

Abstract
Glass for Magnetic Recording Media Substrates,
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Magnetic Recording Media and
Method for Preparation thereof

The present invention relates to a glass for a magnetic recording medium substrate permitting the realization of a magnetic recording medium substrate affording good chemical durability and having an extremely flat surface, a magnetic recording medium substrate comprised of this glass, a magnetic recording medium equipped with this substrate, and methods of manufacturing the same. The glasses comprise an oxide of a first glass, comprising, as mass percentages:

Si 20 to 40 percent,

Al 0.1 to 10 percent,

Li 0.1 to 5 percent,

Na 0.1 to 10 percent,

K 0 to 5 percent

(where the total content of Li, Na, and K is 15 percent or less)

Sn 0.005 to 0.6 percent, and

Ce 0 to 1.2 percent;

the Sb content is 0 to 0.1 percent; and

not comprising As or F; and by having a λ (Lambda) 80 of 320 or greater;

an oxide of a second glass, comprising, as molar percentages:

SiO₂ 60 to 75 percent,

Al₂O₃ 1 to 15 percent,

Li₂O 0.1 to 20 percent,

Na₂O 0.1 to 15 percent, and

K₂O 0 to 5 percent

(where the total content of Li₂O, Na₂O, and K₂O is 25 percent or lower);

based on the total amount of the glass components, 0.01 to 0.7 mass percent of Sn oxide and 0 to 1.4 mass percent of Ce oxide are added;

the content of Sb oxide is 0 to 0.1 mass percent;

and not comprising As or F; and

an oxide of a third glass, comprising, as molar percentages:

SiO₂ 60 to 75 percent,

Al₂O₃ 1 to 15 percent,

Li₂O 0.1 to 20 percent,
Na₂O 0.1 to 15 percent,
K₂O 0 to 5 percent
(where the total content of Li₂O, Na₂O, and K₂O is 25 percent or less);
by comprising a 0.1 to 3.5 mass percent of total content of Sn oxide and
Ce oxide, based on the total amount of the glass components;
the ratio of the Sn oxide content to the total content of Sn oxide and Ce
oxide (Sn oxide content/(Sn oxide content + Ce oxide content)) is 0.01 to 0.99;
the Sb oxide content is 0 to 0.1 percent; and
comprising no As or F and optionally having a λ (Lambda) 80 of 320 or greater.

Figure 1.