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Abstract

Signalling the nature of defects in optical information carriers

The invention relates to a method and an arrangement for signalling the nature of defects in optical information carriers, for example, optical discs using a play-back equipment (1). Judging the quality of reproduction of optical information carriers is made easier in that at least one cause of error, such as the cause of error - fingerprint for example, is determined and indicated. A processing circuit (3), which is connected to an indicating device (4) that depicts the cause of an error, is attached to the play-back equipment (1). Some explanation is given to the user regarding the quality of reproduction of the optical disc and, where necessary, he can re-establish the original quality of reproduction by simply wiping it off. The invention creates a way of distinguishing electronically between fingerprints and other negative influences.

Fig. 1

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