

Abstract

Method of and Apparatus for Restricting Copy of
Digital Information, and Information Recording Apparatus

An apparatus for restricting a copy of digital
5 information (20) is provided with: a detecting device (21, 22, 23,
24) for detecting a first watermark, which is buried in the
digital information and comprises a first signal generated on
the basis of a first rule; and a burying device (25, 26, 27) for
burying a second watermark, which comprises a second signal
10 generated on the basis of a second rule and having a structure
different from that of the first signal, into the digital
information if the first watermark is detected by the detecting
device. A recording apparatus (100) is provided with: an
inputting device (10) for inputting the digital information; the
15 above mentioned copy restricting apparatus (20); and a
recording device (50) for recording the digital information in
which the second watermark is buried by said burying device.

(FIG. 8)