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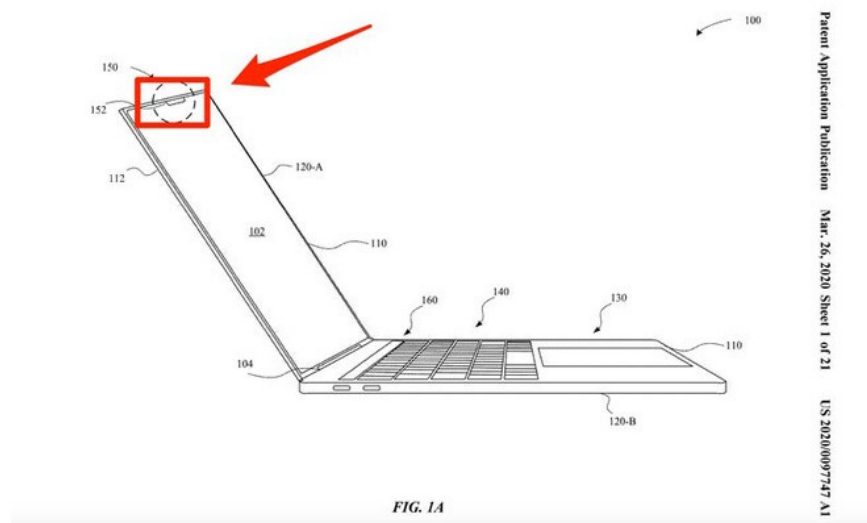
Apple's controversial "rabbit ears" design, which is located right above the iPhone screen, has been an integral part of the phone's appearance since the iPhone X launched in 2017.

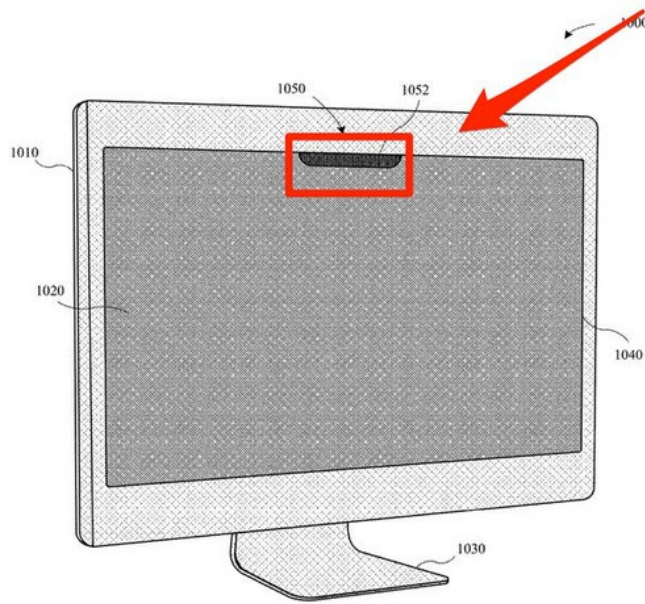
And it seems that Apple is considering bringing this "rabbit ears" on Mac computers too. A recent patent describes a system to bring Face ID, Apple's facial recognition system, to a Mac.

The patent describes a way to authenticate biometrics on a laptop, including sensors capable of firing beams of light at users and calculating the area of the reflected light to verify their identity. This method sounds quite similar to Face ID on some iPhone and iPad models, which work by capturing infrared images of the user's face and creating a depth map based on the captured image.

And according to the images in the patent, it seems that Apple will redesign the edge of the Mac screen to give it a "rabbit ears" like "rabbit ears" on the latest iPhone models over time. All of Apple's new iPhone models, starting with the iPhone X and later, have on-screen cutouts to house Face ID sensors and front cameras.

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As mentioned above, the "notch" is a controversial design, receiving quite a lot of criticism when Apple first introduced it on iPhone X in 2017. The Outline page immediately poured a cold water when saying that Apple "Too bad at design," and other newspapers like The Verge and CNET all wonder what made Apple make such a design decision. But "rabbit ears" quickly became popular, not only among Apple devices, but also on rival Android phones.

Bringing Face ID and the notch design from iPhone to Mac will help Apple's product line become more seamless, allowing the company to create consistent features and experiences across all devices from Mac, iPhone to iPad.

However, you need to remember that Apple's patent registration does not mean they will release the product in the future. Apple has filed a lot of patents over the years, but the vast majority of the technologies and devices they have never (or yet) appear in, like iPhone models with screens that roll around the body, or a wearable device that has a screen curled around the wearer's wrist.

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