

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND METHOD, INITIALIZATION METHOD, AND REINITIALIZATION METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording/reproducing apparatus includes a writing/reading unit writing data to or reading data from an information recording medium having an access control area in which access control data is recorded, the access control data having common information set to allow the recording/reproducing apparatus that cannot recognize a predetermined function adapted to the information recording medium to control access to the information recording medium; and a control unit controlling the writing/reading unit to record access control data regarding a function recognizable by the recording/reproducing apparatus in the access control area when the information recording medium is initialized or reinitialized.

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