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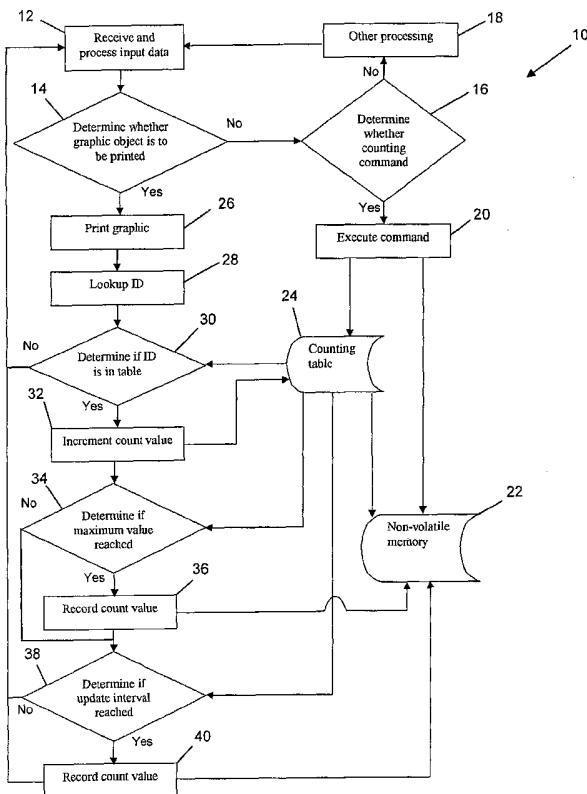
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(57) Abstract: A method for counting the number of times a graphic object is printed by a POS system. If a graphic object is to be printed (14, 26), its predetermined ID (or type ID in the case of a surround graphic) is looked up in the counting table (28, 30) and, if present, the count is incremented (32). If the incrementing of the count results in a counter rollover (34, 36), the event is recorded in the Flash memory and the RAM table for later status reporting. Finally, a check is made to see if the update interval has been reached (38) and, if so, the value is written to the Flash memory and incremental counting is restarted (40, 22).

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