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VEHICLE PARKING METER SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

A parking meter unit is disclosed for mounting in a vehicle. The parking
5 meter unit includes processing means and timing means for supplying timing
signals to the processing means. The parking meter unit further includes card
reading means for deducting value from a stored value card under control of the
processing means and transceiver means operably associated with the
processing means for exchanging data with an interrogating unit, the
10 interrogating unit being adapted to interrogate a status of the parking meter unit
remote from the parking meter unit. The interrogating unit may be adapted to
forward a penalty message to the parking meter unit in response to an invalid
status of the parking meter unit.

Figure 2



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