be disposed on the second surface **2S** defined as one surface of the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000**. In detail, a plurality of pattern parts disposed in at least one of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be disposed on the second surface **2S** defined as one surface of the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000**. For example, a first pattern part **PA1** disposed in the first region **1A** and a second pattern parts **PA2** disposed in the second region **2A** may be included on the second surface **2S** defined as one surface of the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0146] At least one of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be formed by partially or entirely etching the first layer **1100**. That is, at least one of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be a hole or a groove formed in the first layer **1100**.

[0147] Sizes, positions, etc. of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** are the same as and similar to those described in the description of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** according to the first embodiment described above, and thus description of them will be omitted below

[0148] FIGS. **13** to **15** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the second embodiment.

[0149] Referring to FIGS. **13** to **15**, the elastic member **1000** according to the second embodiment may include the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**. In detail, the elastic member **1000** may include the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** disposed on the first layer **1100**.

[0150] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be disposed in contact with each other. That is, an upper surface of the first layer **1100** and a lower surface of the second layer **1200** may be disposed in direct contact with each other.

[0151] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be manufactured in a clad method so as to be in direct contact with each other.

[0152] Clad bonding is a method of bonding the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** by a

method such as welding, rolling, casting, or extrusion without bonding using an adhesive, and it is possible to show better bonding force over time by destroying a mutual organization of each layer and stabilizing the bonding of each layer through interstitial penetration.

[0153] For example, the bonding may be formed by inducing atomic diffusion between dissimilar materials at a layer interface of different layers through rolling. Since the clad bonding may process curved surfaces unlike bonding using an adhesive and uses atomic diffusion bonding rather than bonding using the adhesive, it has an advantage of being able to maintain a bonded state for a long time.

[0154] For example, the first layer **1100** may use a layer with good thermal conductivity to improve heat dissipation characteristics, and the second layer **1200** may use a layer with good yield strength to bond two layers that may be well restored to an unfolded state that is an original state after folding without an adhesive, thereby improving thickness reduction and bonding strength, improving overall folding reliability, and efficiently reducing heat generated from a display.

[0155] That is, the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be in direct contact with each other, and a diffusion part D in which two layers of elements are diffused may be formed at an interface between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**.

[0156] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may include a metal. For example, the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may include different types of metals.

[0157] A thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** and a thermal conductivity of the second layer **1200** may be different from each other. In detail, the thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** may be greater than that of the second layer **1200**. Accordingly, the first layer **1100** may have improved heat dissipation characteristics compared to the second layer **1200**.

[0158] The first layer **1100** may have a thermal conductivity of about 20 W/mK or more. That is, the first layer **1100** may include a metal having the thermal conductivity of 20 W/mK or more. In addition, the second layer **1200** may include a metal having a thermal conductivity of less than 20 W/mK.

[0159] In detail, the first layer **1100** may have a thermal conductivity of 30 W/mK to 200 W/mK. In more detail, the first layer **1100** may have a thermal conductivity of 50 W/mK to 160 W/mK. In more detail, the first layer **1100** may have a thermal conductivity of 80 W/mK to 120 W/mK.

[0160] When the thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** is less than 20 W/mK, heat of the elastic member may not be effectively dissipated to the outside. In addition, when the thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** exceeds 200 W/mK, a thickness of the first layer **1100** may be increased in order to increase the thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100**, and the heat dissipation effect may be negligible due to the increase in the thermal conductivity.

[0161] In addition, a yield strength of the first layer **1100** and a yield strength of the second layer **1200** may be different from each other. In detail, the yield strength of the second layer **1200** may be greater than that of the first layer **1100**. Accordingly, a strain rate of the second layer **1200** may be smaller than that of the first layer **1100**.

[0162] The yield strength of the second layer **1200** may be about 0.7 GPa or more. That is, the second layer **1200** may include a metal having a yield strength of about 0.7 GPa or more. In addition, the first layer **1100** may include a metal having a yield strength of less than about 0.7 GPa.

[0163] In detail, the yield strength of the second layer **1200** may be 0.8 GPa or more. In more detail, the yield strength of the second layer **1200** may be 0.9 GPa or more. In more detail, the yield strength of the second layer **1200** may be 1.0 GPa or more.

[0164] When the yield strength of the second layer **1200** is less than 0.7 GPa, when the elastic member is folded, the strength of the elastic member is reduced, and accordingly, plastic deformation may occur in the elastic member in the folding and restoration process.

[0165] For example, the first layer **1100** may include copper (Cu) and the second layer **1200** may include SUS, but the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the first layer **1100** and the second

layer **1200** may include various materials satisfying the thermal conductivity and the yield strength.

[0166] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may have different thicknesses. In detail, the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** may be greater than the thickness **T2** of the second layer **1200**.

[0167] For example, the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** may be 60% to 90% of a total thickness **T1+T2** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0168] As an example, the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** may be 150  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. In detail, the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** may be 80  $\mu\text{m}$  to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

[0169] When the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** is less than 60% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member **1000** may be deteriorated. In addition, when the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** exceeds 90% with respect to the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall yield strength of the elastic member is reduced, the plastic deformation may occur in the elastic member in the process of folding or restoring the elastic member.

[0170] In addition, the thickness **T2** of the second layer **1200** may be 10% to 40% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**.

[0171] As an example, the thickness **T2** of the second layer **1200** may be 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. In detail, the thickness **T2** of the second layer **1200** may be 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

[0172] When the thickness **T2** of the second layer **1200** has a thickness of less than 10% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall yield strength of the elastic member is reduced, and thus the plastic deformation may occur in the elastic member in the folding and restoration process. In addition, when the thickness **T2** of the second layer **1200** exceeds 40% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall heat dissipation characteristic of the elastic member **1000** is deteriorated, and accordingly, when the elastic member is applied to the display device, an additional heat dissipation layer may be required, and deformation of the elastic member **1000** by heat may occur.

[0173] At least one of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** including the plurality of holes or grooves described above may be formed in at least one of the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**. In detail, at least one of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be disposed on the first layer **1100**.

[0174] That is, the first pattern part **PA1** may be disposed on the first layer **1100** corresponding to the first region **1A** of the elastic member **1000**, and second pattern part **PA2** may be disposed on the first layer **1100** corresponding to the second region **2A**.

[0175] Referring to FIG. **13**, the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be formed by partially etching the elastic member **1000**. In detail, the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be opened from the first surface **1S** of the elastic member **1000** and may extend in a direction of the second surface **2S**. In more detail, the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be opened in the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000** and may extend in a direction of the second layer **1200**.

[0176] The first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may be formed by partially etching the first layer **1100**. For example, a bottom surface of the first pattern part **PA1** and a bottom surface of the second pattern part **PA2** may be spaced apart from the interface between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** by a predetermined distance **d**.

[0177] Since the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** are formed on the first layer **1100**, the elastic member **1000** may have improved heat dissipation characteristics and folding reliability.

[0178] That is, since the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** are formed on the first layer **1100** having a relatively low yield strength compared to the second layer **1200**, when the elastic member is folded, the plastic deformation of the elastic member may be minimized by the second layer **1200** having a high yield strength.

[0179] In addition, the heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member **1000** may be improved

by the first layer **1100** formed to have a relatively thick thickness compared to the second layer **1200**, and the stress of the elastic member may be reduced by the first pattern part and the second pattern part disposed on the first layer **1100**, and thus the elastic member may be easily folded.

[0180] In addition, when disposing or bonding an additional panel on the elastic member, since the panel is disposed on the second layer on which the pattern part is not formed, an additional planarization layer is not required, and accordingly, the overall thickness of the display device including the elastic member and the panel may be reduced,

[0181] Meanwhile, referring to FIG. **14**, the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2** may be formed by entirely etching the first layer **1100**. That is, the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2** may be formed to pass through the first layer **1100**. That is, the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2** may be disposed to extend to the interface between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**.

[0182] Accordingly, an inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and an inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** and the bottom surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the bottom surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include different materials.

[0183] That is, the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include the same material as that of the first layer **1100**, and the bottom surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the bottom surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include the same material as that of the second layer **1200** exposed by the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2**.

[0184] Alternatively, referring to FIG. **15**, the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2** may be formed by etching the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**. In detail, the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2** may completely etch the first layer **1100** and partially etch the second layer **1200**.

[0185] Accordingly, the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2** may be formed in a hole shape passing through the first layer **1100** in the first layer **1100** and may be formed in a groove shape partially formed on the second layer **1200** in the second layer **1200**.

[0186] Therefore, the bottom surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the bottom surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may become the second layer **1200** exposed by the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2**.

[0187] Accordingly, the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include different materials depending on a depth thereof. In detail, a part of the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include the same material as that of the first layer **1100**, and other parts of the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include the same material as that of the second layer **1200**.

[0188] In addition, the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** and the bottom surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the bottom surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include the same material or different materials.

[0189] That is, a part of the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include a material different from that of the bottom surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the second pattern part PA**2**, and other parts of the inner surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the inner surface of the second pattern part PA**2** may include a material the same as that of the bottom surface of the first pattern part PA**1** and the bottom surface of the second pattern part PA**2**.

[0190] The elastic member according to the second embodiment may include a plurality of layers.

[0191] In detail, the elastic member according to the second embodiment may include a first layer and a second layer having different strength and thermal conductivity characteristics.

[0192] In addition, the pattern part of the elastic member may be disposed on the first layer having a relatively large thickness and thermal conductivity.

[0193] Accordingly, in the elastic member according to the second embodiment, the heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member may be improved by the first layer having high thermal conductivity. In addition, the folding characteristics of the elastic member may be improved by reducing the compressive stress of the elastic member by the plurality of pattern parts disposed on the first layer.

[0194] In addition, by disposing the pattern part in the first layer and not forming an additional pattern part in the second layer, the strength of the elastic member may be maintained by the second layer having relatively high strength.

[0195] In addition, since the first layer and the second layer are in direct contact with each other to adhere in the clad method, the thickness of the elastic member may be reduced, and adhesive properties of the first layer and the second layer may be improved.

[0196] Therefore, the elastic member according to the second embodiment may have improved heat dissipation characteristics, strength, folding characteristics, and reliability.

[0197] Hereinafter, an elastic member according to a third embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **16** and **17**. In the description of the elastic member according to the third embodiment, a description of a configuration the same as or similar to that of the elastic member according to the second embodiment described above will be omitted. In addition, in the description of the elastic member according to the third embodiment, the same reference numerals are assigned to configurations the same as or similar to those of the elastic member according to the second embodiment. In addition, the elastic member according to the third embodiment may be implemented independently or may be implemented in combination with the elastic member according to the first and/or second embodiments described above.

[0198] Referring to FIGS. **16** and **17**, the elastic member **1000** may further include an adhesive layer **100**. In detail, the elastic member **1000** may further include the adhesive layer **100** disposed between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**.

[0199] The adhesive layer may be disposed between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** to adhere the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**.

[0200] A thickness **T4** of the adhesive layer **100** may be different from a thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100** and a thickness **T2** of the second layer. In detail, the thickness **T4** of the adhesive layer **100** may be smaller than the thickness **T1** of the first layer **1100**. In addition, the thickness **T4** of the adhesive layer **100** may be the same as or greater than the thickness of the second layer **1200**.

[0201] The adhesive layer **100** may include a resin material. In detail, the adhesive layer **100** may include a resin material including a metal. For example, the adhesive layer **100** may include a pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) including metal particles. For example, the adhesive layer **100** may include copper.

[0202] As the adhesive layer **100** includes metal particles, the heat dissipation effect of the elastic member may be improved. That is, the elastic member may increase the thermal conductivity of the adhesive layer by the metal particles, thereby realizing the heat dissipation effect through the adhesive layer.

[0203] In addition, adhesive strength between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be improved by the adhesive layer **100**. That is, by disposing the adhesive layer **100** between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** including different metal materials, adhesion between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be facilitated.

[0204] In addition, by preventing a material of the second layer from moving into the material of the first layer and being alloyed by the adhesive layer when a high-temperature process is performed, it is possible to prevent deterioration of the heat dissipation characteristics of the first layer.

[0205] Hereinafter, an elastic member according to a fourth embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **18** to **22**. In the description of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment, a description of a configuration the same as or similar to that of the elastic member

according to the second and third embodiments described above will be omitted. In addition, in the description of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment, the same reference numerals are assigned to configurations the same as or similar to those of the elastic member according to the second and third embodiments. In addition, the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment may be implemented independently or may be implemented in combination with the elastic member according to at least one of the first, second, and third embodiments described above.

[0206] FIGS. **18** and **19** are views illustrating a top view of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment. FIG. **18** is a view illustrating a top view of a first surface of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment, and FIG. **19** is a view illustrating a top view of a second surface of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment.

[0207] Referring to FIGS. **18** and **19**, the elastic member **1000** according to the fourth embodiment may include a plurality of pattern parts. In detail, in the elastic member **1000** according to the fourth embodiment, a plurality of pattern parts may be formed in the first layer **1100** and the third layers **1300** among layers of the elastic member, unlike the elastic member according to the second and third embodiments described above.

[0208] That is, the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment may include a first layer **1100**, a second layer **1200** on the first layer **1100**, and a third layer **1300** on the second layer **1200**, and the plurality of pattern parts may be disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**.

[0209] For example, the plurality of pattern parts may be disposed on the second surface **2S** defined as one surface of the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000**. In addition, the plurality of pattern parts may be disposed on the first surface **1S** defined as one surface of the third layer **1300** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0210] In detail, a plurality of pattern parts disposed in at least one of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be disposed on the second surface **2S** defined as one surface of the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000**. For example, a first pattern part **PA1-1** disposed in the first region **1A** and a second pattern part **PA2-1** disposed in the second region **2A** may be included on the second surface **2S** defined as one surface of the first layer **1100** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0211] In addition, a plurality of pattern parts disposed in at least one of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** may be disposed on the first surface **1S** defined as one surface of the third layer **1300** of the elastic member **1000**. For example, a third pattern part **PA1-2** disposed in the first region **1A** and a fourth pattern parts **PA2-2** disposed in the second region **2A** may be included on the first surface **1S** defined as one surface of the third layer **1300** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0212] That is, unlike the elastic member according to the second and third embodiments, in the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment, the pattern part may be disposed on both the first surface **1S** and the second surface **2S** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0213] The first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2** respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the first region **1A** may be disposed at positions corresponding to each other. In detail, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2** disposed in the first region **1A** may be disposed at a position overlapping in a thickness direction of the elastic member **1000**. For example, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2** disposed in the first region **1A** may be disposed at a position that completely overlaps or partially overlaps in the thickness direction of the elastic member **1000**.

[0214] Alternatively, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2** respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the first region **1A** may be disposed at positions that are misaligned from each other. That is, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2** respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the first region **1A** may be disposed at a position that does not overlap in the thickness direction of the elastic member **1000**.

[0215] In addition, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2** respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the first region **1A** may be formed of the



same size or similar size to each other. In detail, a size of an opening region and/or a size and/or a depth of an inner region of the first pattern part PA1-1 and the third pattern part PA1-2 respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the first region **1A** may be the same or similar in size.

[0216] Accordingly, by minimizing stress non-uniformity between the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the elastic member **1000**, the plastic deformation due to stress when the elastic member **1000** is folded may be minimized.

[0217] In addition, the first pattern part PA1-1 and the third pattern part PA1-2 may not communicate with each other. That is, the first pattern part PA1-1 and the third pattern part PA1-2 may be defined as grooves disposed in the elastic member **1000**, and the first pattern part PA1-1 and the third pattern parts PA1-2 may not be connected to each other. That is, the first pattern part PA1-1 and the third pattern part PA1-2 may be separated from each other by the second layer **1200** disposed between the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**.

[0218] The second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the second region **2A** may be disposed at positions corresponding to each other. In detail, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 disposed in the second region **2A** may be disposed at a position overlapping in the thickness direction of the elastic member **1000**. For example, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 disposed in the second region **2A** may be disposed at a position that completely overlaps or partially overlaps in the thickness direction of the elastic member **1000**.

[0219] Alternatively, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the second region **2A** may be disposed at positions that are misaligned from each other. That is, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the second region **2A** may be disposed at a position that does not overlap in the thickness direction of the elastic member **1000**.

[0220] In addition, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the second region **2A** may be formed of the same size or similar size to each other. In detail, a size of an opening region and/or a size and/or a depth of an inner region the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 respectively disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the second region **2A** may be the same or similar in size.

[0221] Accordingly, by minimizing the stress non-uniformity between the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** of the elastic member **1000**, the plastic deformation due to stress when the elastic member **1000** is folded may be minimized.

[0222] In addition, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may not communicate with each other. That is, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be defined as grooves disposed in the elastic member **1000**, and the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may not be connected to each other. That is, the second pattern part PA2-1 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be separated from each other by the second layer **1200** disposed between the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**.

[0223] FIGS. **20** to **22** are views illustrating a cross-sectional view of the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment.

[0224] Referring to FIGS. **20** to **22**, the elastic member **1000** may include the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300**. In detail, the elastic member **1000** may include the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200** disposed on the first layer **1100**, and the third layer **1300** disposed on the second layer **1200**.

[0225] The first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may be adhered to each other. For example, the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may be adhered without an additional adhesive by the clad method described above.

[0226] That is, the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may be in direct contact with each other and may be adhered to each other.

[0227] Alternatively, the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may be adhered through an adhesive. In detail, an adhesive layer may be disposed between at least one of between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** and between the second layer **1200** and the third layer **1300**, and accordingly, the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may be adhered to each other.

[0228] That is, unlike the above-described embodiment, the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment may further include the third layer disposed on the second layer.

[0229] The first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** may be disposed in contact with each other. That is, an upper surface of the first layer **1100** and a lower surface of the second layer **1200** may be disposed in direct contact with each other.

[0230] In addition, the second layer **1200** and the third layer **1300** may be disposed in contact with each other. That is, an upper surface of the second layer **1200** and a lower surface of the third layer **1300** may be disposed in direct contact with each other.

[0231] That is, the second layer **1200** may be disposed between the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** and may be in direct contact with the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**.

[0232] The first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include a metal. For example, the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include different types of metals. In detail, at least one of the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may include a different metal from the other layers.

[0233] In detail, the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** may include the same or similar metal. Alternatively, the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** may include a metal having the same or similar chemical/physical properties.

[0234] For example, a thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** and a thermal conductivity of the third layer **1300** may be the same or similar to each other. In addition, the yield strength of the first layer **1100** and the yield strength of the third layer **1300** may be the same or similar to each other.

[0235] In addition, the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** may include different metals from the second layer **1200**. Alternatively, the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** may include a metal having different chemical/physical properties from the second layer **1200**.

[0236] For example, at least one of the thermal conductivity of the first layer **1100** and the thermal conductivity of the third layer **1300** may be greater than the thermal conductivity of the second layer **1200**. Accordingly, at least one of the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** may have improved heat dissipation characteristics compared to the second layer **1200**.

[0237] In addition, at least one of yield strength of the first layer **1100** and yield strength of the third layer **1300** may be smaller than yield strength of the second layer **1200**. Accordingly, a strain rate of the second layer **1200** may be smaller than that of at least one of the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**.

[0238] That is, ranges of the thermal conductivity and yield strength of the second layer **1200** and the third layer **1300** may be the same as or similar to ranges of the thermal conductivity and yield strength of the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200** described above.

[0239] For example, the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** may include copper (Cu), and the second layer **1200** may include SUS.

[0240] The first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300** may have different thicknesses. In detail, a thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** and a thickness T3 of the third layer **1300** may be greater than a thickness T2 of the second layer **1200**.

[0241] For example, the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** may be 30% to 40% of a total thickness T1+T2+T3 of the elastic member **1000**.

[0242] In addition, the thickness T3 of the third layer **1300** may be 30% to 40% of the total thickness T1+T2+T3 of the elastic member **1000**.

[0243] As an example, the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** and the thickness T3 of the third layer **1300** may be 75  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. In detail, the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** and the thickness T3 of the third layer **1300** may be 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to 75  $\mu\text{m}$ .

[0244] When the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** and the thickness T3 of the third layer **1300** have a thickness of less than 30% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member **1000** may be deteriorated. In addition, when the thickness T1 of the first layer **1100** and the thickness T3 of the third layer **1300** exceed 40% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall yield strength of the elastic member is reduced, the plastic deformation may occur in the elastic member in the process of folding or restoring the elastic member.

[0245] In addition, the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** may be 10% to 20% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**.

[0246] As an example, the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** may be 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or less. In detail, the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** may be 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

[0247] When the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** has a thickness of less than 10% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall yield strength of the elastic member is reduced, and thus the plastic deformation may occur in the elastic member in the folding and restoration process. In addition, when the thickness T2 of the second layer **1200** exceeds 20% of the total thickness of the elastic member **1000**, the overall heat dissipation characteristic of the elastic member **1000** is deteriorated, and accordingly, when the elastic member is applied to the display device, an additional heat dissipation layer may be required, and deformation of the elastic member **1000** by heat may occur.

[0248] The above-described pattern part may be formed in at least one of the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300**. In detail, the pattern part may be disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**.

[0249] That is, the first pattern part PA1-1 may be disposed on the first layer **1100** corresponding to the first region 1A of the elastic member **1000**, and the third pattern part PA1-2 may be disposed on the third layer **1300** corresponding to the first region 1A of the elastic member **1000**.

[0250] In addition, the second pattern part PA2-1 may be disposed on the first layer **1100** corresponding to the second region 2A of the elastic member **1000**, and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be disposed on the third layer **1300** corresponding to the second region 2A of the elastic member **1000**.

[0251] Referring to FIG. 20, the first pattern part PA1-1, the third pattern part PA1-2, the second pattern part PA2-1, and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be formed by partially etching the elastic member **1000**. For example, bottom surfaces of the first pattern part PA1-1 and the second pattern part PA2-1 may be formed to be spaced apart from an interface between the first layer and the second layer by a predetermined distance, and bottom surfaces of the third pattern part PA1-2 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be formed to be spaced apart from an interface between the second layer and the third layer by a predetermined distance.

[0252] In detail, the first pattern part PA1-1 and the second pattern part PA2-1 may be opened on the first surface 1S of the elastic member **1000** to extend toward the second surface 2S

[0253] In addition, the third pattern part PA1-2 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be opened on the second surface 2S of the elastic member **1000** to extend toward the first surface 1S.

[0254] In detail, the first pattern part PA1-1 and the second pattern part PA2-1 may be formed by partially etching the first layer **1100**. For example, the bottom surfaces of the first pattern part PA1-1 and the second pattern part PA2-1 may be formed to be spaced apart from the interface between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**.

[0255] In addition, the third pattern part PA1-2 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be formed by partially etching the third layer **1300**. For example, the bottom surfaces of the third pattern part PA1-2 and the fourth pattern part PA2-2 may be formed to be spaced apart from the interface

between the third layer **1300** and the second layer **1200**.

[0256] Accordingly, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the third pattern part **PA1-2**, and the second pattern part **PA2-1** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** do not communicate with each other and may be disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**, respectively.

[0257] Since the pattern parts are formed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**, the elastic member **1000** may have improved heat dissipation characteristics and folding reliability.

[0258] That is, since the pattern parts are formed in the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** having a low yield strength, when the elastic member is folded, the plastic deformation of the elastic member may be minimized by the second layer **1200** having a high yield strength.

[0259] In addition, the heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member **1000** may be improved by the second layer **1200** formed to have a relatively thick thickness compared to the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**, and the stress of the elastic member may be reduced by the pattern parts disposed on the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**, and thus the elastic member may be easily folded.

[0260] In addition, since the pattern part is formed on both the first surface **1S** and the second surface **2S** of the elastic member **1000**, a stress difference between the first surface **1S** and the second surface **2S** may be minimized, and accordingly, it is possible to have similar folding reliability when bending in a direction facing the first surface or bending the elastic member in a direction facing the second surface, thereby improving the degree of folding freedom.

[0261] Meanwhile, referring to FIG. **21**, the first pattern part **PA1-1**, the third pattern part **PA1-2**, the second pattern part **PA2-1**, and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may be formed by entirely etching the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300**. That is, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may be formed to pass through the first layer **1100**, and the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may be formed to pass through the third layer **1300**.

[0262] That is, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may be disposed to extend to the interface between the first layer **1100** and the second layer **1200**, and the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may be disposed to extend to the interface between the third layer **1300** and the second layer **1200**.

[0263] Accordingly, inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** and bottom surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include different materials.

[0264] That is, the inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include the same material as that of the first layer **1100**, and the bottom surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include the same material as that of the second layer **1200**.

[0265] In addition, inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** and bottom surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include different materials.

[0266] That is, the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include the same material as that of the third layer **1300**, and the bottom surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include the same material as that of the second layer **1200**.

[0267] Alternatively, referring to FIG. **22**, the first pattern part **PA1-1**, the third pattern part **PA1-2**, the second pattern part **PA2-1**, and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may be formed by etching the first layer **1100**, the second layer **1200**, and the third layer **1300**. In detail, the first pattern part **PA1-1**, the third pattern part **PA1-2**, the second pattern part **PA2-1**, and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may completely etch the first layer **1100** and the third layer **1300** and may partially etch the second layer **1200**.

[0268] Accordingly, the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may be formed in a hole shape passing through the first layer **1100** in the first layer **1100** and may be formed in a

groove shape partially formed on the second layer **1200** in the second layer **1200**.

[0269] Therefore, the bottom surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may become the second layer **1200**.

[0270] Accordingly, the inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include different materials depending on a depth thereof. In detail, a part of the inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include the same material as that of the first layer **1100**, and other parts of the inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include the same material as that of the second layer **1200**.

[0271] In addition, the inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** and the bottoms of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include the same or different materials.

[0272] That is, a part of the inner surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1** may include a material different from that of the bottom surfaces of the first pattern part **PA1-1** and the second pattern part **PA2-1**, and the other parts of the first pattern part **PA1** and the second pattern part **PA2** may include a material the same as that of the bottom surface of the first pattern part **PA1** and the bottom surface of the second pattern part **PA2**.

[0273] In addition, the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may be formed in a hole shape passing through the third layer **1300** in the third layer **1300** and may be formed in a groove shape partially formed on the second layer **1200** in the second layer **1200**.

[0274] Therefore, the bottom surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may become the second layer **1200**.

[0275] Accordingly, the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include different materials depending on a depth thereof. In detail, a part of the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include the same material as that of the third layer **1300**, and other parts of the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include a material the same as that of the bottom surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2**.

[0276] In addition, the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** and the bottoms of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include the same or different materials.

[0277] That is, a part of the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include a material different from that of the bottom surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2**, and the other parts of the inner surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2** may include a material the same as that of the bottom surfaces of the third pattern part **PA1-2** and the fourth pattern part **PA2-2**.

[0278] The elastic member according to the fourth embodiment may have improved folding reliability and heat dissipation characteristics.

[0279] In detail, the heat dissipation characteristics of the elastic member may be improved by forming thicknesses of the first layer and the third layer having high thermal conductivity to be greater than that of the second layer. In addition, by forming the pattern part in the first layer and the third layer to form an opening, it is possible to reduce the compressive stress applied when the elastic member is folded, thereby easily folding the elastic member.

[0280] In addition, since an additional pattern part is not formed in the second layer having high yield strength, a strength of the second layer can be maintained, and thus it is possible to minimize plastic deformation of the elastic member that occurs during folding or restoring due to the second layer having a high deformation rate when the elastic member is folded.

[0281] Therefore, the elastic member according to the fourth embodiment may have improved folding reliability and improved heat dissipation characteristics, and thus an additional heat dissipation layer is not required, thereby reducing the thickness of the elastic member or a thickness

of the display device to which the elastic member is applied.

[0282] Hereinafter, a display device to which an elastic member according to an embodiment is applied will be described with reference to FIGS. 23 to 27.

[0283] Referring to FIGS. 23 to 27, a panel **2000** may be disposed on the elastic member **1000**. The elastic member **1000** and the panel **2000** may be adhered through the adhesive layers **100**, **110**, and **120** disposed between the elastic member **1000** and the panel **2000**.

[0284] In detail, the panel **2000** may be disposed on the second layer **1200** or the third layer **1300** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0285] The panel **2000** may include at least one of a display panel and a touch panel.

[0286] The display panel may include a plurality of pixels including a switching thin film transistor, a driving thin film transistor, a power storage element, and an organic light emitting diode (OLED). In case of the OLED, deposition is possible at a relatively low temperature and may be mainly applied to the flexible display device for reasons of low power and high luminance. Here, the pixel refers to a minimum unit for displaying an image, and the display panel displays an image through the plurality of pixels.

[0287] The display panel may include a substrate, a gate line disposed on the substrate, a data line isolated from the gate line, and a common power line. In general, one pixel may be defined by the gate line, the data line, and the common power line as a boundary.

[0288] The substrate may include a material having flexible properties such as a plastic film, and the display panel may be implemented by disposing an organic light emitting diode and a pixel circuit on the flexible film.

[0289] The touch panel may be disposed on the display panel. The touch panel may implement a touch function in the foldable display device or the flexible display device, and the touch panel may be omitted in a foldable display device or a flexible display device that simply displays an image without the touch function.

[0290] The touch panel may include a substrate and a touch electrode disposed on the substrate. The touch electrode may sense a position of an input device touched by the foldable display device or the flexible display device by a capacitive type or a resistive type.

[0291] The substrate of the touch panel may include a material having flexible properties such as a plastic film, and the touch panel may be implemented by disposing the touch electrode on the flexible film.

[0292] Referring to FIGS. 23 to 27, the display device may further include a protective layer **3000**. In detail, the display device may further include the protective layer **3000** disposed under the elastic member **1000**.

[0293] The protective layer **3000** may be disposed under the elastic member **1000** to serve to absorb an impact applied to the elastic member **1000**.

[0294] The protective layer **3000** may have a color. For example, the protective layer **3000** may be formed in a black-based color.

[0295] The protective layer **3000** may include metal particles. For example, the protective layer **3000** may include copper particles. Accordingly, heat generated in the display device may be dissipated through the protective layer **3000** by improving a thermal conductivity of the protective layer **3000**.

[0296] The protective layer **3000** may be disposed on one region of the elastic member **1000**. In detail, the protective layer **3000** may be disposed in a region corresponding to the first region **1A** of the elastic member **1000**. Alternatively, the protective layer **3000** may be disposed in a region corresponding to the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** of the elastic member **1000**.

[0297] For example, the protective layer **3000** may be disposed in a region corresponding to the first region **1A** and the second region **2A** of the elastic member **1000** and may be disposed in an area smaller than the sum of areas of the first region **1A** and the second region **2A**. In detail, the protective layer **3000** may be disposed in an area of 80% to 90% of the sum of the areas of the first

region **1A** and the second region **2A** of the elastic member.

[0298] In addition, a thickness of the protective layer **3000** may be smaller than that of the elastic member **1000**. That is, the thickness of the protective layer **3000** may be smaller than the sum of thicknesses of the first layer and the second layer of the elastic member **1000** or the sum of thicknesses of the first layer, the second layer, and the third layer.

[0299] Meanwhile, referring to FIGS. **23** and **27**, the display device may further include a planarization layer **4000**.

[0300] In detail, when the pattern part of the elastic member **1000** has a hole shape, or the elastic member **1000** includes the first layer, the second layer, and the third layer and the pattern part is formed on the first layer and the third layer, the planarization layer **4000** may be disposed on the elastic member in order to planarize an adhesive surface of the third layer that is adhered to the panel.

[0301] That is, a first adhesive layer **110** is disposed between the elastic member **1000** and the planarization layer **4000** so that the elastic member **1000** and the planarization layer **4000** are adhered, and a second adhesive layer **120** may be disposed between the planarization layer **4000** and the panel **2000** so that the planarization layer **4000** and the panel **2000** are adhered.

[0302] Accordingly, when an adhesive layer is disposed between the elastic member **1000** and the display panel **2000**, it is possible to prevent a thickness of the adhesive layer from being different for each region due to the pattern parts. Therefore, it is possible to improve the reliability of the display device by preventing a decrease in adhesion between the elastic member **1000** and the display panel **2000** due to the non-uniform thickness of the adhesive layer.

[0303] Referring to FIGS. **23** to **27**, the display device may be bent. That is, the display device may be bent or folded in one direction. For example, the display device may be bent in an arrow direction. That is, the display device may be bent or folded in a direction in which upper surfaces of the panel face each other.

[0304] However, the embodiment is not limited thereto, and the display device may be bent in an opposite direction. That is, the display device may be bent or folded in a direction in which lower surfaces of the protective layer face each other.

[0305] FIG. **28** is a view for describing an example in which the elastic member according to the embodiments is applied.

[0306] Referring to FIG. **28**, the elastic member according to the embodiments may be applied to a flexible or foldable display device for displaying a display.

[0307] For example, the elastic member according to the embodiments may be applied to a flexible display device such as a mobile phone or a tablet.

[0308] Such an elastic member may be applied to a flexible display device such as a mobile phone or a tablet that is flexible, bent, or folded.

[0309] The elastic member is applied to the flexible display device such as the mobile phone or the tablet that is flexible, bent or folded and improves the folding reliability in a display device that is repeatedly folded or folded, thereby improving the reliability of the flexible display device.

[0310] The characteristics, structures and effects described in the embodiments above are included in at least one embodiment but are not limited to one embodiment. Furthermore, the characteristic, structure, and effect illustrated in each embodiment may be combined or modified for other embodiments by a person skilled in the art. Thus, it should be construed that contents related to such a combination and such a modification are included in the scope of the present invention.

[0311] In addition, embodiments are mostly described above, but the embodiments are merely examples and do not limit the present invention, and a person skilled in the art may appreciate that several variations and applications not presented above may be made without departing from the essential characteristic of embodiments. For example, each component specifically shown in the embodiments may be modified and implemented. In addition, it should be construed that

differences related to such a variation and such an application are included in the scope of the present invention defined in the following claims.

## Claims

- 1.** An elastic member comprising: a folding structure including a first layer; an adhesive layer disposed on the first layer; and a second layer disposed on the adhesive layer, and foldable with respect to a folding axis, wherein the second layer includes a first region including the folding axis and adjacent to the folding axis, and a second region located farther from the folding axis than the first region, wherein a pattern part including a plurality of holes or grooves is provided in at least one region of the first region and the second region of the second layer, wherein a thickness of the second layer is greater than a thickness of the first layer, and wherein the thickness of the first layer is greater than or equal to a thickness of the adhesive layer.
- 2.** The elastic member of claim 1, wherein the first layer is disposed under the second region of the second layer.
- 3.** The elastic member of claim 1, wherein a thermal conductivity of the first layer is greater than a thermal conductivity of the second layer.
- 4.** An elastic member including a first region and a second region and foldable with respect to a folding axis, the elastic member comprising: wherein the elastic member includes a first layer; an adhesive layer disposed on the first layer; and a second layer disposed on the adhesive layer, wherein the first region is defined as a region including the folding axis and adjacent to the folding axis, and the second region is defined as a region located farther from the folding axis than the first region, wherein a pattern part including a plurality of holes or grooves is provided in at least one region of the first region and the second region of the first layer, and, wherein a thickness of the adhesive layer is smaller than a thickness of the first layer and greater than a thickness of the second layer.
- 5.** The elastic member of claim 4, wherein a yield strength of the second layer is greater than a yield strength of the first layer.
- 6.** The elastic member of claim 5, wherein a thermal conductivity of the first layer is 20 W/mk or more, and wherein a yield strength of the second layer is 0.7 GPa or more.
- 7.** The elastic member of claim 4, wherein the thickness of the first layer is greater than the thickness of the second layer.
- 8.** The elastic member of claim 4, wherein a thermal conductivity of the first layer is greater than a thermal conductivity of the second layer.
- 9.** The elastic member of claim 4, wherein the pattern part includes: a first pattern part including a plurality of first patterns provided in the first region and extending along a first direction in which the folding axis extends, and a second pattern part including a plurality of second patterns provided in the second region and extending along the first direction, and wherein lengths of the plurality of first patterns in the first direction are greater than lengths of the plurality of second patterns in the first direction.
- 10.** The elastic member of claim 4, wherein widths of the plurality of first patterns and the plurality of second patterns in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction are same.
- 11.** The elastic member of claim 9, wherein the first layer includes a first side end and a second side end facing each other in the first direction, wherein the plurality of first patterns include first outer patterns closest to the first side end and the second side end, wherein the plurality of second patterns include second outer patterns closest to the first side end and the second side end, wherein the first outer patterns are connected to the first side end and the second side end, and wherein the second outer patterns are spaced apart from the first side end and the second side end.
- 12.** The elastic member of claim 4, wherein the adhesive layer includes metal particles.
- 13.** The elastic member of claim 4, further comprising: a third layer disposed on the second layer,



wherein a pattern part including a plurality of holes or grooves is provided in at least one region of the first region and the second region of the third layer, wherein a yield strength of the second layer is greater than a yield strength of the third layer, and wherein a thermal conductivity of the third layer is greater than a thermal conductivity of the second layer.

**14.** The elastic member of claim 13, wherein the second layer and the third layer are in direct contact with each other.

**15.** The elastic member of claim 13, wherein a thickness of the third layer is greater than the thickness of the second layer.

**16.** A display device comprising: an elastic member of claim 1; and a panel disposed on the elastic member and including at least one of a display panel and a touch panel.

**17.** The display device of claim 16, further comprising: a protective layer disposed under the elastic member, wherein an area of the protective layer is smaller than a sum of areas of a first region and a second region of the elastic member, and wherein a thickness of the protective layer is smaller than a thickness of the elastic member.

**18.** The display device of claim 16, further comprising: a flattening layer disposed between the elastic member and the panel.

**19.** The display device of claim 17, wherein the elastic member includes a first surface facing the panel and a second surface opposite to the first surface, and wherein a pattern part of the elastic member is provided on the second surface.

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