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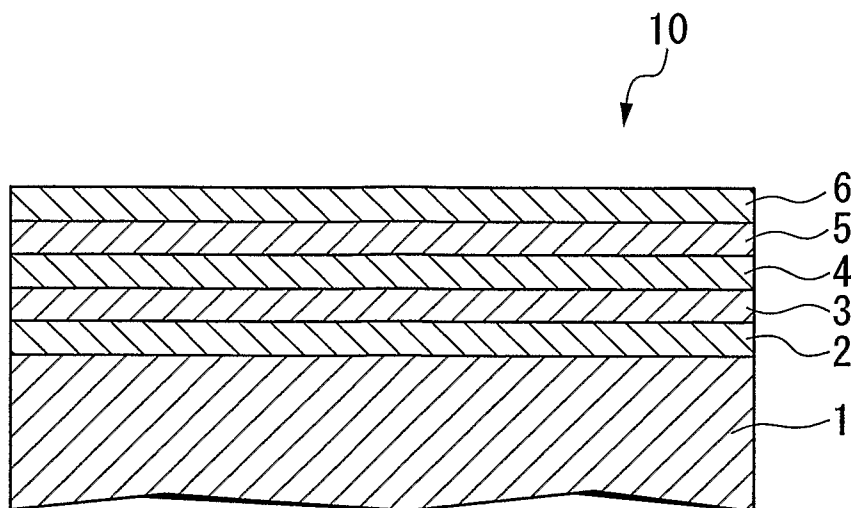
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(57) Abstract: A magnetic recording medium is provided which is capable of higher recording density and has a higher coercive force and a lower noise. A production method of the magnetic recording medium, and a magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus are also provided. The magnetic recording medium comprises at least a nonmagnetic undercoat layer, a nonmagnetic intermediate layer, a magnetic layer, and a protective layer, which are laminated in this order on a nonmagnetic substrate, and at least one of the layers of the nonmagnetic undercoat layer is made of a WV alloy or a MoV alloy.

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