

ABSTRACT

A magnetic recording medium of the present invention includes, on a substrate (1), at least a magnetic layer (2) and a carbon protective layer (9) that covers the magnetic layer (2), wherein a convex part (7) serving as a magnetic recording area, and a concave part (6) serving as a boundary area that separates the magnetic recording area are provided on the surface of the magnetic layer (2), and a barrier layer (8) containing mainly Cr or Ti is formed between the concave part (6) serving as the boundary area and the carbon protective layer (9).

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