

INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

An information recording medium and a recording/reproducing apparatus for the recording medium are provided. The information recording medium comprises a user data area for recording user data and a spare area for replacing a defect detected in the user area, wherein a replacement recording block that replaces an original recording block recorded in the user data area is recorded in the spare area or an unrecorded area of the user data area, and each of the original recording block and the replacement recording block includes identification information used to determine whether each recording block is an original recording block or a replacement recording block.

FIG. 4