

ABSTRACT

A recording medium device having a cartridge main body housing a recording medium configured for recording information signals. The recording medium device includes the cartridge main body housing the magnetic tape, contact terminals arranged facing the outside of the cartridge main body for functioning as electrical contacts for a drive unit and a shutter member arranged on the cartridge main body for opening and closing the contact terminals. The contact terminals face outwardly of the cartridge main body via an opening formed in the outer peripheral wall of the cartridge main body. When not loaded on the drive unit, the shutter member is held at a position of closing the opening formed in the cartridge main body. When loaded on the drive unit, the shutter member is moved by a shutter opening mechanism mounted in the drive unit to a position of opening the opening for facing the contact terminals to outside of the cartridge main body. The shutter member is perpetually biased by a biasing unit in a direction of closing the opening configured for exposing the contact terminals to outside. Since the contact terminals of the recording medium device are covered by the shutter member and hence are safeguarded against deposition of dust and dirt for positive protection.