

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a video signal processing apparatus, a video signal playback apparatus, and
5 a video signal recording apparatus in which illegal copying of thumbnail images can be prevented. A thumbnail encoder 19 generates a thumbnail image of a video signal input from a terminal 12. A macrovision detector 13, a CGMS detecting/updating unit 14, and a WM (watermark)
10 detecting/updating unit 15 detect an analog copy protection signal (APS), a CGMS signal as copy generation management information, and watermark, respectively, of the video signal input from the terminal 12, and outputs them to a controller 21. The controller 21 generates copy control
15 information of the thumbnail image based on the input copy control information. The thumbnail image and the copy control information thereof are recorded in an information recording medium 26. The present invention is applicable to a recording apparatus for recording data into an information
20 recording medium and to a playback apparatus for playing back data recorded in an information recording medium.



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