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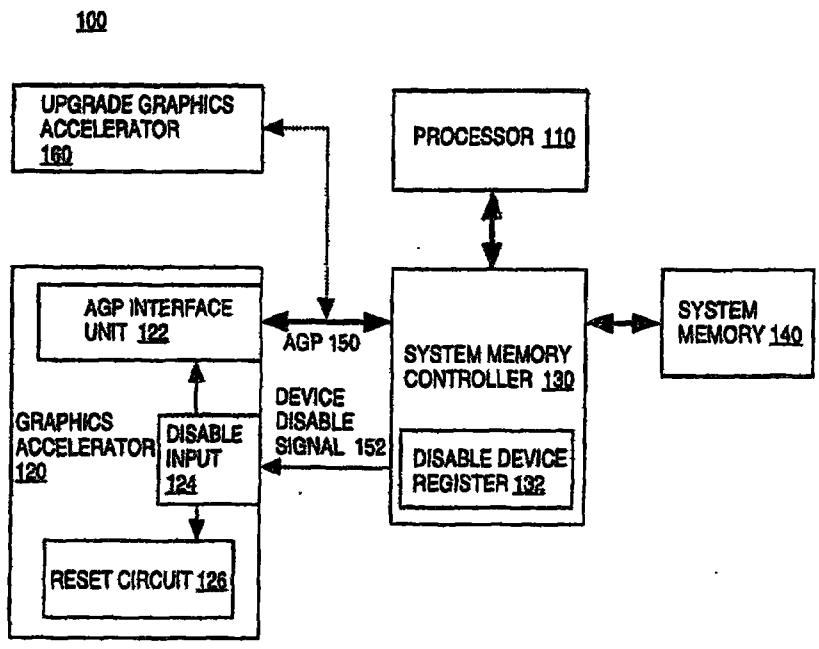
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(57) Abstract

A graphics device that can be disabled when an upgrade graphics device is installed is disclosed. The graphics device includes an interface to a bus and an input to receive a device disable signal. When the device disable signal is asserted, the interface to the bus places its buffers in a high impedance state, meaning that the graphics device is electrically isolated from the bus. When the device disable signal transitions from asserted to deasserted, a reset circuit in the graphics device resets the graphics device.