[CLAIMS]

[Claim 1]

A thermal transfer recording medium comprising:

a base;

a release layer disposed on or above the base; and

a thermally fusible ink layer disposed on or above the release layer,

wherein the release layer includes wax and ethylene-propylene-ethylidene norbornene rubber.

[Claim 2]

The thermal transfer recording medium according to claim 1,

wherein the thermally fusible ink layer includes wax and a colorant.

[Claim 3]

The thermal transfer recording medium according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein an ethylidene norbornene content of the ethylene-propylene-ethylidene norbornene in the release layer is 4.5% by mass or greater,

wherein the ethylene-propylene-ethylidene norbornene rubber in the release layer has a content of not less than 5 parts by mass and not more than 30 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of the wax included in the release layer,

wherein the wax in the release layer has a penetration degree of 3 or less, and wherein the release layer has an average thickness of 0.2 micrometers or more but 1.0 micrometers or less.

[Claim 4]

The thermal transfer recording medium according to any one of claims 1 to 3,

wherein the wax in the release layer has a melting point of 70 degrees Celsius or higher but 120 degrees Celsius or lower.

[Claim 5]

The thermal transfer recording medium according to claim 3 or 4,

wherein the content of ethylene-propylene-ethylidene norbornene rubber in the release layer is not less than 10 parts by mass and not more than 25 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of the wax included in the release layer.

[Claim 6]

The thermal transfer recording medium according to any one of claims 3 to 5,

wherein the average thickness of the release layer is 0.3 micrometers or greater but 0.8 micrometers or less.