

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for measuring characteristics of optical pickup, in which the characteristics of an optical pickup can be measured efficiently. The tracking error signal components, outputted by an optical pickup, are changed in dependence upon the tilt in the radial direction of the optical disc. If, during measurement of the tracking error signal components, the measured results fall below a pre-set lower limit value, the direction of change in the radial direction is reversed.

Fig. 5