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- (54) Title of the Invention: Test card for automated retail financial transaction system Abstract Title: Test card for automated retail financial transaction system
- (57) In some embodiments, apparatuses and methods are provided herein useful to a test card for use in automated testing of a POS terminal. In some embodiments, the test card comprises a substrate including at least one track, wherein the substrate is configured to interact with a magnetic card reader, an electrical contact configured to receive magnetic stripe data from a database, and an electrical trace, wherein the electrical trace is programmable with respect to the received magnetic stripe data, wherein the electrical trace forms a continuous conductive pathway, wherein the electrical trace forms a stair step configuration comprising a plurality of linear segments including a first set of linear segments and a second set of linear segments, wherein the second set of linear segments includes at least one segment, and wherein the at least one segment connects ones of the first set of linear segments.

