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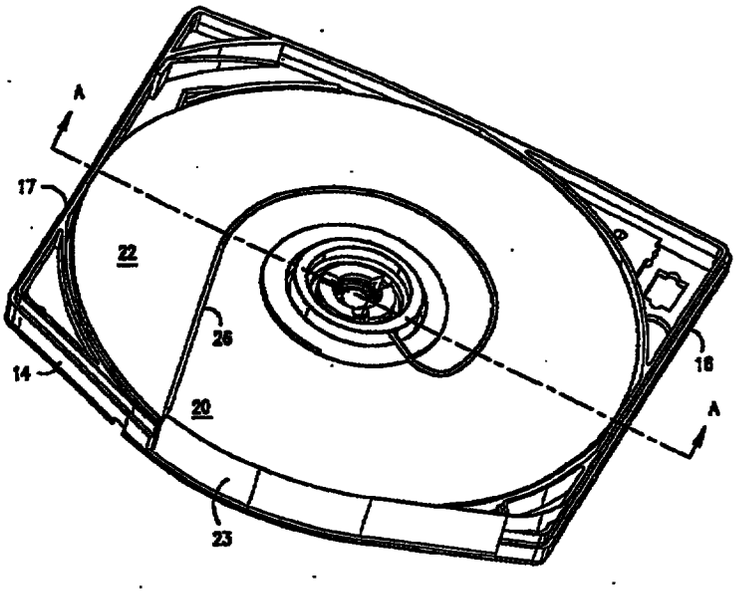
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(57) Abstract

A cartridge for a magnetic disk drive has a rigid shell (11, 12) and a flexible door (23) which covers an opening through which read/write heads (21) engage the recording medium (22, 22A). The flexible door (23) is guided outside of the shell (11, 12) to an open position as the cartridge is inserted into the drive. A projection (38) on a flexible arm (36) in the drive catches a hole (32) in the flexible door (23) to open it as the cartridge is inserted into the drive. The door (23) which opens along the outside of the cartridge conserves space so that the recording medium (22, 22A) can be large for a given form factor drive.