

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A VIDEO
ANSWERING MACHINE**

ABSTRACT

The present invention is a video answer machine which includes a video data recorder (26) for accepting and recording an outgoing video message, an audio data recorder (22) for accepting and recording an outgoing audio message, and data storage (19) for storing said outgoing video message and said outgoing audio message. Also included in the video answering machine is a control module (12) for accepting an incoming call from a caller, for determining a device type associated with the incoming call, for responding to the incoming call using either the outgoing video message or the outgoing audio message in accordance with the associated device type and for accepting either an audio response or a video response from the caller in accordance with said associated device type.

Figure 1