

Title (en)

Microprocessor systems for electronic postage arrangements

Title (de)

Mikroprozessorsysteme für Frankiermaschinenanordnungen

Title (fr)

Systèmes à microprocesseur pour arrangements de machine à affranchir électronique

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0085385A2] An electronic postage meter has an accounting unit with redundant nonvolatile random access memories (20, 21) controlled by a microprocessor (10). The redundant random access memories (20, 21) have separate groups of address (22, 24) and data lines (23, 25) to minimize identical errors in data stored therein. Data transfer may occur at different times to and from the memories, with respect to any given byte of data. The system may incorporate redundant microprocessors, and critical parameters may be checked at periodic intervals in the main program of the accounting microprocessor system.

[origin: EP0085385A2] The system has a microprocessor connected to a number of address lines, data lines, and control lines. A memory unit is connected to the address and data lines and to the control lines to enable storage of data in the memory, and reading of data from, under the control of the microprocessor. The memory unit comprises two RAMs each connected to separate groups of the address lines and separate groups of the data lines. The data may be transferred to and from the two RAMs independently of any common interconnection. In this way the possibility of error conditions that are not detectable is reduced.

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