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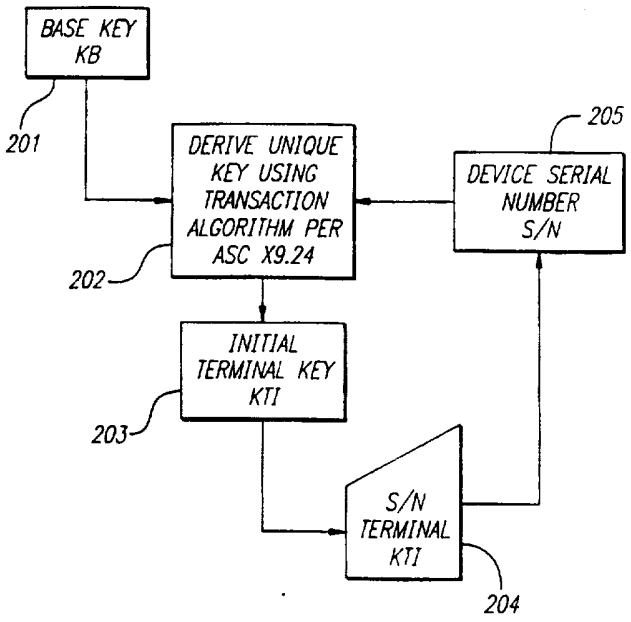
The present invention provides a method and apparatus for initializing cryptographic terminals in a cryptographic system. The invention provides a base key (201) that is common to all controllers produced by a manufacturer of cryptographic terminals in each controller prior to shipment of the controllers. The base key (201) is used only for the purposes of initialization of cryptographic terminals, and is not used for normal operations. Each cryptographic terminal that is to be used with any of the controllers containing the common base key (203) is derived from the particular terminal's serial number (205) and the common base key (201). The initial key (203) is only for initialization purposes and not for system operation. The terminal and controller establish communications in a normal manner using whatever communication protocol is appropriate for them. Upon installation, the controller and terminal enter into communications whereby the controller is able to securely determine the initial key (203) contained in the terminal since the controller contains the base key (201).



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