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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 12/268,297 filed

November 10, 2008 by Daniel M. Fischer, et al. and entitled "System and Method for Charging a

Battery in a Mobile Device", which is a continuation of and claims priority from U.S. Patent

Application No. 11/749,680, filed May 16, 2007, now No. 7,453,233 issued on November 18,

2008 by Daniel M. Fischer, et al. and entitled "Multifunction Charger System and Method"

"Adapter System and Method for Powering a Device", which is a continuation of and claims

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issued on August 30, 2005, by Daniel M. Fischer, et al. and entitled "Multifunctional Charger

System and Method", which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/273,021

filed March 1, 2001, by Daniel M. Fischer, et al. and entitled "System and Method for Adapting a

USB to Provide Power for Charging a Mobile Device" and U.S. Provisional Application No.

60/330,486 filed October 23, 2001, by Daniel M. Fischer, et al. and entitled "Multifunctional

Charger System and Method" and all incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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### REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced corrections in the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" be entered in the record prior to examination of this application.

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#### CONCLUSION

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Date: March 17,2010

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## Description

[0001] The present invention relates to identification apparatus and a method therefor. In particular, it relates to such apparatus and method for accessory devices of electronic devices such as portable telephones.

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[0002] There are many types of peripheral devices used with electronic devices. A particularly common accessory device is a battery charger for portable devices such as portable telephones. The present invention will now be discussed in terms of the state of the art and by way of example, with reference to battery chargers.

[0003] There are a number of known methods for charging rechargeable batteries for portable devices, such as nickel-cadmium batterles. Many of these chargers require the removal of the batteries from the device to enable recharging. Removal of the batteries from the device is considered a drawback, since the device is out of operation during the recharging. However, a number of different chargers have been developed which can be attached to a battery powered device and the batteries charged in situ in the device. In this way, the functionality of the device can be maintained while charging the batteries. Even though the functionality of the device is maintained, a portable device, such as a mobile phone. is unavailable for operation in the manner intended, i.e., as a portable device. Since chargers often recharge a battery using a fairly low charging current, the battery powered device is not available for portable operation for extended periods of time, such as eight hours or 30 more during which time the batteries are being recharged.

[0004] Many battery powered devices, such as mobile phones, are extremely energy intensive, expending considerable amounts of power during the receive functions and more particularly during the transmit functions. Because of lengthy recharging times, "rapid" chargers have been developed which can charge batteries fairly rapidly, for example in less than an hour as compared with the charging time of eight hours for previous battery chargers.

[0005] In order to charge batteries rapidly, numerous problems had to be overcome. One of the most serious problems was overcharging of the batteries, resulting in turn in overheating of the batteries. Overheating may damage the battery case seals, resulting in rupturing of the battery case and in extreme instances in explosive rupturing of the battery case.

[0006] In known "rapid" battery chargers most of these problems have been solved in one way or another, e.g., by monitoring given battery parameters, such as the charging rate of the battery, internal battery temperatures or charge state of the battery. In some "rapid" chargers, attempts have been made to prevent overcharging of the batteries by utilizing timed charging of the battery. However, using these known solutions it is not always possible to prevent overcharging of batteries, for instance, when the charger type is not exactly a

correct one or designed to be used with the battery being charged.

[0007] Numerous different types of chargers are on the market which comprise different charging capacities and charging parameters for charging rechargeable batteries of portable devices. Some chargers can even be unsuitable, i.e., hazardous for the batteries. Consequently, portable devices should be able to somehow identify the charger and its properties. Similar problems exist for accessory devices generally for all types of electronic device, not just battery charges or portable telephones.

[0008] EP-A-0 409 226 discloses an identification apparatus for a load comprising coupling means for coupling the load to a power supply and modulating means for modulating a signal according to the identity data from the load.

[0009] According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided identification apparatus for an accessory device, comprising coupling means for coupling the accessory device to a mobile telephone and modulation means for modulating a signal on the coupling means in accordance with identity data from the accessory device

[0010] According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided an identification method for an accessory device, comprising transmitting an identity signal from the accessory device to a mobile telephone coupled thereto by modulating a signal transmitted therebetween in accordance with identity data from the accessory device.

[0011] This has the advantage that the accessory device can indicate to an electronic device to which it is connected which peripheral device it is. Thus, there is provided a solution to a problem of identifying accessory devices.

[0012] In a preferred embodiment the modulation means comprises a switch means operable to activate and de-activate the coupling means.

[0013] Preferably, the identification apparatus further comprises a bit generator or corresponding charger for generating the identity data.

[0014] Suitably, there is provided control means adopted to control the modulation means in accordance with the identity data for superimposing a pulse ratio, pulse length, pulse count or the like signal on the signal on the coupling means.

[0015] Advantageously, there is provided timing means for determining a time during which the modulation means is operable, in particular the timing means comprises a timer and a switch operable in accordance with the timer to decouple the identity data from the control and/or modulation means.

[0016] Optionally, the switch means comprises a switching transistor or field effect transistor.

[0017] Identification may be implemented after a certain start-up period, before operation, e.g. charging, is started or in the initial stage of operation of the accessions.

sory device.

[0018] Embodiments in accordance with the invention are now described, by way of example only, and with reference to the appended drawings in which:

Fig. 1 shows a diagrammatic illustration of the implementation of apparatus in accordance with the invention

Fig. 2 shows a more detailed diagrammatic illustration of the apparatus of Fig. 1

[0019] In a device in accordance with the invention a battery charger for a transportable device transmits an identification code for the charger via a charging cable, by switching the charging voltage on and off using a certain pulse ratio or pulse length or pulse count. Such identification can be implemented after a certain start-up time or before starting an actual charging routine it can also be carried out in the initial stage of charging after having switched the charging on or entered a charging routine.

[0020] Fig. 1 shows an implementation of an embodiment in accordance with the invention. The identification of the charger is formed by using bit generator 1 from which the identification is taken via switching block 2, controlled by timing block 3, to control block 4 of a pulse width modulator. A switching transistor or field effect transistor functions as switch 8 and takes a charging voltage containing the identification as a modulation imposed thereon, via inductance 6 to the output of the charger. Timing block 3 can also operate to control switch 8 to stay on after the pulse identification has been transmitted from the charger. The main circuit comprises, in a known manner, parallel diode 5 and parallel capacitor 7 coupled to ground. The charging voltage may be the output of a DC/DC converter, the output of which is then switched on or off by switch 8.

[0021] Fig. 2 shows a slightly more detailed diagrammatic illustration of the apparatus in accordance with the invention. The identification of the charger is formed by using logic NAND circuit 9 (an AND circuit having an inverting output), from where the identification is transmitted to control block 4 of the pulse width modulator. The resistances shown in Figure 2 are marked with numbers 10 and 11 and the capacitors are marked with numbers 12 and 13. A switching transistor or field effect transistor functions as switch 8 and takes the charging voltage containing the identification via inductance 6 to the output of the charger. The pulse identification is formed until capacitor 12 is charged, switch 8 being left switched on thereafter.

[0022] In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the invention.

55 For example, the accessory device need not be a battery charger but could be some other accessory, and the electronic device need not be just a portable telephone.

Additionally, the modulation of the charging voltage may comprise varying the charging voltage as well as switching it on or off.

## Claims

- Identification apparatus for an accessory device, comprising coupling means for coupling the accessory device to a mobile telephone and modulation means for modulating a signal on the coupling means in accordance with identity data from the accessory device.
- Identification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the modulation means comprises a switch means operable to activate and de-activate the coupling means.
- Identification apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising a bit generator or corresponding charger for generating the identity data.
  - 4. Identification apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein there is provided control means adapted to control the modulation means in accordance with the identity data for superimposing a pulse ratio, pulse length, pulse count or the like signal on the signal on the coupling means.
  - Identification apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein there is provided timing means for determining a time during which the modulation means is operable.
  - Identification apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the timing means comprises a timer and a switch operable in accordance with the timer to decouple the identity data from the control and/or modulation means.
  - Identification apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the switch means comprises a switching transistor or field effect transistor.
  - Identification apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
    - a logic NAND circuit,
    - resistance, and
    - capacitance, wherein

the identity data is formed by using the logic NAND circuit, from where the identity data is taken to control block for a pulse width modulator.

A battery charger comprising identification apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the 10

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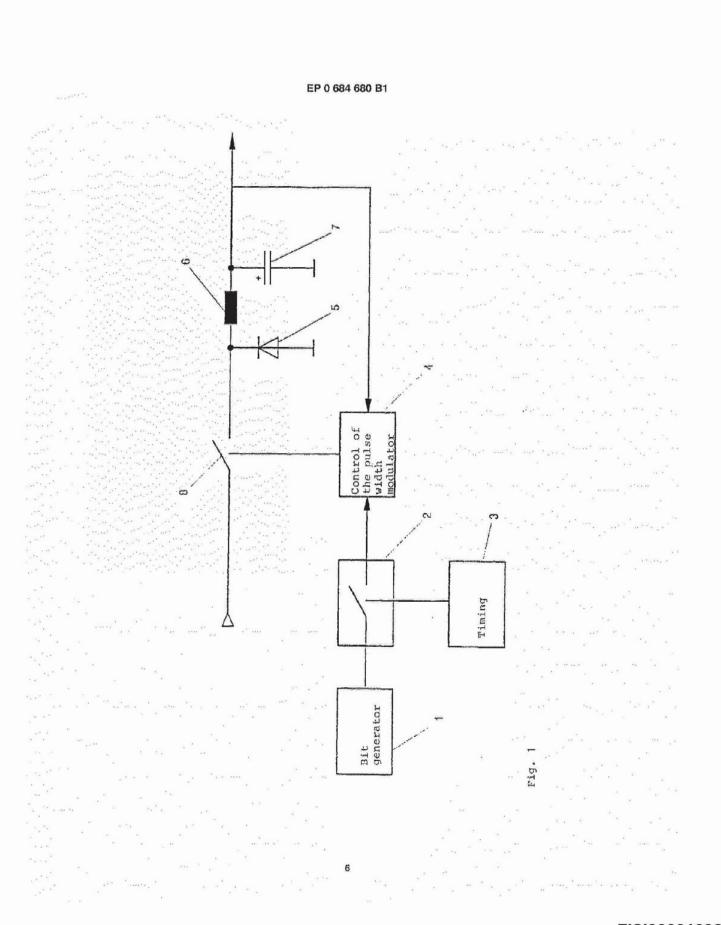
- coupling means is adapted to carry a charging voltage, and the signal on the coupling means is a charging voltage.
- 10. An identification method for an accessory device, comprising transmitting an identity signal from the accessory device to a mobile telephone coupled thereto by modulating a signal transmitted therebetween in accordance with identity data from the accessory device.
- 11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the signal is modulated by switching the signal on or off.

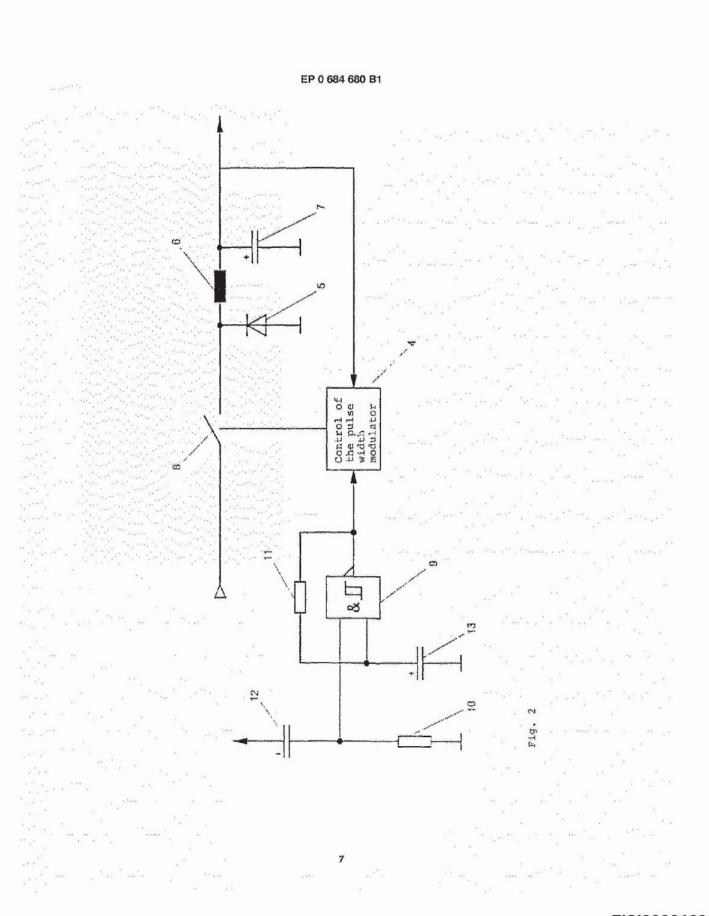
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- 1. Identifikationsvorrichtung für ein Zusatzgerät, mit Kopplungsmitteln zur Kopplung des Zusatzgeräts an ein Mobiltelefon, und Modulationsmitteln zur Modulation eines Signals an den Kopplungsmitteln gemäß Identitätsdaten von dem Zusatzgerät.
- 2. Identifikationsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, bei der die Modulationsmittel Schaltmittel enthalten, die zur . 25 Aktivierung und Deaktivierung der Kopplungsmittel betreibbar sind.
- 3. Identifikationsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, mit einem Bitgenerator oder einem korrespondie- 30 Revendications renden Ladegerät zur Erzeugung der Identitätsda-
- 4. Identifikationsvorrichtung nach irgendeinem der vorangegangenen Ansprüche, bei der zur Steue- 35 rung der Modulationsmittel gemäß den Identitätsdaten Steuermittel bereitgestellt sind, um ein Pulsverhältnis, eine Pulslänge, eine Pulszahl oder ein ähnliches Signal mit dem Signal an den Kopplungsmitteln zu überlagern.
- Identifikationsvorrichtung nach irgendelnem der vorangegangenen Ansprüche, bei der zur Bestimmung einer Zeit während der die Modulationsmittel betreibbar sind Zeitsteuerungsmittel vorgesehen
- Identifikationsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, bei der die Zeitsteuerungsmittel einen Zeitgeber und einen Schalter enthalten, der gemäß dem Zeitgeber betreibbar ist, um die Identitätsdaten von den Steuerund/oder Modulationsmitteln zu trennen.
- Identifikationsvorrichtung nach irgendelnem der vorangegangenen Ansprüche, bei der die Schaltmittel einen Schalttransistor oder einen Feldeffekttransistor enthalten.

- 8. Identifikationsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, mit:
  - einer NAND-Logikschaltung;
  - einem Widerstand; und
  - einer Kapazität, wobei die Identitätsdaten unter Verwendung der NAND-Logikschaltung gebildet werden, von wo aus die Identitätsdaten einem Steuerblock für einen Pulsbreitenmodulator zugeführt werden.
- Batterieladegerät mit einer Identifikationsvorrichtung nach irgendeinem der vorangegangenen Ansprüche, wobei die Kopplungsmittel zur Übertragung einer Ladespannung vorgesehen sind, und das Signal an den Kopplungsmitteln eine Ladespannung ist.
- 10. Identifikationsverfahren für ein Zusatzgerät, mit einem Schritt zur Übertragung eines Identitätssignals vom Zusatzgerät an ein mit diesem gekoppeltes Mobiltelefon, und zwar mittels Modulation eines zwischen ihnen übertragenen Signals gemäß den Identitätsdaten vom Zusatzgerät.
- 11. Verfahren nach Anspruch 10, bei dem das Signal moduliert wird, indem es ein- oder ausgeschaltet

- Apparell d'identification pour un dispositif auxiliaire, comprenant un moyen de couplage pour coupler le dispositif auxiliaire à un téléphone mobile et un moyen de modulation pour moduler un signal sur le moyen de couplage conformément à des données d'identité à partir du dispositif auxiliaire.
- Appareil d'identification selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le moyen de modulation comprend un moyen de commutation pouvant être utilisé pour activer et désactiver le moyen de couplage.
  - Appareil d'identification selon la revendication 1 ou la revendication 2, comprenant en outre un générateur de bit ou un chargeur correspondant pour générer les données d'identité.
  - Appareil d'identification selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lequel il est prévu un moyen de contrôle adapté pour contrôler le moyen de modulation conformément aux données d'Identité pour superposer un rapport d'impulsions, une longueur d'impulsion, un nombre d'impulsions ou un signal similaire sur le signal sur le moyen de couplage.
  - 5. Appareil d'identification selon l'une quelconque des





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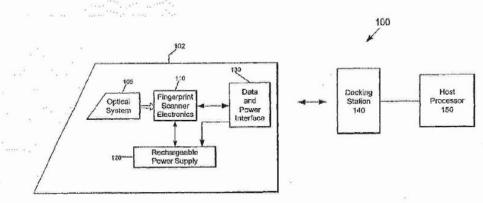
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(57) Abstract: A mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner is recharged by a data and power communication interface. The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner includes a rechargeable power supply and a data and power communication interface. The rechargeable power supply powers the fingerprint scanner during mobile use. In one example, the rechargeable power supply includes at least one rechargeable battery, a charging circuit, and a voltage regulator circuit. Data and recharging power is carried over the same interface. A separate plug for power is not needed. The fingerprint scanner can then be inserted quickly and easily in a docking station as only a single data and power communication interface need be coupled. This is particularly advantageous in law enforcement applications where mobile use is important and safety can be compromised if a mobile scanner does not couple to a docking station quickly and easily.

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# Rechargeable Mobile Hand-Held Fingerprint Scanner With a Data and Power Communication Interface

# Background of the Invention

# 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to fingerprint scanning and imaging.

# 10 2. Related Art

Biometrics are a group of technologies that provide a high level of security. Fingerprint capture and recognition is an important biometric technology. Law enforcement, banking, voting, and other industries increasingly rely upon fingerprints as a biometric to recognize or verify identity. See, *Biometrics Explained*, v. 2.0, G. Roethenbaugh, International Computer Society Assn. Carlisle, PA 1998, pages 1-34 (incorporated herein by reference in its entirety).

Fingerprint scanners are available which capture an image of a fingerprint.

A signal representative of the captured image is then sent over a data communication interface to a host computer for further processing. For example, the host can perform one-to-one or one-to-many fingerprint matching.

However, such fingerprint scanners are typically attached or tethered to a computer. These fingerprint scanners can rely upon power from a separate plug or through a Universal Serial Bus (USB) interface. See, e.g., fingerprint scanners made by Digital Persona, Veridcom, and SecurGen.

Mobile use is increasingly desired in biometric applications, such as law enforcement. Police and other users need a portable, hand-held device to easily

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capture fingerprint images in the field. The portable hand-held device must be powered reliably. Conventional fingerprint scanners tethered to a personal computer cannot meet this need.

# Summary of the Invention

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The present invention provides a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner that is recharged by a powered data communication interface. Data and recharging power is carried over the same interface. A separate plug for power is not needed. The fingerprint scanner can then be inserted quickly and easily in a docking station as only a single data and power communication interface need be coupled. This is particularly advantageous in law enforcement applications where mobile use is important and safety can be compromised if a mobile scanner does not couple to a docking station quickly and easily.

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In one embodiment, the mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner includes a rechargeable power supply and a data and power communication interface. The rechargeable power supply powers the fingerprint scanner during mobile use. In one example implementation, the rechargeable power supply includes at least one rechargeable battery, a charging circuit, and a voltage regulator circuit. The charging circuit regulates the charging (i.e. the rate) of a rechargeable battery when the fingerprint scanner is receiving power through the data and power communication interface. The voltage regulator circuit maintains a substantially constant output system voltage from the rechargeable battery during mobile use. Further, in one preferred example, the data and power communication interface is a universal serial bus (USB). The data and power interface of the present invention is not limited to USB. In general, any data communication interface that provides for power in its protocol may be used, such as, an IEEE 1394 interface.

Further features and advantages of the present invention, as well as the structure and operation of various embodiments of the present invention, are described in detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings.

# Brief Description of the Drawings

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The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated herein and form part of the specification, illustrate the present invention and, together with the description, further serve to explain the principles of the invention and to enable a person skilled in the pertinent art to make and use the invention.

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FIG. 1 is a diagram of a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner and docking system according to one embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a diagram of a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner according to one embodiment of the present invention.

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FIGs. 3A and 3B are drawings of an example implementation of a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner used in a law enforcement application according to the present invention.

The present invention is described with reference to the accompanying drawings. In the drawings, like reference numbers indicate identical or functionally similar elements. Additionally, the left-most digit(s) of a reference number identifies the drawing in which the reference number first appears.

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# Detailed Description of the Embodiments

According to the present invention, a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner is recharged by a data and power communication interface. The term "data and power interface" refers to any communication interface that transfers data and provides power. The data and power interface of the present invention can include, but is not limited to, Universal Serial Bus (USB) or IEEE 1394.

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FIG. 1 shows a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner and docking system 100 according to one embodiment of the present invention. System 100 includes a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner 102, docking station 140 and a host processor 150. Fingerprint scanner 102 is a portable, hand-held scanner that detects and stores images representing part or all of a fingerprint. For convenience, the term "fingerprint image" is used herein to refer to any type of detected fingerprint including but not limited to an image of all or part of one or more fingerprints, a rolled fingerprint, a flat stationary fingerprint, a palm print, and/or prints of multiple fingers. Fingerprint scanner 102 is detachably coupled to docking station 140. Stored images are then downloaded from fingerprint scanner 102 through docking station 140 to a host processor 150.

In one embodiment, fingerprint scanner 102 includes an optical system 105. For example, optical system 105 can include a prism and a lens system, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,900,993 (incorporated herein by reference). Other optical systems can be used in the present invention as would be apparent to a person skilled in the art.

Optical system 105 outputs a fingerprint image to fingerprint scanner electronics 110. Fingerprint scanner electronics 110 detects the image and generates an electrical signal representative of the detected signal. The signal is then stored in a memory for subsequent download through data and power interface 130.

According to the present invention, rechargeable power supply 120 is coupled to fingerprint scanner electronics 110 (and electrical components, if any, in optical system 105) and data and power interface 130. Rechargeable power supply 120 provides power for the electronic components in fingerprint scanner 102, including fingerprint scanner electronics 110 and any electrical components in optical system 105, such as, a shutter, lens cover, or drive unit(s) for the lens system. Rechargeable power supply 120 is able to power the fingerprint scanner 102 when the scanner is in active, mobile use out of the docking station 140.

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According to a further feature, when the fingerprint scanner 102 is returned to docking station 140, power is provided through data and power interface 130 to recharge rechargeable power supply 120. No separate plug or power connection is needed. This is especially important in time-sensitive and safety critical applications, such as law enforcement. A police officer needs to be able to return fingerprint scanner 102 to docking station 140 in a simple and rapid fashion such that a connection is made quickly and reliably.

In one preferred example, data and power interface 130 is a universal serial bus (USB). A USB includes four pins (or channels). Two pins (+,-) carry a differential data signal, a third pin carries power, and a fourth pin is ground. The data and power interface of the present invention is not limited to USB. In general, any data communication interface that provides for power in its protocol may be used, such as, the IEEE 1394 High Performance Serial Bus (also called a FIREWIRE interface). See, e.g., Randall, "Solutions: Tutor, a Serial Bus on Speed," *PC Magazine* May 25, 1999, pp. 201-203 (incorporated herein by reference).

Docking station 140 can hold fingerprint scanner 102 in a variety of configurations depending upon a particular application and environment. For example, in a law enforcement application, docking station 140 may be a holder mounted in a police car. Host processor 150 can be any type of computer, processor(s), or logic which can receive and process fingerprint images detected by the fingerprint scanner 102. In one example, host processor 150 includes software for performing one-to-one or one-to-many fingerprint matching and recognition.

In another example, host processor 150 transmits detected fingerprint data to another processor for matching and recognition. For instance, if host processor 150 is in a law enforcement vehicle, host processor 150 can transmit detected fingerprint data to another processor at a police station or FBI office with access to a larger database for matching and recognition over a broader range of data.

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In a law enforcement application, host processor 150 can further assemble the detected images into a format compatible with a local, county, or state AFIS or the NCIC or NCIC 2000 service. National Crime Information Center (NCIC) is an on-line information service jointly maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and criminal justice agencies throughout the United States and its territories. NCIC is being replaced by NCIC 2000, which will provide all NCIC services and new services. The new services include fingerprint matching, additional information files, and image files.

FIG. 2 is a diagram showing mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner 102 in further detail according to one embodiment of the present invention. Fingerprint scanner electronics 110 includes a camera board 212 and a capture board 214. Camera board 212 includes a CMOS square pixel array. For example, a CMOS camera manufactured by Motorola Corporation can be used. Capture board 214 includes a memory for storing detected fingerprint images. Other circuitry and/or processing capability, such as, a frame grabber, analog/digital converter, and system controller can be provided as would be apparent to a person skilled in the art given this description. Such functionality can be provided all or in part, as desired, in the camera card 212, capture card 214, a stand-alone component, docking station 140 or host processor 150. In one example, image processing and finger print matching and recognition operations are carried out primarily in host processor 150. Processing operations related to detecting and storing a detected image signal are carried out in capture board 214.

Rechargeable power supply 120 includes voltage regulator circuit 222, at least one rechargeable battery 224, and charging circuit 226. Data and power interface 230 is a Universal Serial Bus (USB). Voltage regulator circuit 222 maintains a substantially constant output system voltage from rechargeable battery 224 during mobile use and while nested in docking station 140. In one preferred example, a relatively low system voltage of about 3 volts can be output to power a CMOS camera (compared to 12 volts for a charge-coupled-device (CCD)

camera). Charging circuit 226 regulates the charging (i.e., the rate of charging) of a rechargeable battery 224 when fingerprint scanner 102 is receiving power through Universal Serial Bus 230. In one example, charging circuit 226 is connected to charge voltage regulator circuit 222 and rechargeable battery 224 with power from USB 230. Rechargeable battery 224 is coupled to voltage regulator circuit 222. Other configurations and arrangements can be used. Any known charging circuit and voltage regulator circuit can be used in accordance with this description as would be apparent to a person skilled in the art.

# Example Mobile Hand-Held Fingerprint Scanner

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FIGs. 3A and 3B are drawings of an example implementation of a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner (also called a live scan device) used in a law enforcement application according to the present invention. FIG. 3A shows two views (top view and a view from an angle) of an example fingerprint scanner 102 according to the present invention. Fingerprint scanner 102 can be used with a FBI Mobile Imaging Unit (MIU) software application in host processor 150 to support NCIC 2000 functions in mobile law enforcement vehicles. The MIU provides a user interface, supports various peripheral devices, and transmits information in NCIC 2000-defined formats. The mobile fingerprint live scan device 102 can operate as a peripheral to the MIU (or to a processor that performs MIU-equivalent functions).

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Fingerprint scanner 102 captures single (right or left index) fingerprint images in the environment of a law enforcement vehicle (see FIG. 3B). Fingerprint scanner 102 communicates the fingerprint images to a mobile host processor 150 in the vehicle. Fingerprint scanner 102 does not compromise officer safety when used by a single officer working with an unknown subject in a remote location. Hence, its small size, light weight, and mobility in the vicinity of the patrol car are vital to law enforcement. The ability to provide electrical

power to fingerprint scanner 102 and support data transfer to the mobile host processor 150 without a tether is also highly desirable to law enforcement.

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Further, fingerprint scanner 102 is sufficiently rugged for extended use in a mobile environment. The housing for fingerprint scanner 102 is a machined aluminum enclosure providing a rugged, durable device that can sustain the rigors of harsh temperature environments associated with portable/mobile use with mass handling.

Host processor 150 includes or is coupled through a wireless communication link to other system databases or services (such as NCIC 2000). A software interface which is TWAIN compliant is included for easy integration and Plug and Play (PnP) connectivity.

Fingerprint scanner 102 integrates optical system 105 and an internal processor in electronics 110 to make up a complete, self-contained unit. The optics provide forensic quality image capture that meets or exceeds most image matching requirements.

The hardware interface of the fingerprint scanner 102 utilizes an industry standard USB connection 230 in one example. USB interface 230 eliminates the need for costly digitizer boards, providing immediate return on investment.

Fingerprint scanner 102 is ergonomically designed to fit the hand naturally. The oblong, cylindrical shape (similar to a flashlight), does not contain sharp edges. The device is small enough to be gripped by large or small hands without awkward or unnatural movement. The device is comfortable to use without muscle strain on the operator or subject. In one example, fingerprint scanner 102 is  $1.5 \times 8.0 \times 1.5$  inches (height x length x width), weighs about 340 grams (12 oz.), and has an image platen size of about  $1" \times 1"$ .

Fingerprint scanner 102 has controls and status indicators on the front-face of the unit for single (left or right) hand operation. The non-intimidating appearance of the fingerprint scanner 102 is designed to resemble a typical flashlight - a device that is not generally threatening to the public. Fingerprint

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scanner102 has no sharp edges and is constructed of a light-weight aluminum housing that is coated with a polymer to give the device a "rubberized" feel. Because fingerprint scanner 102 is small and lightweight, it may be carried on the officer's utility belt upon exiting a vehicle. The device is designed for one hand use, allowing the officer to have a free hand for protective actions. Fingerprint scanner 102 is designed for harsh environments to sustain issues such as dramatic temperature changes and non-intentional abuse.

Fingerprint scanner 102 exchanges data with the mobile host processor 150 via a docking station 140. The docking station 140 serves as a cradle that easily guides the fingerprint scanner 102 into position blindly, allowing the officer to focus on safety issues rather than the device operation. Docking station 140 is small and compact for easy placement in a tight space. Using a simple USB cable, the docking station 140 transmits data and charges the rechargeable battery 224 through a simple, single connection.

Fingerprint scanner 102 captures a single image and stores the captured image in any type of portable media (not shown). Such portable media for example can be memory integral to or coupled to receive output from camera board 212. Random-access memory (RAM) backed-up by rechargeable battery 224 is used in one embodiment of the present invention. Rechargeable battery 224 can be a Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) Nickel Cadmium battery. The low-voltage battery (3.3 VDC) powers fingerprint scanner 102. Other types of memory (flash memory, non-volatile memory, floppy drives, disks, mini-floppy drives, etc.) can be used in alternative embodiments of the present invention.

In one embodiment of the present invention, a captured image of a fingerprint print is stored locally in memory in fingerprint scanner electronics 110. For example, the memory can store the print without having to transmit the print using expensive radio-frequency transmission. Captured images of prints can be stored in mini-floppy drives (such as the available from Sandisk Corp. or Intel Corp.). In this way, multiple prints can be stored locally. This is especially

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important in border control and accident sight markets. A crime scene can also be better documented as prints of all people present can be captured. Such captured prints can then be distinguished from other latent images which are uncovered.

Fingerprint scanner 102 can meet the most strict NIST (ANSI-NIST CSL 1998) image requirements.

Fingerprint scanner 102 contains a simple push button and set of 3 LED's that provide user activation and status indication. The user need only press one button to activate the unit. Once activated, the fingerprint scanner 102 awaits a finger to be introduced to the fingerprint capture platen. The digital image (or analog) is automatically captured when an adequate image area is detected. The image is then tested for quality of data prior to notifying the operator with an indication (e.g., visual indication and/or audible tone) for acceptance. The detected image is scalable to conform to FBI provided software (cropped or padded to 512 pixels by 512 pixels), although the standard image size is 1" X 1", 500 dpi, 256 levels of gray-scale (ANSI-NIST).

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The digital fingerprint image output is stored in raw data format within memory (preferably a memory in fingerprint scanner 102). The raw data is then sent via the USB interface to host processor 150. Host processor 150 reformats the raw data into any desired or required image format. Scanner 102 can also store information that identifies the format of the raw data. Host processor 150 can then receive this information to determine what reformatting (e.g. cropping and/or padding), if any, is needed. For example, the raw data can be stored ins canner 102 in a 504 x 480 pixel image format. Host processor 150 can then reformat the 504 x 480 pixel format to a 512 x 512 image format or any other desired format.

In an example environment, fingerprint scanner 102 can meet the following criteria:

- \* A WINDOWS operating system environment and FBI-provided fingerprint image processing algorithms are used in NCIC 2000 fingerprint transactions;
- \* Fingerprint image sampling rate: 500 pixels per inch

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- \* Size at input to FBI-provided Software: Cropped or padded to 512 pixels by 512 pixels
- \* Software interface from live scan device to MIU: TWAIN
- \* Image Quality: Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification, FBI Criminal Justice Information Services
- 1) Appendix F, IAFIS Image Quality Specification Section 2 Fingerprint Scanners and
- Appendix G, Interim IAFIS Image Quality Specification for Scanners; MIU Processing: FBI-provided fingerprint image processing in mobile computer.

Fingerprint scanner 102 is held in either hand and used to capture a person's fingerprint. The fingerprint is captured from a cooperative individual (frontal approach) or an uncooperative individual (handcuffed subject - most commonly face down). Fingerprint scanner 102 can be operated with one-hand, allowing the officer to have a hand ready for protective actions. The officer need not have fingerprinting knowledge to capture the fingerprint.

The fingerprint capture process is simple as pressing a button and applying the subject's finger. The fingerprint is automatically captured and a quality check is performed immediately. The unit emits a tone to indicate a completed process. The officer may introduce the unit to the docking station blindly, maintaining his eyes on the subject for safety. Once seated in the docking station, the fingerprint is automatically transferred to the mobile computer without operator intervention. The unit's batteries are charged while within the docking station and ready for the next operation.

Thus, the present invention provides a mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner that is recharged by a powered data communication interface. Data and recharging power is carried over the same interface. A separate plug for power

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is not needed. The fingerprint scanner can then be inserted quickly and easily in a docking station, as only a single data and power communication interface need be coupled. This is particularly advantageous in law enforcement applications where mobile use is important and safety can be compromised if a mobile scanner does not couple to a docking station quickly and easily.

# Conclusion

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While various embodiments of the present invention have been described above, it should be understood that they have been presented by way of example only, and not limitation. It will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims. Thus, the breadth and scope of the present invention should not be limited by any of the above-described exemplary embodiments, but should be defined only in accordance with the following claims and their equivalents.

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# What Is Claimed Is:

A mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner, comprising:
 an interface charged rechargeable power supply that powers the fingerprint scanner during mobile use; and

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a data and power communication interface that couples data between the fingerprint scanner and a docking station, and that provides power to charge said interface charged rechargeable power supply; whereby, a dedicated plug for recharging a power supply separate from a data interface can be avoided.

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 The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 1, wherein said interface charged rechargeable power supply includes at least one rechargeable battery.

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3. The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 2, wherein said interface charged rechargeable power supply includes a charging circuit that regulates the charging of said at least one rechargeable battery when the fingerprint scanner is receiving power through the powered interface.

4. The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 3, wherein said charging circuit regulates the rate of charging of said at least one rechargeable battery.

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5. The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 2, wherein said interface charged rechargeable power supply includes a voltage regulator circuit that maintains a substantially constant output system voltage from the rechargeable battery during mobile use.

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- 6. The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 2, wherein said powered interface comprises a universal serial bus (USB).
- The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 2, wherein said powered interface comprises an IEEE1394 compatible interface.

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- The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 3, wherein said charging circuit regulates the rate of charging of said at least one rechargeable battery.
- The mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner of claim 2, wherein said at least one rechargeable battery comprises at least one nickel cadmium battery.

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 A method for charging a mobile fingerprint scanner comprising the step of:

charging a rechargeable power supply in the mobile fingerprint scanner with power carried over a data and communication interface.

