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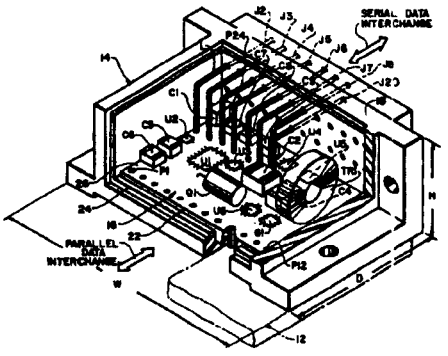
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A connector interface for enabling multiple conversions between first and second data handling systems wherein the data in the first system is arranged in a first type of format and the data in the second system is arranged in a second type of format, includes a connector housing with first and second sets of electrical contact elements exposed at different portions of the housing. Circuitry contained entirely within the housing operates to convert data transmitted to the first set of contact elements from the first data handling system into corresponding data in the second type of format for transmission to the second data handling system through the second set of contact elements, and to convert data transmitted to the second set of contact elements from the second data handling system into corresponding data in the first format for transmission to the first data handling system. One set of electrical contact elements may, for example, be arranged to extend out from the connector housing in two parallel rows to allow the elements to be directly connected to corresponding terminals arranged in a dual in line configuration on an outside printed circuit board. The other set of electrical contact elements may be arranged for multiple simultaneous or selective output connections for applications such as multiple communication, digital to analog and analog to digital conversions, and a multiple floppy disk controller.



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