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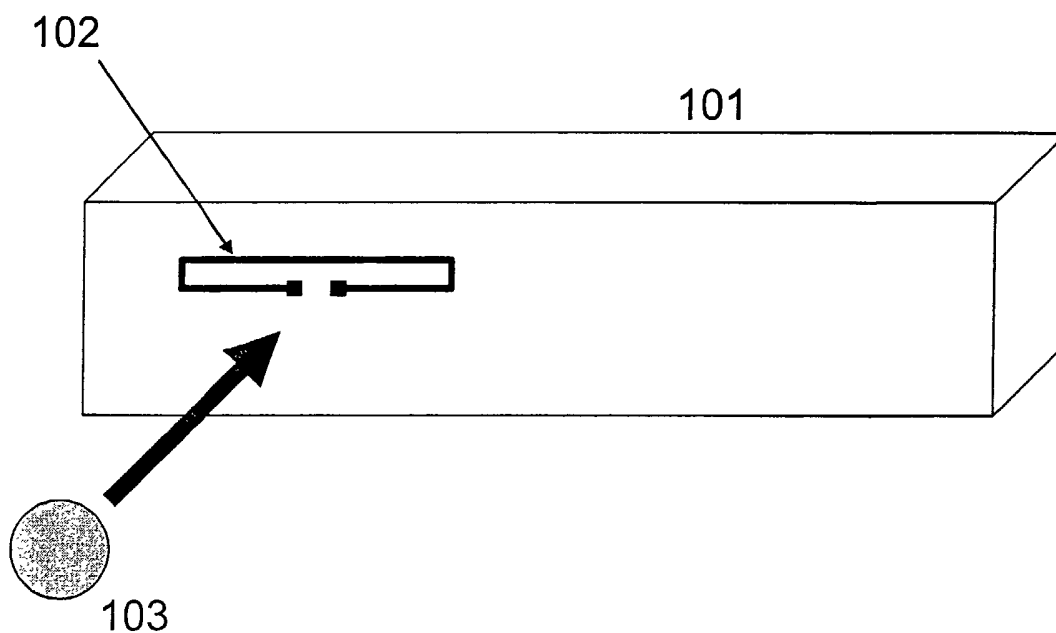
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(57) Abstract: The RF antenna portion (102) and the RFID electronics portion (103) of an RFID tag are produced separately and assembled on the item (101) to be tagged. This reduces the overall cost of the RFID tagging process, in addition to providing other benefits. Specifically, the RF antenna (102) is pre-applied to an item (101) that is to be tagged and the RFID electronics (103) are applied separately to the item (101) in the form of a discrete RFID electronics module (103) that couples to the pre-applied RF antenna (102) to provide an RFID capability for the item (101).

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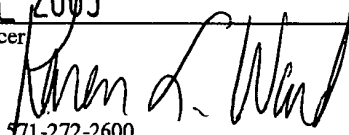


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