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CONTROL PANEL FOR OFFICE MACHINES

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Abstract (en)

[origin: GB2313925A] A programmable display 30 indicating available machine functions is associated with a programmable touch responsive switch panel whereby touching a region of the switch panel relating to a particular function initiates that function of the machine. Programming of the switch panel and display to provide users with access to a subset of the available functions is by external means such as a card with a bar-code, coded magnetic swipe or micro-chip which can be inserted in slot 32 or other data receptor. Different levels of functionality can be therefore be provided according to the user's requirements. The display may be an LCD or CRT; alternatively the external card may be printed with the display which is projected onto the display window. The assembly 28 may be used to replace the more complex full function control panel on a standard machine. On cards with microchips, charges for use of the machine may be transferred back to the card. A learning mode where the user identifies the functions required and updates the card is described.

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