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CHECKOUT SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO8906406A1] A checkout system and method are provided for allowing customers to check out purchased merchandise items in a checkout area (10). The checkout system includes passcard issuing sections (14) which issue passcards including a customer identification number, payment receiving terminals (28) physically separated from said passcard issuing sections (14) and an exit gate control unit (40). The passcard is used by the customer at both a payment receiving terminal (28) and the exit gate control unit (40) thereby enabling the customer to convey the merchandise items with them through the checkout area (10). Each payment receiving terminal (28) includes a read/write unit (32) for reading the customer identification number and for writing payment received data on the identification item. Comparison of data at the exit gate control unit (40) ensures that only those customers who have paid in full are permitted exit passage from the checkout area (10).

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