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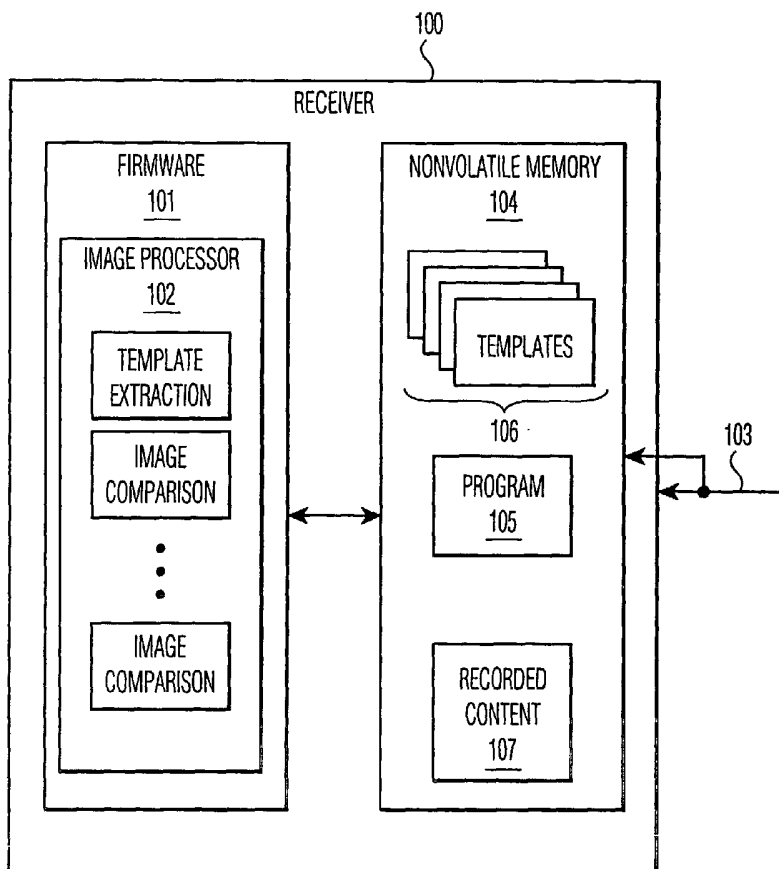
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(57) Abstract: Image templates define characteristics of video content desired to be recorded, including color characteristics and spatial distribution of regions to be compared in determining a level of similarity and white regions of expected variability which are ignored in the comparison. Each image template is compared to fields for an associated channel, either continuously or during a predefined period. Fields received on the associated channel which have at least a threshold level of similarity are saved, together with associated audio.



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