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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 3)

HEAD, HEAD SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY, AND DISC DEVICE
PROVIDED WITH THE SAME

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A head includes a slider, configured to fly by an
air current produced between a surface of a recording
medium and a facing surface of the slider, and a head
portion which is provided on the slider and records
10 and reproduces information on and from the recording
medium. The slider has a negative-pressure cavity,
and a pad portion, which is situated on the downstream
side of the negative-pressure cavity with respect to
the air current, protrudes from the facing surface.
15 Read/write gaps of the head portion are formed in a
projected surface of the pad portion. The pad portion
has a step portion which is provided on the downstream
side of the read/write gaps with respect to the air
current and formed extending in a plurality of tiers
from the projected surface in the direction of the air
current.



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