

ABSTRACT

**METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SLIDER OF THIN-FILM
MAGNETIC HEAD**

A method of manufacturing a slider includes the steps of: forming an air bearing surface of a slider material including a thin-film magnetic head element; and etching a part of the air bearing surface, such that a portion of
5 the air bearing surface corresponding to the head element and the rest of the air bearing surface are located in one plane, or such that this portion of the air bearing surface is located closer to a recording medium than the rest of the air bearing surface.

FIGURE 10