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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE ACTIVATION OF ONE OR SEVERAL SOFTWARE AND/OR HARDWARE FUNCTIONS OF A PROGRAMMABLE DEVICE

(57) Abstract

A system and method for the selective activation of one or several software and/or hardware functions of a programmable device serves for simplifying the manufacture of these devices. The system and the method according to the invention comprise at least temporarily reading means and an electronically readable information carrier, such that the manufacturer has the certainty that he will receive payment for the activated functions, and the end user will pay only for those functions which have been active.

