

Title (en)

ARTICLE VENDING MACHINE AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING AN INOPERABLE ARTICLE FOR AN OPERABLE ARTICLE

Title (de)

ARTIKELVERKAUFSMASCHINE UND VERFAHREN ZUM AUSTAUSCH EINES NICHT VERWENDUNGSFÄHIGEN ARTIKELS DURCH EINEN VERWENDUNGSFÄHIGEN ARTIKEL

Title (fr)

DISTRIBUTEUR AUTOMATIQUE D'ARTICLES ET PROCÉDÉ D'ÉCHANGE D'UN ARTICLE NE FONCTIONNANT PAS CONTRE UN ARTICLE FONCTIONNANT

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[origin: WO2011028727A2] An article vending machine in a network of article vending machines capable of exchanging an inoperable rental article received from a user for an operable replacement article. The article dispensing machine checks customer identification information against one or more customer rental criteria to determine if the customer is eligible to exchange an inoperable article for an operable one. The article vending machine searches for an identical replacement article within an inventory of the machine itself and within inventories of the networked article vending machines. Alternatively, the article vending machine may provide a refund for the inoperable article.

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