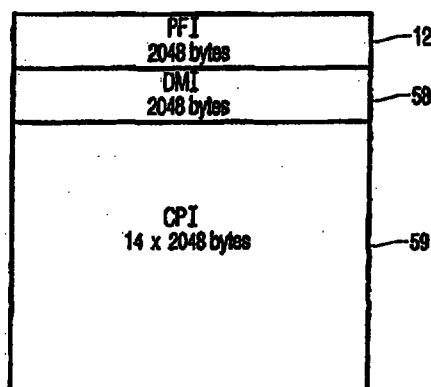




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**(57) Abstract**

An information carrier, e.g. an optical disc, comprises information arranged according to a recording format. The information includes format information indicative of parameters of the recording format such as start and stop addresses of user information. The information is recorded according to predefined encoding rules, which correspond to rules of a different recording format, e.g. CD-ROM or DVD, that prescribes a predefined location (12) on the information carrier for recording the format information. However the predefined location (12) comprises a confusion pattern (CON) and the format information is recorded at a second location (CPS1) different from the predefined location. A non-compliant player is unable to read or copy the information carrier because the reading is disturbed by the wrong parameters of the recording format. According to the invention a recorder is arranged for recording said confusion pattern and relocating said format information, whereas a player is arranged to retrieve the relocated format information.