AN APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING AND/OR RECORDING FROM AND/OR TO A RECORDING MEDIUM

Abstract

An apparatus for reproducing and/or recording from and/or to a recording medium is provided. The apparatus comprises a pickup reading data from the recording medium which comprises a temporary defect management area comprising bit maps, distinguishing occupied data areas of the recording medium from unoccupied data areas, of a user data area of the recording medium by representing the occupied and/or unoccupied areas with different values in the bit maps, and a controller controlling the pickup to read the data from the temporary defect management area and to record predetermined data in the unoccupied area of the temporary defect management area.

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