

Title (en)

Printing of franking and the like on mail items.

Title (de)

Drucken von Frankierwerten und ähnlichem auf Poststücke.

Title (fr)

Impression de la valeur d'affranchissement et similaire sur des plis postaux.

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Abstract (en)

A franking machine system is disclosed in which mail items (24) such as envelopes or labels are treated with heat sensitive material and the franking machine 910,11) is provided with a thermal print head (18) to apply selectively heat to the sensitive material to produce a change in colour of the material and thereby print a franking impression (26) on the mail item (24). The thermal print head (18) may also print a destination address (23). The entire face or only predetermined areas (25) of the mail item (24) may be treated with sensitive material and if desired different areas (25a,25b) of the mail item (24) may be treated with material which is changed to different colours by the application of heat in order to produce images of different colours.

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