

TRANSACTION SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

5 A transaction system (10) comprising a host computer
server (12) and at least one electronic transaction
terminal (14) for receiving transaction data pertaining to
customer transactions and for transmitting the transaction
10 transaction data to the server (12) over a computer network (16), the
transaction terminal (14) including an interface (24) for
establishing data communication with a removable data
storage device (28) for storing at least one digital
security key, wherein the security key is accessible by
the transaction terminal (14) when the data storage device
15 (28) is in data communication with the transaction
terminal (14), and the transaction terminal (14) is
configured to write the transaction data to the data
storage device (28) for subsequent retrieval by the
transaction terminal (14) or another like transaction
20 terminal (14).

FIGURE 2