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(54) **Self-service terminal**

(57) A self-service terminal (10) for receiving disposable containers (100) of valuable media items (108) is described. The terminal comprises: a breaching mechanism (124) for providing an opening in the containers (100); and an emptying mechanism (122) for removing valuable media from the opening in the containers. The terminal further comprises a secure area (50) in which containers are received and opened; and an item storage area (52) in which individual media items are stacked for removal. A dispenser (40) for receiving valuable media items stored in a disposable container (100) is also described.

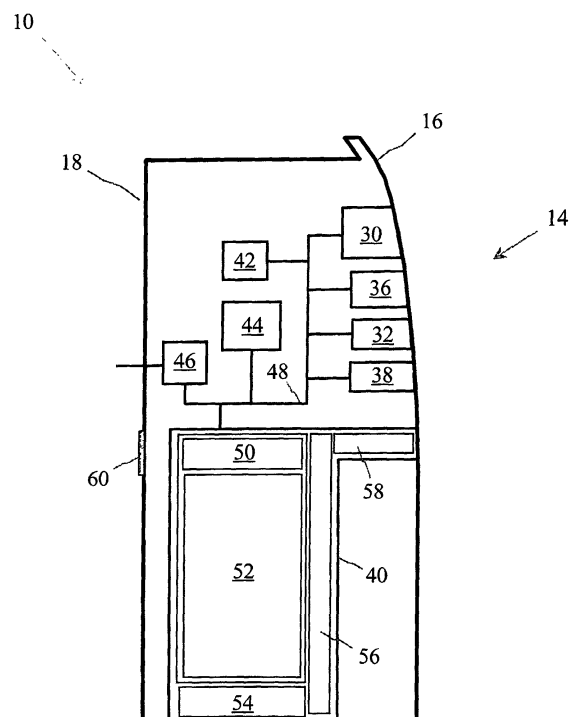


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