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Franking machine.

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Machine à affranchir.

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0430646A2] A franking machine is disclosed in which accounting data is optically recorded on a tape (19) housed in a removable cassette (50). For each franking operation updated accounting data is recorded and thereby the recorded tape provides an audit trail for a sequence of franking operations. Prior to franking, the recorded data is read and checked for validity. The recording is effected by a laser beam traversed across the tape either by mechanical movement of the laser source (15) or by an optical deflection system (54, 56). The tape is stepped after each recording or the laser beam may be stepped along the tape. Sensor means (22, 53) are provided to inhibit operation if the cassette (50) is not in position or if there is no tape (19). <IMAGE>

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