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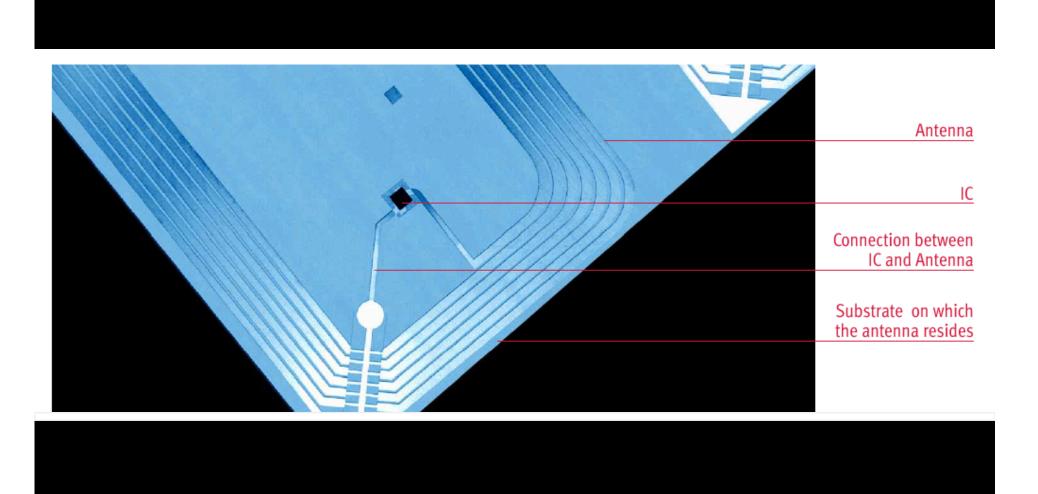
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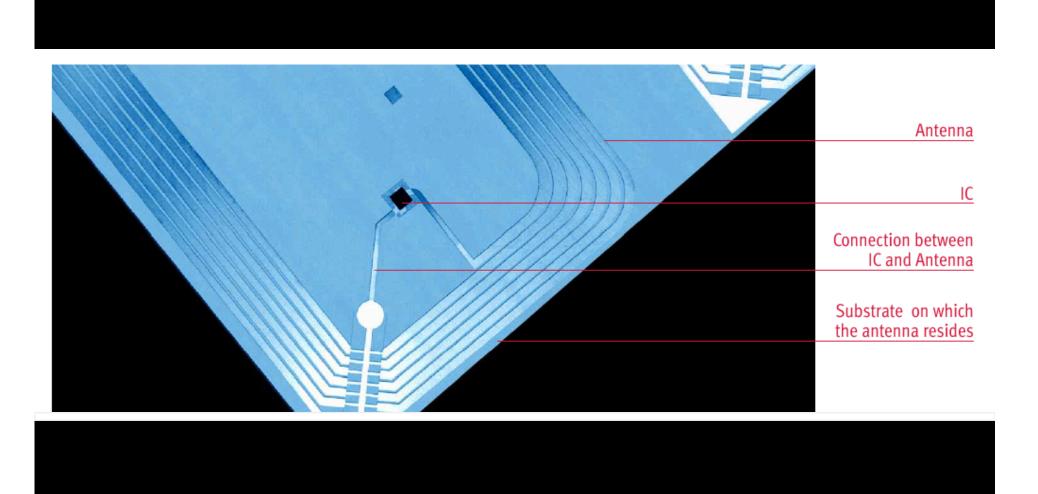
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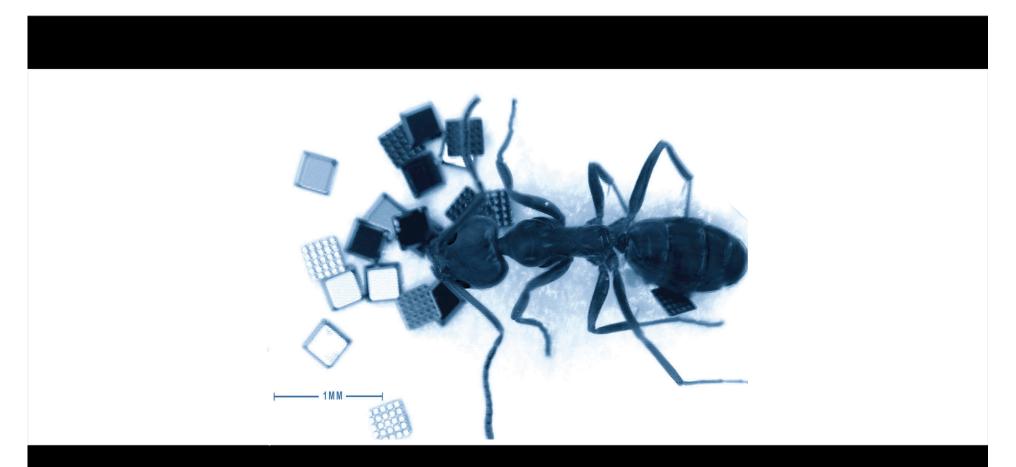
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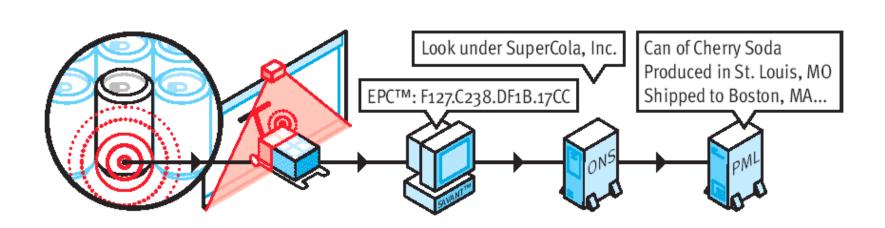
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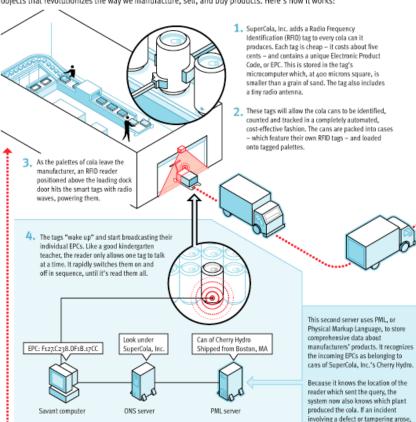






HOW THE AUTO-ID SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATE THE SUPPLY CHAIN

With Auto-ID technology, physical objects will have embedded intelligence that will allow them to communicate with each other and with businesses and consumers. Auto-ID technology offers an automated, numeric system of smart objects that revolutionizes the way we manufacture, sell, and buy products. Here's how it works:



5. The reader is wired into a computer system running Savant. It sends Savant the EPCs it's collected, and Savant goes to work. The system sends a query over the internet to an Object Name Service (ONS) database, which acts like a reverse telephone directory – it receives a number and produces an address.

this information would make it easy to

track the source of the problem - and

Hydro. As the cola is depleted, the fridge

will add the beverage to its automated

grocery list.

recall the products in question.

The ONS server matches the EPC number (the only data stored on an RFID tag) to the address of a server which has extensive information about the product. This data is available to, and can be augmented by, Savant systems around the world.

Cherry Hydro, send to truck 34 6. The palettes of cola arrive at the shipping service's distribution center. Thanks to RFID readers in the unloading area, there's no need to open packages and examine their contents. Savant provides a description of the cargo, and the cola is quickly routed to the appropriate truck. Cherry Hydro The delivery arrives at for aisle 2 SpeedyMart, who has been tracking the shipment thanks to its own Savant connection, SpeedyMart also has loading dock readers. As soon as the cola arrives, Need more SpeedyMart's retail systems Cherry Hydro are automatically updated to include every can of Cherry Hydro that arrived. In this manner, SpeedyMart can locate its entire Cherry Hydro inventory automatically, accurately and without incurring cost. 8. What's more, SpeedyMart's retail shelves also feature integrated readers. When the cans of cola are stocked, the shelves "understand" what's being put in them. Now, when a customer grabs a six-pack of Cherry Hydro, the diminished shelf will route a message to SpeedyMart's automated replenishment systems - which will order more Cherry Hydro from SuperCola, Inc. With such a system, the need to maintain costly "safety volumes" of Cherry Hyrdo Auto-ID makes the customer's life easier, too. Rather in remote warehouses is eliminated. than wait in line for a cashier, she simply walks out the door with her purchases. A reader built into the door recognizes the items in her cart by their individual EPCs; A swipe of the debit or credit card and the Added 6 cans of customer is on her way. Cherry Hydro When the cola cans hit the recycling center, RFID readers will automate the 10. process of sorting them into the At home, the refrigerator updates its appropriate recyclable category eliminating expensive manual sorting. records to reflect the influx of Cherry

The cans can even be routed to their

manufacturer for reuse at the plant.

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