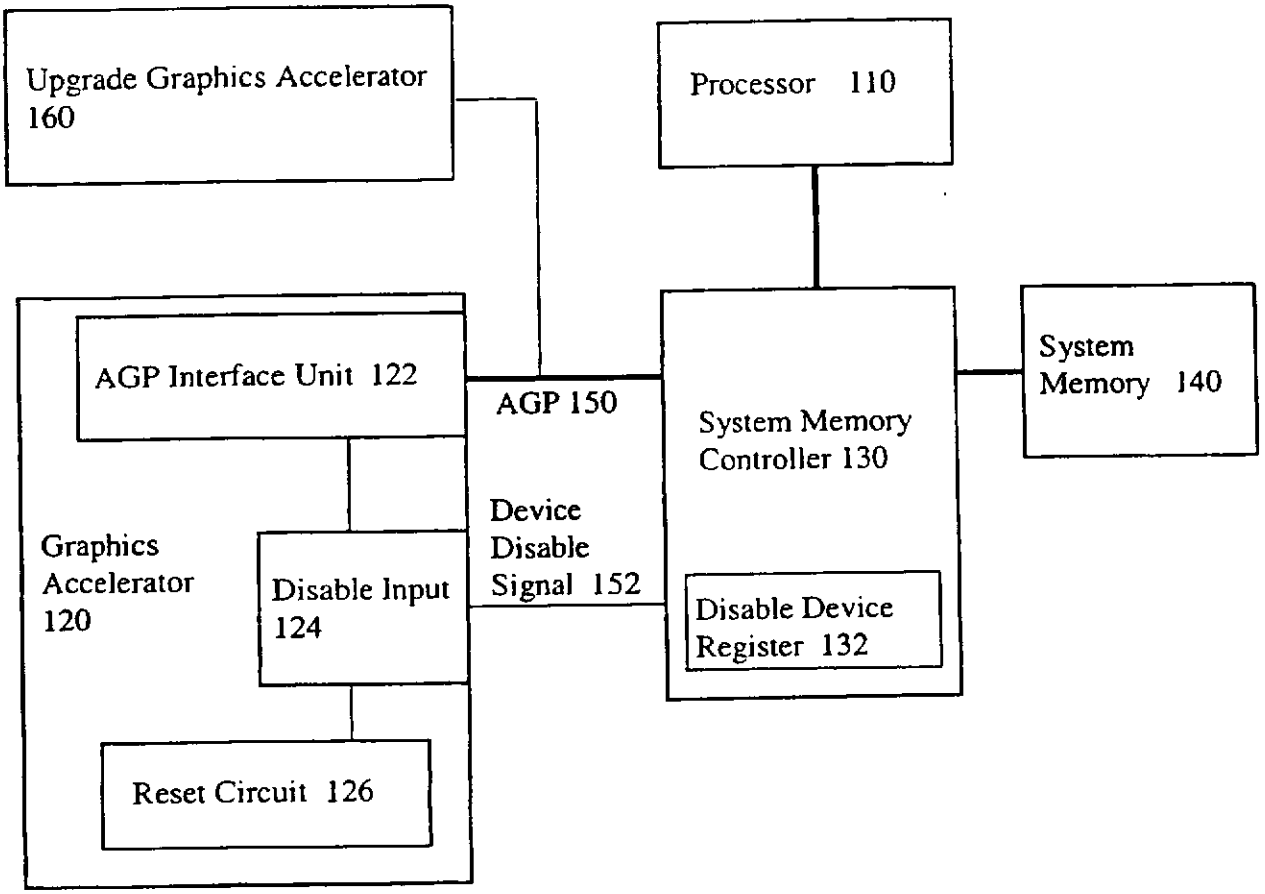

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Upgrade Graphics Accelerator 160
Processor 110
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System Memory 140
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Disable Input 124
Device Disable Signal 152
Disable Device Register 132
Reset Circuit 126

Figure 1

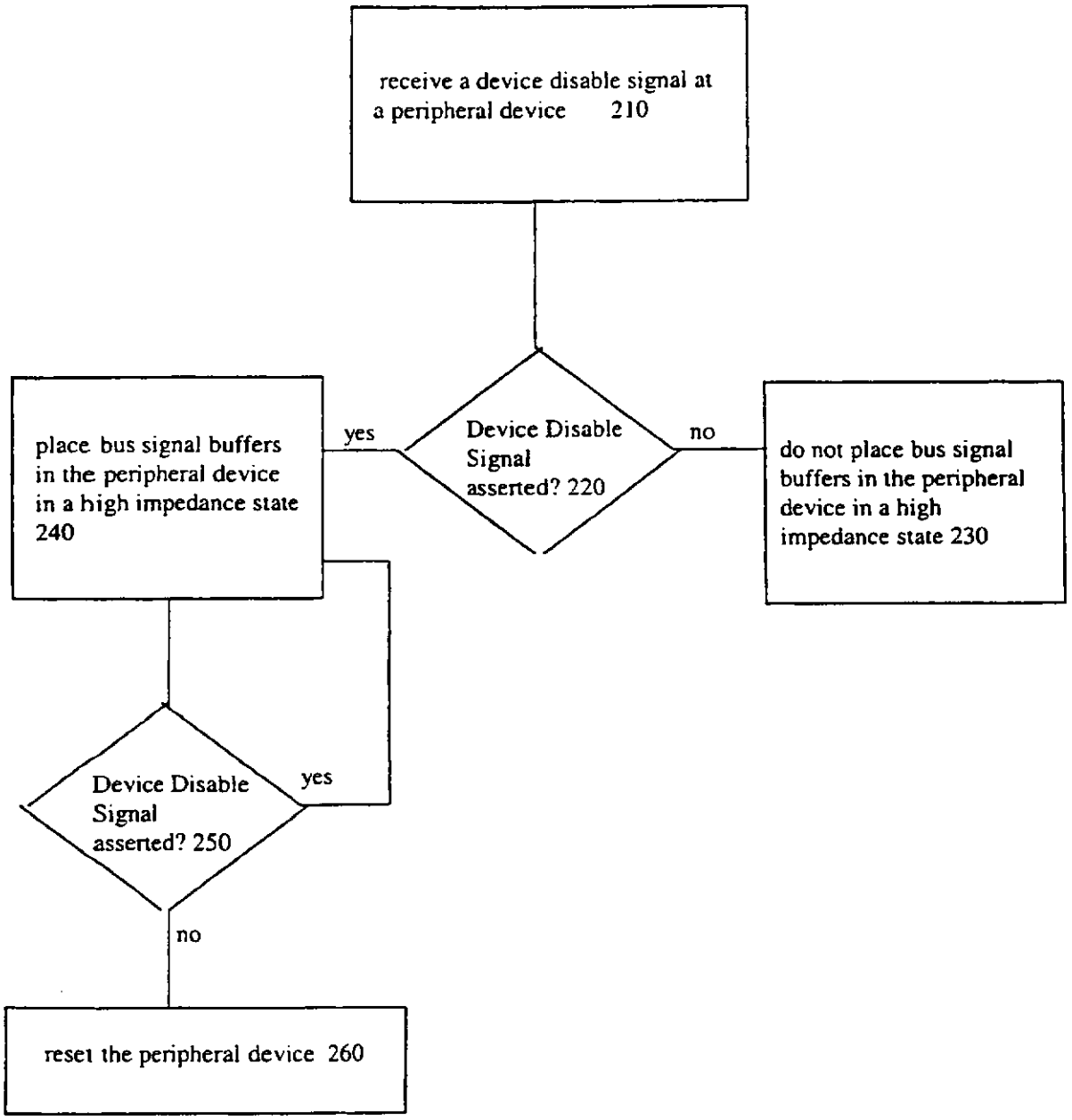

receive a device disable signal at a peripheral device 210
Device Disable Signal asserted? 220
yes
no
place bus signal buffers in the peripheral device in a high impedance state 240
do not place bus signal buffers in the peripheral device in a high impedance state 230
Device Disable Signal asserted? 250
yes
no
reset the peripheral device 260

Figure 2

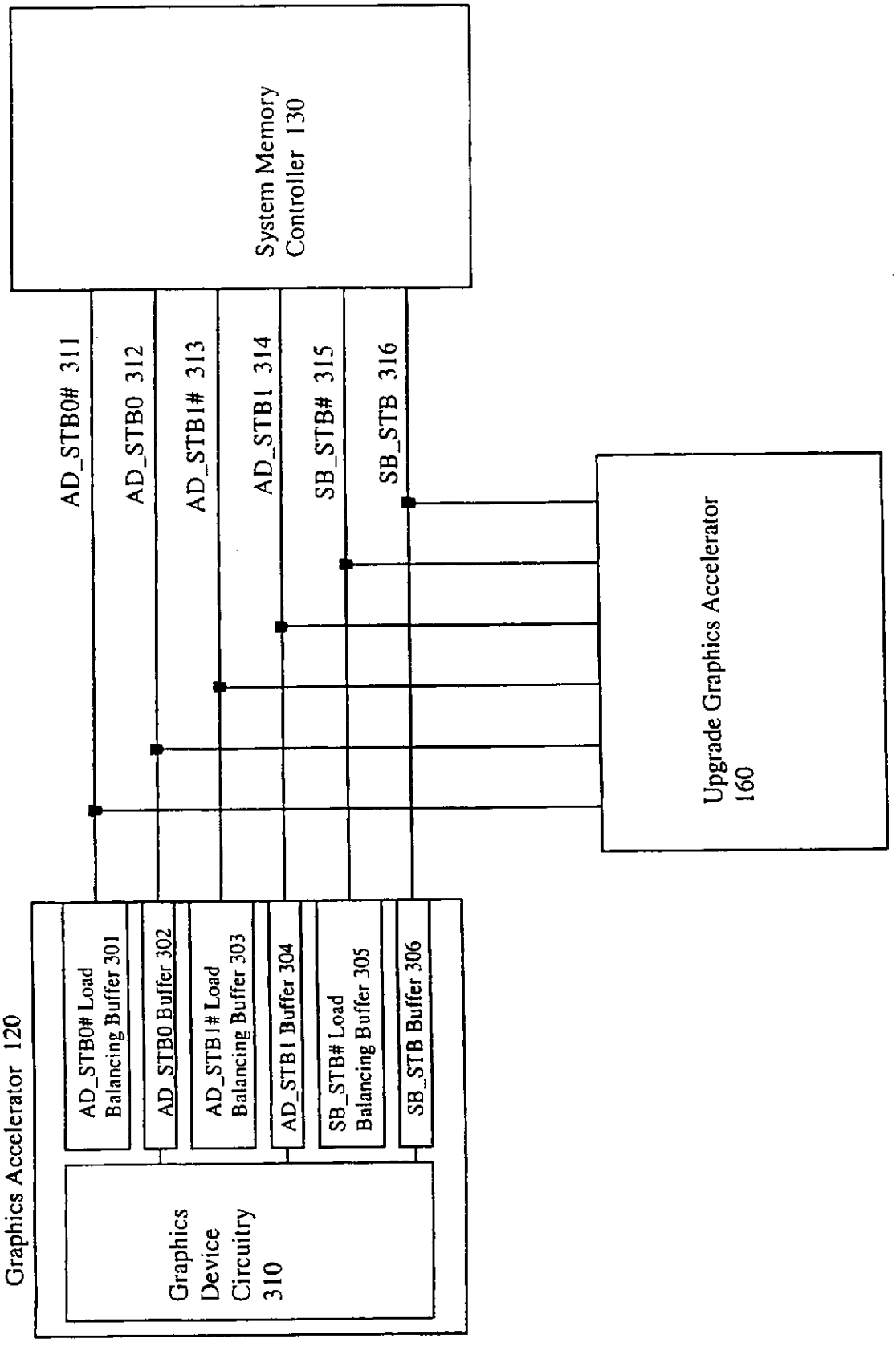

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Figure 3

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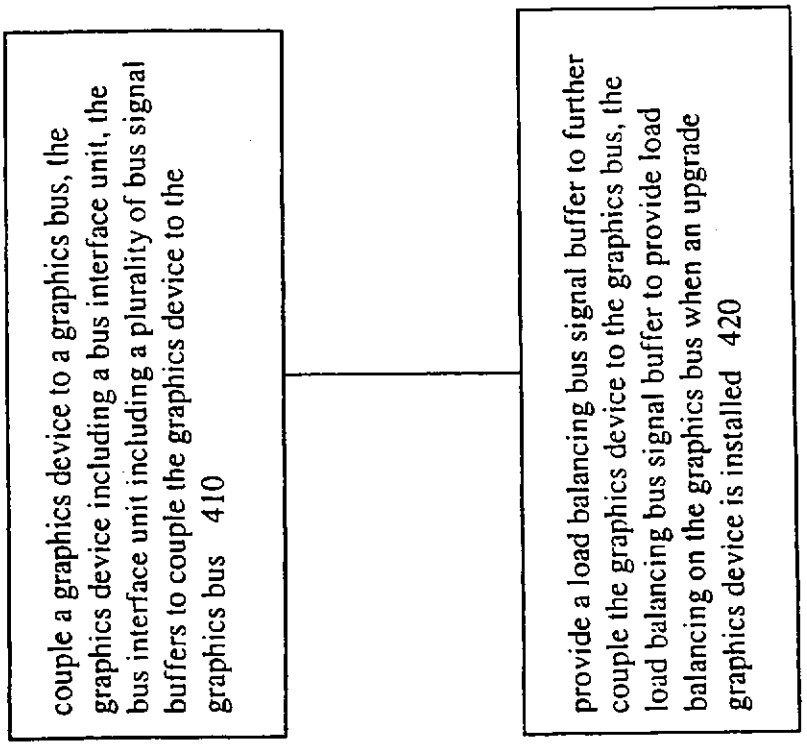

couple a graphics device to a graphics bus, the graphics device including a bus interface unit, the bus interface unit including a plurality of bus signal buffers to couple the graphics device to the graphics bus 410
provide a load balancing bus signal buffer to further couple the graphics device to the graphics bus, the load balancing bus signal buffer to provide load balancing on the graphics bus when an upgrade graphics device is installed 420

Figure 4