

Abstract of the Disclosure

**RECORDING MEDIUM FOR STORING START POSITION
INFORMATION FOR EACH ZONE AND METHOD FOR MANAGING
DATA USING THE INFORMATION**

5 A recording medium for storing start position information for each
zone and a method for managing data using the information are
disclosed. In a disc having a plurality of zones which form a group, and
a spare area which is allocated at the start portion or the end portion of
10 the group for replacing defects, when start logical sector numbers of
each zone are changed by slipping replacement during initialization or
reinitialization, the information is stored in the defect management area
to thereby increase the compatibility of the medium. In particular, by the
method for managing data using information stored in a defect
15 management area, generation of errors is prevented in reading or
writing due to the change of a physical position of a real-recorded file
which are caused by wrong calculation of the start logical sector
numbers for each zone.

FIG. 4a