

CHANGER-TYPE DISK PLAYBACK DEVICE

ABSTRACT

A disk playback device (1) provides a space above and below a selected disk held in a disk holder. A turntable (61) and optical pickup (66) reside within the space. The turntable (61) is moved inward in the space from a storage position to chuck, and withdraw, the selected disk from its disk holder to a playback position in which the axis of the turntable (61) is within the outline of disks stored in disk holders (11-15). The storage position places the axis of the turntable (61) outside the outline of disks stored in the disk holders (11-15). In a single play mode, a disk not stored in a disk holder is moved directly from outside the disk playback device (1) to the playback position where it is chucked and played. On conclusion of single play, the disk is transported out of the disk playback device (1) without being resident in a disk holder.

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