

ABSTRACT
CARTRIDGE CHANGER

An inexpensive cartridge changer that requires only a small number of parts and that is configured by moving a stocker with a plurality of cartridges housed in parallel, in the juxtaposition direction, by moving a selected cartridge through one of exclusive gates, and by closing the gate during the movement of the stocker in the juxtaposition direction while opening the gate during housing or transfer. A cartridge changer comprises a stock means (B) having a stocker (21), a transfer means (D) for transferring a cartridge (8) between a recording and reproduction means (C) and an installation and removal position (A) and the stocker (21), a driving means (E) for moving the stocker (21) to remove or house the cartridge (8); a front hindrance means (F) for preventing the cartridges (8) in the stocker (21) from protruding frontward from a front opening (10a) and hindering another cartridge (8) from being inserted from the front, and a rear hindrance means (G) for hindering the cartridges (8) in the stocker (21) from protruding rearward from a rear opening (10d).

Figure 2.