

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD OF VERIFYING DEFECT MANAGEMENT AREA INFORMATION OF DISC AND TEST APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING THE SAME

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an apparatus which can record information on and reproduce information from a recordable and reproducible disc, and more particularly, to a method of verifying that a disc recording and reproducing apparatus normally generates or updates defect management area (DMA) information of a disc, and a test apparatus for performing the same.

2. Description of the Related Art

A recordable and reproducible disc is an optical disc, which information is recorded on and reproduced from using light such as a laser beam, for example, a digital versatile disc random access memory (DVD-RAM). A DVD-RAM is a rewritable disc. According to "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc Part 1 Physical Specifications Version 2.0," a DVD-RAM includes four DMAs, i.e., DMA1, DMA2, DMA3 and DMA4, on each side thereof for managing the defects thereon.

As shown in FIG. 1, DMA1 and DMA2 are located in a lead-in area near the inner diameter of a disc, and DMA3 and DMA4 are located in a lead-out area near the outer diameter of the disc. Each DMA is followed by a reserved sector.

A disc definition structure (DDS), a primary defect list (PDL) and a secondary defect list (SDL) are stored in the DMA. A DDS includes information on the format structure of a disc, for example, a disc certification flag, a DDS/PDL update counter and a start logical sector number of each zone. A PDL includes information on all defective sectors detected on the disc during initialization of the disc. An SDL includes information on the sector number of

each first sector in defective blocks (error-correction code (ECC) blocks) occurring while the disc is in use, information on the sector number of each first sector in spare blocks which are used to replace defective blocks and information on a spare area.

Some information included in the DMA can be immediately read and used. On the other hand, the DMA includes information which varies with the positions and the number of defects on a disc. In addition, some information, for example, the position information of the start sector number of each zone or the position information of a logical sector number 0, can be obtained by performing an algorithm based on defect information registered in the DMA.

Four DMAs exist on each side of a disc to prevent erroneous defect management due to errors in the DMA information. Since such DMA information is closely related to a physical data sector, a recording medium such as a movable optical disc may not be compatible with two different disc recording and reproducing apparatuses when the DMA information is incorrectly written or read.

This is because, when the recording and reproducing architecture of a disc recording and reproducing apparatus (for example, a DVD-RAM recording and reproducing apparatus) is divided into a file system layer, a host interface layer for interfacing a host computer with the recording and reproducing apparatus, a physical disc recording and reproducing apparatus (or a disc drive unit) layer for recording and reproducing physical signals, and a recording medium layer, writing and reading of DMA information is performed in the physical disc recording and reproducing apparatus layer and the layers therebelow.

In an actual file system, user information to be recorded or reproduced is transmitted to a disc recording and reproducing apparatus based on only a logical sector number, and the disc recording and reproducing apparatus converts the logical sector number into a physical sector number to record or reproduce the user information. In this case, DMA information is used. Accordingly, when the DMA information has erroneously been read or written in a given disc

recording and reproducing apparatus, data cannot be correctly read or written in another recording and reproducing apparatus.

Accordingly, a method of verifying that a disc recording and reproducing apparatus correctly reads DMA information recorded on a disc and correctly records DMA information on the disc for generation or update of DMA information is desired.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

To solve the above problem, a first object of the present invention is to provide a method of verifying that defect management area (DMA) information is generated or updated normally when a disc recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with clearing of defect lists without certification.

A second object of the present invention is to provide a method of verifying that the DMA information of a disc, which is generated using a blank disc and a test reference DMA mirror file configured such that every kind of defect information is included in a primary defect list, is generated or updated normally when a disc recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with clearing of a defect list without certification.

A third object of the present invention is to provide a test apparatus for verifying that DMA information is generated or updated normally when a disc recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with clearing of a defect list without certification.

Additional objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be obvious from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention.

To achieve the above and other objects of the present invention, there is provided a method of verifying a DMA information generation or updating function of a recording and

reproducing apparatus which records information on or reproduces information from a disc with DMA information. The method includes performing reinitialization with clearing of a predetermined defect list existing in a DMA on a test disc in the recording and reproducing apparatus using the test disc with test reference information, and generating test information from the defect management information which is generated after the reinitialization, and comparing reference information expected from the test reference information with the test information and providing the result of verification for the test information.

To achieve the above and other objects of the present invention, there is also provided an apparatus for testing a DMA information generation or updating function of a recording and reproducing apparatus which records information on or reproduces information from a disc with DMA information. The apparatus includes a test disc with test reference information; a reference drive generating test information from a DMA of the test disc after the recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with clearing of a predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc, using the test disc; and a verifier comparing reference information, which is expected from the test reference information, with the test information and providing the result of verifying the test information.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail preferred embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawings in which:

FIG. 1 shows the schematic configuration of a rewritable disc;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram showing the functioning of a test apparatus according to the present invention;

FIG. 3 shows an example of the defect structure of a C-2 disc;

FIGS. 4A through 4D are examples of detailed check lists for verification performed by the verifier of FIG. 2;

FIG. 5 is a block diagram showing the relations between a primary defect list (PDL) and a secondary defect list (SDL) in the defect management area (DMA) of a C-2 disc before reinitialization and the PDL and SDL in the DMA of the C-2 disc after the reinitialization, respectively;

FIG. 6 is a flowchart of a verification method according to the present invention; and

FIG. 7 is a block diagram of the drive to be tested shown in FIG. 2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Reference will now be made in detail to the present preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals refer to the like elements throughout. The embodiments are described below in order to explain the present invention by referring to the figures.

Referring to FIG. 2, a test apparatus includes a C-1 disc 201, a defect management area (DMA) mirror file provider 203, a reference drive 205, a C-2 disc 207, a drive to be tested 209, a C-2' disc 211, a C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213 and a verifier 215.

The C-1 disc 201 is a test disc which is made to have intentional physical defects for the purpose of testing a disc drive which can record information on or reproduce information from a rewritable disc such as a digital versatile disc random access memory (DVD-RAM), and is substantially a blank disc on which no information is recorded. As long as no "information" is recorded and only "intentional defects" are present on the C-1 disc 201, the C-1 disc 201 may be regarded as blank. Accordingly, the physical defects on the C-1 disc 201 are used as known information when the disc drive is tested. In addition, the C-1 disc 201 is designed to satisfy the conditions of a phase change recording DVD-RAM which has a capacity of 4.7 gigabytes (GB) prescribed in the "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc Version 2.0."

The DMA mirror file provider 203 provides a DMA mirror file which is test reference information including disc definition structure (DDS) information, primary defect list (PDL)

information and secondary defect list (SDL) information, as shown in FIG. 1, and satisfying the condition that a supplementary spare area (SSA) is not full.

Particularly, the DMA mirror file provider 203 provides a test reference DMA mirror file which is configured such that all kinds of defects are included in the PDL. In other words, the test reference DMA mirror file includes the PDL, which includes a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with information on defective sectors detected during certification of a disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to the SDL without certification. An SSA is a spare area used for linear-replacing defects occurring while a disc is in use. The SSA is additionally assigned during or after initialization.

To increase the effect of a test, a test reference DMA mirror file, which includes information on defects located in particular positions which have the highest possibility of occurrence of errors, is provided when the drive to be tested 209 performs reinitialization. In other words, to satisfy all cases of an algorithm which are proposed by "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc Part1 Physical Specifications Version 2.0," the test reference DMA mirror file is configured to include information on defects which are concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located, as shown in FIG. 3.

Also, the test reference DMA mirror file is characterized by that the first and last sectors of each zone are treated as erroneous ones and that defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16. A mirror file has the same content as an actual file, but is located at a position different from the physical position of the actual file.

The reference drive 205 is a modified test drive for testing an apparatus capable of recording information on and reproducing information from a disc. When the C-1 disc 201 is loaded into the reference drive 205 and a test reference DMA mirror file is provided from the DMA mirror file provider 203, the reference drive 205 records the test reference DMA mirror file on the C-1 disc 201 to generate the C-2 disc 207. The test reference DMA mirror file is

recorded onto the C-1 disc 201 regardless of physical defects on the C-1 disc 201. Accordingly, the C-2 disc 207 includes the test reference DMA information which is made in assumption of a reference defective state for the test regardless of the physical defects on the C-1 disc 201, and thus the DMA information recorded on the C-2 disc 207 is what is known to the user. The C-2 disc 207 is designed to satisfy the conditions of a phase change recording DVD-RAM which has a capacity of 4.7 GB prescribed in the "DVD Specifications for Rewritable Disc Version 2.0."

When the C-2' disc 211, which is reinitialized with clearing of a G2-list and SDL without certification, is loaded into the reference drive 205, the reference drive 205 immediately reads DMA information recorded on the C-2' disc 211 and outputs a C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213 based on the DMA information as test information. The test information may be part of the C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213. For example, the part may be the information corresponding to that shown in FIG. 4A.

The drive to be tested 209 is a disc recording and reproducing apparatus which can record information on and reproduce information from a rewritable disc. When the C-2 disc 207 is loaded into the drive to be tested 209, the drive to be tested 209 performs reinitialization with clearing of defect information in the G2-list and the SDL in the PDL of DMA without certification.

When the drive to be tested 209 normally performs the reinitialization, the DMA on the C-2' disc 211 is generated or updated such that the G2-list and SDL are erased from the DMA on the C-2 disc 207. The C-2' disc 211 is generated by performing the reinitialization on the C-2 disc 207 in the drive to be tested 209, and is designed to satisfy the conditions of a phase change recording DVD-RAM which has a capacity of 4.7 GB prescribed in the "DVD Specification for Rewritable Disc Version 2.0." The C-2' disc 211 is loaded into the reference drive 205, and thus test information is output as described above.

The test information from the reference drive 205 is provided to the verifier 215. In providing the test information, the reference drive 205 may immediately provide the test information to the verifier 215.

The verifier 215 verifies the C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213 using expected reference information (expected values) on the DMA which is obtained when the drive to be tested 209 normally performs the reinitialization with clearing of the G2-list and SDL without certification on the C-2 disc 207. The expected reference information may be set by the verifier 215 based on the test reference DMA mirror file provided from the DMA mirror file provider 203 and the physical defect information contained in the previously provided C-1 disc 201. Alternatively, as shown in FIGS. 4A through 4D, DMA information tables may be previously prepared and used.

FIG. 4A shows a check list which the verifier 215 can include for DMA verification. The check items of the list include an error condition of DMA1 through DMA4, DDS/PDL update counters in DDS1 through DDS4 and in SDL1 through SDL4, SDL update counters in SDL1 through SDL4, and contents of the DMA1 through DMA4.

The error condition of a DMA item is for checking whether errors exist in DMAs, two of which are located in a lead-in area and two of which are located in a lead-out area.

Uncorrectable errors must not exist in any of the four DMAs, DMA1, DMA2, DMA3 and DMA4. If any uncorrectable error is detected in any one of the DMAs, the test result is output to inform the user that the drive to be tested 209 failed in generating or updating the DMA of the C-2 disc 207. When the generation or updating of DMA ends in failure, the user needs to retry the test from the beginning using another test disc.

To verify the DDS/PDL and SDL update counter items upon reinitialization, the values "M+k," which indicate the values of DDS/PDL update counters in four DDSs, i.e., DDS1, DDS2, DDS3 and DDS4, and in four SDLs, i.e., SDL1, SDL2, SDL3 and SDL4, are checked to find whether the value "M" is a previous value and whether the value "k" is "1," because

each DDS/PDL update counter value is increased by one when the DDS/PDL is updated or rewritten. The "previous value" means the value of "M" before the drive to be tested 209 performs the reinitialization with clearing defect lists without certification. It is also checked whether the values of the eight DDS/PDL update counters in the four DMAs, i.e., DMA1, DMA2, DMA3 and DMA4, are the same.

The values "N+k," which indicate the values of SDL update counters in four SDLs, i.e., SDL1, SDL2, SDL3 and SDL4, are checked to find whether the value "N" is a previous value and whether the value "k" is "1," because each SDL update counter value is increased by one when the SDL is updated or rewritten. The "previous value" means the value of "N" before the drive to be tested 209 performs the reinitialization with clearing defect lists without certification. It is also checked whether the values of the four SDL update counters are the same.

In addition, it is checked whether the contents of the four DMAs, i.e., DMA1, DMA2, DMA3 and DMA4, are the same.

FIG. 4B shows a check list which the verifier 215 can include for verification of the DDS. The check items of the list include a DDS identifier, a disc certification flag, a DDS/PDL update counter, a number of groups, a number of zones, a location of a primary spare area, a location of a first logical sector number (LSN0), a start LSN for each zone, etc.

It is verified that the DDS identifier is "0A0Ah." It is checked whether the value of the bit position b7, which indicates in-progress/not in-progress, in the one byte of the disc certification flag, is "0b." If the value of the bit position b7 is "0b," this indicates that formatting is completed. If the value of the bit position b7 is "1b," this indicates that formatting is in progress. Accordingly, when the value of the bit position b7 is "1b," the verifier 215 determines that formatting has failed. In addition, it is checked whether reserved bit positions b6 through b2 in the disc certification flag are all "0b," and it is checked whether

the value of a bit position b1 indicating a user certification flag is "1b." It is also checked whether the value of a bit position b0 indicating a disc manufacturer certification flag is "1b."

To verify the corresponding DDS/PDL update counter, it is checked whether a value M indicating the DDS/PDL update counter value is a previous value, and whether a value k indicating an increment of the DDS/PDL update counter representing a difference in the DDS/PDL update counter "M" before and after the test is "1." It is also checked whether the value of the number of groups is "0001h" indicating that the number of groups is 1, and whether the value of the number of zones is "0023h," indicating that the number of zones is 35.

Moreover, it is checked whether the first sector number in a primary spare area is "031000h," and whether the last sector number in the primary spare area is "0341FFh." It is checked whether the location of LSN0 and the start LSN for every zone, that is, the start LSNs of the second zone, Zone1, through the 35th zone Zone34, are determined based on the number of defects registered in the PDL. The defects registered in the PDL cover the physical defects on the C-1 disc 201 and the defects registered in the PDL of the test reference DMA mirror file provided from the DMA mirror file provider 203.

It is checked whether the remaining reserved areas (byte positions 396 to 2047) in the DDS structure are all "00h."

As shown in FIG. 4C, check items for verifying the PDL structure include a PDL identifier, a number of entries in the PDL, an integrity of PDL entries and an un-used area.

It is checked whether the PDL identifier is "0001h." The number of entries in the PDL is the sum of the number of physical defects on the C-1 disc 201 and the number of defects registered in the PDL of the test reference DMA mirror file provided from the DMA mirror file provider 203. For verification of the integrity of each PDL entry, a type of entry and a defective sector number are checked. It is checked whether the PDL entry type has "00b" indicating a known

P-list existing on the C-2 disc 207 and "10b" indicating a G1-list of defective sectors detected during user certification. It is verified that the PDL entry type does not have "11b" indicating the G2-list generated due to the SDL conversion.

The type of entry in the PDL is checked as described above because, as shown in FIG. 5, a P_list 511 and a G1_list 513 in an old PDL 510 on the C-2 disc 207 are maintained in a P_list 531 and a G1_list 533 in a new PDL 530 on the C-2' disc 211, but defect information contained in a G2_list 515 in the old PDL 510 is disposed of.

In addition, it is checked whether the defective sector numbers in the PDL are written in ascending order, and it is checked whether the un-used area in PDL is set to "FFh."

As shown in FIG. 4D, check items for verifying the SDL structure include an SDL identifier, an SDL update counter, start sector number of a secondary spare area (SSA), a total number of logical sectors, a DDS/PDL update counter, a spare area full flag, a number of entries in the SDL, an integrity of the SDL entries, an un-used area, reserved areas, etc.

It is checked whether the SDL identifier is "0002h." To verify the corresponding SDL update counter, it is checked whether a value N indicating the SDL update counter value is a previous value, and whether a value k indicating an increment of the SDL update counter is "1." To verify the item of the corresponding DDS/PDL update counter, it is checked whether a value M indicating the DDS/PDL update counter value is a previous value, and whether a value k indicating the increment of the DDS/PDL update counter is "1."

It is checked whether the spare area full flag indicates that the secondary spare area is not full, and whether the number of entries in the SDL is set to "00h" which is a value usually indicating there is none. Moreover, because the total used area of the SDL is known, if the number of entries in the SDL is checked, the size of the un-used area of the SDL can be determined. Accordingly, it is checked whether the size of the un-used area of the C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213 is equal to the size of the un-used area of the SDL, which is known based on the

number of entries in the SDL, and it is also checked whether the un-used area is set to "FFh."

Also, it is checked whether the expected values of all the reserved areas are "00h." This is because the defect information registered in the old SDL 520 on the C-2 disc 207 is all disposed of, as shown in FIG. 5, when the drive to be tested 209 normally performs the reinitialization with clearing of the SDL without certification.

The verifier 215 verifies whether the drive to be tested 209 normally generates or updates DMA of the C-2 disc 207 during the reinitialization with clearing of the SDL without certification, by comparing the reference information, which is set as shown in FIGS. 4A through 4D, with information contained in the C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213.

The verified result is output as the result of testing the drive to be tested 209 in the mode of reinitialization with clearing of a G2-list and the SDL without certification. The G-2 list includes information transferred from the SDL during initialization without certification while the SDL includes defect information generated for the SDL during initialization with certification. The verified result may be displayed for viewing by the user. For this, the present invention may include a display unit. Therefore, the user can be informed whether the drive to be tested 209 normally reads the DMA information from a disc and generates or updates the DMA in the mode of reinitialization with clearing of a G2-list and an SDL without certification.

FIG. 6 is a flowchart of a verification method according to the present invention. The C-2 disc 207 is generated by recording the test reference DMA mirror file, which has conditions described in FIG. 2, on the blank C-1 disc 201, which has the conditions described in FIG. 2, in operation 601.

Next, in operation 602, the C-2 disc 207 is loaded into the drive to be tested 209, and the reinitialization is performed on the C-2 disc 207. During the reinitialization, defect lists are disposed of, and the C-2 disc 207 is not fully certified. The defect lists that have been disposed of are the G2-list and the SDL included in the PDL.

In operation 603, a DMA information file is read from the C-2' disc 211, and a C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213 is generated based on the DMA information. The C-2' disc DMA mirror file 213 is verified in operation 604. The verification is performed using expected reference information (or expected values) in the same manner as performed by the verifier 215 described in FIG. 2. In other words, it is verified that defect information which is registered in the G2-list in the PDL and the defect information which is registered in the SDL in the PDL is all disposed of. After completing the verification, the result of the verification is output in operation 605 so that the user can estimate the DMA generation or updating function of the drive to be tested 209 in the reinitialization mode described above.

FIG. 7 shows the drive to be tested 110 having a light source 22 to emit light, a focusing element 24 to focus the light from the light source on a disc D, and a controller 26 which controls the light source 22. The verification process described above seeks to verify the proper operation of the controller 26.

As described above, the present invention performs reinitialization with clearing of defect lists such as a G2-list and an SDL without certification on a C-2 disc, which is generated using a blank disc on which no information is recorded, and a test reference DMA mirror file, which is proper to a test environment including all kinds of defect information, in a given disc recording and reproducing apparatus. Thereafter, DMA on the disc is verified to test the corresponding disc recording and reproducing apparatus, thereby allowing the user to verify the DMA generation or updating function of the disc recording and reproducing apparatus within a short period of time. In addition, according to the present invention, the user may personally produce the C-2 disc, which includes all kinds of defect information, using the test reference DMA mirror file and the blank disc, thereby reducing the cost by not requiring a manufacturer to produce and provide the C-2 disc for a test as described above. The user can produce the C-2 disc using the reference drive 205, the DMA mirror file 203, and the C-1 disc 201.

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Although a few preferred embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may be made in this embodiment without departing from the principles and spirit of the invention, the scope of which is defined in the claims and their equivalents.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of verifying a defect management area (DMA) information generation or updating function of a recording and reproducing apparatus which records information on or reproduces information from a disc with DMA information, the method comprising:
 - performing reinitialization with clearing of a predetermined defect list existing in a DMA on a test disc in the recording and reproducing apparatus using the test disc with test reference information, and generating test information from the DMA information which is generated after the reinitialization; and
 - comparing reference information expected from the test reference information with the test information to provide a result of verification of the test information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the performing of the reinitialization comprises performing the reinitialization without certification on the test disc.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the test reference information in the performing of the reinitialization is a mirror file.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the test reference information in the performing of the reinitialization is a DMA mirror file configured such that a plurality of defects are included in a primary defect list (PDL).
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the performing of the reinitialization comprises performing the reinitialization with clearing of predetermined defect lists including clearing a G2-list and a secondary defect list (SDL) from the DMA on the test disc.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the test information is a mirror file.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the comparing comprises checking whether the G2-list and the SDL exist in the test information.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the comparing comprises checking whether a P-list and a G1-list, which are included in the test reference information, are maintained in the test information.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the comparing comprises:
verifying a structure of the DMA in the test information;
verifying a disc definition structure (DDS) of the test information;
verifying a primary defect list (PDL) structure of the test information; and
verifying a secondary defect list (SDL) structure of the test information.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the verifying of the DMA structure comprises checking a DMA error condition, DDS/PDL and SDL update counters and contents of the DMA.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein:

the checking of the DMA error condition comprises checking whether errors exist in any one of four DMAs, which is the DMA written in four positions on the test disc, two of which are located in a lead-in area and two of which are located in a lead-out area on the test disc;

the checking of the DDS/PDL update counters comprises checking whether values of the DDS/PDL update counters in four DDSs and in four SDLs are "previous values," whether increments of the DDS/PDL update counters representing a difference in the DDS/PDL update counters before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc are "1," and whether the values of the DDS/PDL update counters are the same;

the checking of the SDL update counters comprises checking whether values of the SDL update counters in the four SDLs are "previous values," whether increments of the SDL update counters representing a difference in the SDL update counters before and after the

performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc are "1," and whether the values of the SDL update counters are the same; and

the checking of the contents of the DMA comprises checking whether the contents of the four DMAs are the same.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein the verifying of the DDS comprises checking a DDS identifier, a disc certification flag, a DDS/PDL update counter, a number of groups, a number of zones, a location of a primary spare area, a location of a first logical sector number and a start logical sector number for each zone.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein:

the checking of the DDS identifier comprises checking whether the DDS identifier is a predetermined value;

the checking of the disc certification flag comprises checking whether a value of a bit indicating in-progress in the disc certification flag is "0b" and whether a value of a bit indicating disc manufacturer certification and a value of a bit indicating user certification are "1b";

the checking of the DDS/PDL update counter comprises checking whether the DDS/PDL update counter value is a "previous value" and whether an increment of the DDS/PDL update counter representing a difference in the DDS/PDL update counter before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc is "1";

the checking of the number of groups comprises checking whether the number of groups is a predetermined number;

the checking of the number of zones comprises checking whether the number of zones is a predetermined number;

the checking of the first logical sector number comprises checking whether the first and last sector numbers of the primary spare area are predetermined sector numbers, respectively;

the checking of the first logical sector number comprises checking whether the location of the first logical sector number is determined based on a number of defects registered in the PDL; and

the checking of the start logical sector number comprises checking whether the start logical sector number for each zone is determined based on the number of defects registered in the PDL.

14. The method of claim 9, wherein the verifying of the PDL structure comprises checking a PDL identifier, a number of entries in the PDL and an integrity of the PDL entries.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein:

the checking of the PDL identifier comprises checking whether the PDL identifier is a predetermined value;

the checking of the number of entries comprises checking whether the number of entries in the PDL is the same as a number of defects registered in the PDL; and

the checking of the integrity of the PDL entries comprises checking whether the integrity of the PDL entries includes a P-list and a G1-list but does not include a G2-list.

16. The method of claim 9, wherein the verifying of the SDL structure comprises checking an SDL identifier, an SDL update counter, a start sector number of a secondary spare area (SSA), a total number of logical sectors, a DDS/PDL update counter, a spare area full flag, a number of entries in the SDL, an integrity of the SDL entries, an un-used area, and reserved areas.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein:

the checking of the SDL identifier comprises checking whether the SDL identifier is a predetermined value;

the checking of the SDL update counter comprises checking whether the SDL update counter value is a "previous value" and whether an increment of the SDL update counter representing a difference in the SDL update counter before and after the performing of the

reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc is "1";

the checking of the DDS/PDL update counter comprises checking whether the DDS/PDL update counter value is a "previous value" and whether an increment of the DDS/PDL update counter representing a difference in the DDS/PDL update counter before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc is "1";

the checking of the start sector number in the SSA and the total number of logical sectors comprises checking whether the start sector number of the SSA and the total number of logical sectors are properly set according to a size of the SSA which is designated by a user;

the checking of the spare area full flag, the number of entries in the SDL and the integrity of the SDL entries comprises checking whether the spare area full flag indicates that the SSA is not full, whether the number of entries in the SDL is set to "00h" indicating that no entries exist, and whether no information on the SDL entries exists; and

the checking of the un-used area and the reserved areas comprises checking a size of the un-used area of the SDL and whether the un-used area is a predetermined value, and whether the reserved areas are predetermined values.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the test disc includes defect information on locations satisfying conditions in which an error readily occurs when the reinitialization is performed.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the test disc is configured such that first and last sectors of each zone are treated as erroneous ones, and a total number of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

20. The method of claim 1, further comprising recording the test reference information on a blank disc to generate the test disc.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the test reference information is recorded on the blank disc regardless of the physical condition of the blank disc.

22. An apparatus for testing a defect management area (DMA) information generation or updating function of a recording and reproducing apparatus which records information on or reproduces information from a disc with DMA information, the apparatus comprising:

a reference drive generating test information from a DMA of test disc with test reference information and physical defects after the recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with clearing of a predetermined defect list existing in a DMA on the test disc; and

a verifier comparing reference information, which is expected from the test reference information, with the test information to verify a result of the test information.

23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the reference drive generates the test information from the test disc on which the reinitialization without certification has been performed.

24. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the test reference information is a mirror file.

25. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the test reference information is a DMA mirror file including a plurality of kinds of defect lists.

26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the recording and reproducing apparatus performs the reinitialization with clearing of predetermined defect lists, the predetermined defect lists cleared by the recording and reproducing apparatus include a G2-list and a secondary defect list (SDL).

27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the test information is a mirror file.

28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the verifier checks whether the G2-list and the SDL exist in the test information.

29. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the verifier checks whether a P-list and a G1-list, which are included in the test reference information, are maintained in the test information.

30. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the verifier verifies a DMA structure, a disc definition structure (DDS), a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary defect list (SDL) structure, all in the test information.

31. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the verifier verifies the DMA structure by checking an error condition of the DMA, DDS/PDL and SDL update counters and contents of the DMA.

32. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the verifier checks whether errors exist in any one of four DMAs, which is the DMA written in four positions on the test disc, two of which are located in a lead-in area and two of which are located in a lead-out area on the test disc, whether values of DDS/PDL update counters in four DDSs and in four SDLs are "previous values," whether increments of the DDS/PDL update counters representing a difference in the DDS/PDL update counters before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc are "1," whether the values of the DDS/PDL update counters are the same, whether values of SDL update counters in the four SDLs are "previous values," whether increments of the SDL update counters representing a difference in the SDL update counters before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc are "1," whether the values of the SDL update counters are the same, and whether contents of the four DMAs are the same.

33. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the verifier verifies the DDS by checking a DDS identifier, a disc certification flag, a DDS/PDL update counter, a number of groups, a number of zones, a location of a primary spare area, a location of a first logical sector number and a start logical sector number for each zone.

34. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the verifier checks whether the DDS identifier is a predetermined value, whether a value of a bit indicating in-progress in the disc certification flag is "0b," whether a value of a bit indicating disc manufacturer certification and a value of a bit indicating user certification are "1b," whether the DDS/PDL update counter value is a "previous value" and whether an increment of the DDS/PDL update counter representing a difference in the DDS/PDL update counter before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc is "1," checks the number of groups, the number of zones and first and last sector numbers of the primary spare area, and checks whether the location of the first logical sector number is determined based on a number of defects registered in the PDL and whether the start logical sector number for each zone is determined based on the number of defects registered in the PDL.

35. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the verifier verifies the PDL structure by checking a PDL identifier, a number of entries in the PDL and an integrity of the PDL entries.

36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the verifier checks the PDL identifier and checks whether the number of entries in the PDL is the same as the number of defects registered in the PDL and whether the integrity of PDL entries includes a P-list and a G1-list but does not include a G2-list.

37. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the verifier verifies the SDL structure by checking an SDL identifier, an SDL update counter, a start sector number of a secondary spare area (SSA), a total number of logical sectors, a DDS/PDL update counter, a spare area full flag, a number of entries in the SDL, an integrity of the SDL entries, an un-used area, and reserved areas.

38. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the verifier checks the SDL identifier and checks whether the SDL update counter value is a "previous value," whether an increment of the SDL update counter is "1," whether the DDS/PDL update counter value is a "previous value," whether an increment of the DDS/PDL update counter representing a difference in the

DDS/PDL update counter before and after the performing of the reinitialization with clearing the predetermined defect list existing in the DMA on the test disc is "1," whether the start sector number of the SSA and the total number of logical sectors are properly set according to a size of the SSA which is designated by a user, whether the spare area full flag indicates that the SSA is not full, whether the number of entries in the SDL is set to "00h" indicating that no entries exist, whether no information on the SDL entries exists, a size of the un-used area of the SDL and whether the un-used area is a predetermined value, and whether the reserved areas are predetermined values.

39. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the test disc includes defect information on locations satisfying conditions in which an error readily occurs when the reinitialization is performed.

40. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the reference drive records the test reference information on a blank disc to generate the test disc.

41. The apparatus of claim 40, wherein the reference drive records the test reference information on the blank disc regardless of the physical condition of the blank disc.

42. A method of verifying whether defect management area (DMA) information is properly generated or updated in a recording and reproducing apparatus which records or reproduces information on or from an optical disc with the DMA information, the method comprising:

setting a test reference according to a reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc;

generating test information from the DMA information, which is generated or updated by the recording and reproducing apparatus, according to the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on the test disc; and

executing a test for verifying the test information using the test reference.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein the test information is a DMA mirror file.

44. The method of claim 42, wherein the test information is directly read from a DMA area on the test disc.

45. The method of claim 42, wherein the generating of the test information comprises recording pre-fixed contents of a DMA and selecting a DMA mirror file, in which the supplementary spare area is not full.

46. The method of claim 45, further comprising:
obtaining a first test disc by forming known physical defects on a blank disc; and
obtaining a second test disc by recording pre-fixed contents of a DMA in the first test disc, and recording a mirror file indicating that the supplementary spare area is not full in the first test disc, and using the second test disc in generating the test information.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein the executing of the test comprises performing the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list comprises checking whether the DMA information of the second test disc complies with a predetermined DMA structure, checking whether a P-list and a G1-list are maintained, checking whether a G2-list and a secondary defect list (SDL) are cleared, and checking a start logical sector number of each zone of the second test disc.

48. A method of verifying whether defect management area (DMA) information is properly generated or updated in a recording and reproducing apparatus which records or reproduces information on or from an optical disc with the DMA information, the method comprising:

generating test information from the DMA information, which is generated or updated by the recording and reproducing apparatus, according to a reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc test mode; and

verifying the test information using a test reference for verifying the DMA information.

49. The method of claim 48, wherein the test information is a DMA mirror file.

50. An apparatus for testing a recording and reproducing apparatus which records or reproduces information on or from a recordable and reproducible optical disc with defect management area (DMA) information to check whether the DMA information is properly generated or updated, the apparatus comprising:

a modified drive unit generating test information from the generated or updated DMA information of a test disc, which is obtained after the recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc with a DMA mirror file corresponding to the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc; and

a verifier comparing the test information with predetermined test information corresponding to the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc to verify a test result.

51. The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the test information is a DMA mirror file.

52. The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the modified drive unit reads the test information from a DMA area on the test disc and provides the test information to the verifier.

53. The apparatus of claim 52, wherein the test disc is a second test disc on which pre-fixed contents of a DMA are recorded in a first test disc on which known physical defects are formed on a blank disc, and on which a mirror file that the supplementary spare area is not full is recorded.

54. The apparatus of claim 53, wherein the recording and reproducing apparatus performs the reinitialization with a clearing of defect lists existing on the test disc, and the verifier checks whether the DMA information of the second test disc complies with a predetermined DMA structure, checks whether a P-list and a G1-list are maintained, checks whether a G2-list and a secondary defect list (SDL) are cleared, and checks a start logical sector number of each zone of the second test disc.

55. A method of verifying whether a recording and reproducing apparatus reads and processes defect management area (DMA) information properly, comprising:

performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc containing predetermined defect information using the reproducing and recording apparatus to generate test information; and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

56. The method of claim 55, further comprising:

making known physical defects at predetermined positions in a blank disc, to produce a first test disc;

obtaining a second test disc by recording pre-fixed contents of a DMA in the first test disc, and recording a mirror file indicating that a supplementary spare area is not full in the first test disc;

having the recording and reproducing apparatus perform the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list on the second test disc, to generate a second test disc with the DMA information; and

reading only the DMA information from the second test disc with the DMA information using a reference drive, to generate a test DMA mirror file as the test information;

wherein the reference test information is a reference DMA mirror file.

57. The method of claim 56, wherein the comparing comprises checking whether the DMA information of the second test disc complies with a predetermined DMA structure, checks whether the DMA information of the second test disc complies with a predetermined DMA structure, checks whether a P-list and a G1-list are maintained, checks whether a G2-list and a secondary defect list (SDL) are cleared, and checks a start logical sector number of each zone of the second test disc.

58. A method of verifying whether a recording and reproducing apparatus properly translates and processes defect information, the method comprising:

preparing a test disc having known physical defects and a test reference DMA mirror file;

generating test information based on having the recording and reproducing apparatus perform reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on the test disc; and
conducting a verification test on the test information.

59. The method of claim 58, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises information on defects concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located.

60. The method of claim 59, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises first and last sectors of each zone which are treated as erroneous ones, and defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

61. A method of verifying whether a recording and reproducing apparatus reads and processes defect management area (DMA) information properly, comprising:

performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc having known physical defects and a test reference DMA mirror file using the reproducing and recording apparatus to generate the DMA information;

generating test information from the generated DMA information; and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

62. The method of claim 61, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises information on defects concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located.

63. The method of claim 62, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises first and last sectors of each zone which are treated as erroneous ones, and defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

64. The method of claim 59, wherein the comparing comprises checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

65. DMA information which is properly generated by a recording and reproducing apparatus using the process of:

performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc containing known physical defects and a test reference DMA mirror file using the reproducing and recording apparatus to generate the DMA information;

generating test information from the generated DMA information; and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

66. The DMA information of claim 65, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises information on defects concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located.

67. The DMA information of claim 66, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises first and last sectors of each zone which are treated as erroneous ones, and defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

68. The DMA information of claim 65, wherein the comparing comprises checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

69. A recording and reproducing apparatus verified according to the process of:
performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc containing known physical defects and a test reference DMA mirror file using the reproducing and recording apparatus to generate the DMA information;

generating test information from the generated DMA information; and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

70. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 69, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises information on defects concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located.

71. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 70, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises first and last sectors of each zone which are treated as erroneous ones, and defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

72. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 69, wherein the comparing comprises checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

73. A recording and reproducing apparatus verified according to the process of:
performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc containing known physical defects and a test reference DMA mirror file using the reproducing and recording apparatus to generate the DMA information; and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

74. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 73, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises information on defects concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located.

75. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 74, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises first and last sectors of each zone which are treated as

erroneous ones, and defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

76. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 73, wherein the comparing comprises checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

77. An apparatus for testing a recording and reproducing apparatus which records or reproduces information on or from a recordable and reproducible optical disc with defect management area information to check whether DMA information is properly generated, the apparatus comprising:

a modified driver generating test information based on the DMA information of a test disc generated by a reproducing device performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on the test disc containing known physical defects and a test reference DMA mirror file using the reproducing and recording apparatus to generate the DMA information; and

a verifier comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

78. The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the modified driver reads only the DMA information from the test disc with the DMA information, to generate a DMA mirror file as the test information;

wherein the reference test information is a reference DMA mirror file.

79. The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the modified driver generates a second test disc by recording pre-fixed contents of a DMA on a first test disc having known physical defects, and recording a test reference DMA mirror file indicating that the supplementary spare area is not full in the first test disc;

the recording and reproducing apparatus performs the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on the second test disc, to generate a second test disc with the DMA information; and

the modified driver reads only the DMA information from the second test disc with the DMA information, to generate a test DMA mirror file as the test information;

wherein the reference test information is a reference DMA mirror file.

80. The apparatus of claim 79, wherein the recording and reproducing apparatus performs the reinitialization with a clearing of defect lists existing on the second test disc, and the verifier checks whether the DMA information of the second test disc complies with a predetermined DMA structure, checks whether a P-list and a G1-list are maintained, checks whether a G2-list and a secondary defect list (SDL) are cleared, and checks a start logical sector number of each zone of the second test disc

81. The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the verifier compares the test information and the reference test information by checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

82. The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises information on defects concentrated around a physical sector located where a first logical sector is supposed to be located.

83. The apparatus of claim 82, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises first and last sectors of each zone which are treated as erroneous ones, and defective sectors are set such that a total of available sectors in each zone is not a multiple of 16.

84. The apparatus of claim 50, further comprising a DMA mirror file provider which provides the reference test information to the verifier to make the comparison between the test information and the reference test information.

85. The apparatus of claim 68, further comprising a DMA mirror file provider which provides the reference test information to the verifier to make the comparison between the DMA mirror file and the reference DMA mirror file.

86. A method of manufacturing a compliant recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

manufacturing an uncertified recording and reproducing apparatus that updates and generates defect management area (DMA) information; and

verifying whether the uncertified recording and reproducing apparatus is compliant with a standard, said verifying comprising:

performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc containing predetermined defect information and test reference DMA information using the recording and reproducing apparatus to generate test information, and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine a verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus, the verification indicating that the uncertified recording and reproducing apparatus is compliant with the standard.

87. The method of claim 86, wherein the comparing comprises checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

88. A disc recording and reproducing apparatus for recording and reproducing information on an optical disc, comprising:

a light source to emit a light;

a focusing element to focus the light onto the optical disc to record and reproduce the information; and

a controller to control said light source, said controller being verified to update and generate defect management area (DMA) information by

performing reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list existing on a test disc containing predetermined defect information and test reference DMA information using the recording and reproducing apparatus to generate test information, and

comparing the test information with reference test information to determine the verification of the recording and reproducing apparatus.

89. The disc recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 88, wherein the comparing comprises checking a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

90. A disc recording and reproducing apparatus for recording and reproducing information on an optical disc:

a light source to emit a light;

a focusing element to focus the light onto the optical disc for recording and reproducing the information; and

a controller to control said light source and to update and generate defect management area information after performing reinitialization with certification on the optical disc so that the defect management information is compliant with a standard.

91. The disc recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 90, wherein the controller checks a structure of a DMA, a disc definition structure (DDS) of the DMA, a primary defect list (PDL) structure and a secondary list (SDL) structure of the DMA, which form the test information.

92. The method of claim 13, wherein the verifying of the DDS further comprises checking whether remaining reserved areas have a predetermined value.

93. The method of claim 15, wherein the verifying of the PDL structure comprises checking whether an unused area is a predetermined value.

94. The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the DMA mirror file comprises a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with

information on defective sectors detected during certification of the test disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to an SDL without certification.

95. The method of claim 58, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with information on defective sectors detected during certification of the test disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to an SDL without certification.

96. The DMA information of claim 65, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with information on defective sectors detected during certification of the test disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to an SDL without certification.

97. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 69, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with information on defective sectors detected during certification of the test disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to an SDL without certification.

98. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 73, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with information on defective sectors detected during certification of the test disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to an SDL without certification.

99. The apparatus of claim 77, wherein the test reference DMA mirror file comprises a P-list with information on defective sectors defined by a disc manufacturer, a G1-list with information on defective sectors detected during certification of the test disc, and a G2-list with information on defective sectors which are shifted to an SDL without certification.

100. The method of claim 42, wherein:

the generating the test information comprises generating the test information according to the reinitialization with a clearing of defect lists existing on the test disc; and

the verifying comprises checking whether defect information registered in a G2-list of a primary defect list (PDL) and defect information registered in a secondary defect list (SDL) are disposed of after the reinitialization with a clearing of the defect lists.

101. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 50, wherein the recording and reproducing apparatus perform the reinitialization with a clearing of defect lists, and the verifier checks whether defect information registered in a G2-list of a primary defect list (PDL) and defect information registered in a secondary defect list (SDL) are disposed of after the reinitialization with a clearing of the defect lists.

102. The DMA information of claim 65, wherein:

the performing of the reinitialization comprises performing the reinitialization with a clearing of defect lists; and

the verifying comprises checking whether defect information registered in a G2-list of a primary defect list (PDL) and defect information registered in a secondary defect list (SDL) are disposed of after the reinitialization with a clearing of the defect lists.

103. The method of claim 86, wherein:

the performing of the reinitialization comprises performing the reinitialization with a clearing of defect lists; and

the comparing comprises checking whether defect information registered in a G2-list of a primary defect list (PDL) and defect information registered in a secondary defect list (SDL) are disposed of after the reinitialization with a clearing of the defect lists.

104. The method of claim 42, wherein the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list is performed without certification.

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105. The recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 50, wherein the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list is performed without certification.

106. The DMA information of claim 65, wherein the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list is performed without certification.

107. The method of claim 86, wherein the reinitialization with a clearing of a defect list is performed without certification.

METHOD OF VERIFYING DEFECT MANAGEMENT AREA INFORMATION OF DISC AND TEST APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING THE SAME

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of verifying that defect management area (DMA) information is generated or updated normally when a disc recording and reproducing apparatus performs reinitialization with clearing of defect lists without certification, and a test apparatus therefore. The method includes performing reinitialization with clearing of a predetermined defect list existing in a DMA on a test disc in a recording and reproducing apparatus using a test disc with test reference information, and generating test information from the defect management information which is generated after the reinitialization; and comparing reference information expected from the test reference information with the test information to provide the result of verification of the test information. Accordingly, a user can check within a short time whether a given disc recording and reproducing apparatus correctly generates or updates DMA information in a reinitialization mode, and costs can be saved by not requiring a manufacturer to produce and provide test discs.

FIG. 2