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ABSTRACT

**HEAD SLIDER SUSPENSION AND HEAD ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

A head slider suspension and a head assembly which can prevent damage to a head element caused by static electricity in a magnetic disk apparatus or the like while simplifying a manufacturing process, improving workability and enhancing durability, and a method of manufacturing the same. A gimbal portion for supporting a magnetic head slider is a part of a flexure of a suspension of a magnetic head assembly. Insulating spacers are formed on the gimbal portion, and a conductive pattern connecting the upper surface of the insulating spacers and the surface of the gimbal portion is formed. The magnetic head slider is bonded and fixed to the gimbal portion by adhesive. A ground electrode of a back surface of the magnetic head slider can be surely connected to the ground through the conductive pattern and the flexure, regardless of whether or not the adhesive is conductive.

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