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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURING RF TRANSACTIONS USING A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICE INCLUDING A TRANSACTIONS COUNTER

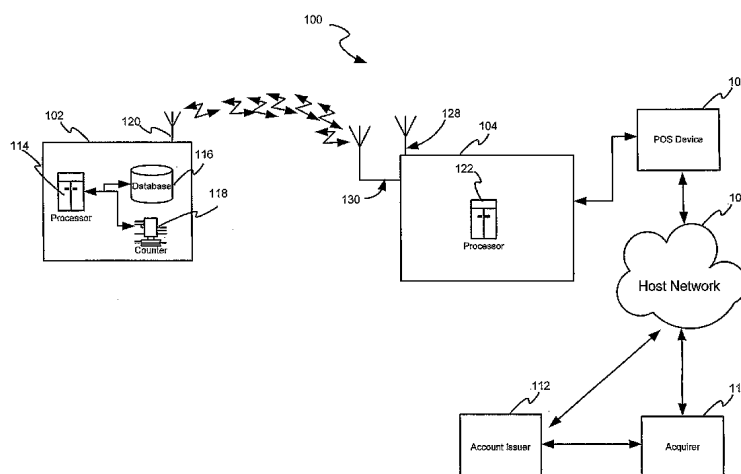


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: A system and method for securing a Radio Frequency (RF) transaction using a RF identification device (RFID) transaction device is provided. The RFID transaction device includes a transactions counter for tallying the number of transactions attempted or completed with the RFID transactions device. The counter may be incremented by any predetermined amount, which may be predefined for a particular transaction device counter. The counter value is provided to an account issuer for use in determining if the counter value has exceeded a predetermined value correlative to the maximum number of transactions which may be completed using a transaction device.

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