

Abstract of the Disclosure
Combination Chip Card Reader

A contacting unit for a card-shaped carrier element of electronic components has a housing with a base plate and a contact field provided at a side of the housing leading when inserted into a computing device. A PCMCIA card is placed into the housing parallel to the base plate such that between the base plate and the PCMCIA card an insertion channel for a chip card is formed. The housing has an insertion slot for inserting a chip card into the insertion channel. The insertion slot is arranged opposite the contact field. Contact elements are connected to a face of the PCMCIA card for contacting the chip card inserted into the insertion channel. An insertion guide surrounds the insertion slot. The insertion guide has lateral cover portions extending to the leading side of the housing. Abutments are connected to the housing in the vicinity of the contact field for limiting an insertion depth of the chip card into the insertion channel. The abutments are positioned so as to cooperate with corners of the leading edge of the chip card. The abutments have a contour slant or a contour radius matching the contour slant or contour radius of the corners of the leading edge of the chip card.

Figure 1