a K_2O content is equal to or less than 5%;

TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a total content of HfO_2, Nb_2O_5, Ta_2O_5, La_2O_3 and Y_2O_3 ($HfO_2 + Nb_2O_5 + Ta_2O_5 + La_2O_3 + Y_2O_3$) ranges from 0 to 5%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a ZnO content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a P_2O_5 content ranges from 0 to 2%, and

at least one kind selected from the group consisting of Sn oxide and Ce oxide being included, a total content of Sn oxide and Ce oxide ranges from 0.05 to 2.00%.

[0003b] In another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a glass for magnetic recording medium substrate,

which is an amorphous oxide glass,

wherein, in terms of mol%:

an SiO_2 content ranges from 52 to 68%;

an Al_2O_3 content ranges from 12 to 18%;

a total content of SiO_2 and Al_2O_3 ($SiO_2 + Al_2O_3$) is equal to or less than 80%;

a B_2O_3 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

an MgO content ranges from 3 to 28%;

a CaO content ranges from 0 to 4.00%;

a TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a total content of BaO and SrO (BaO + SrO) ranges from 0 to 2%;

a total content of alkali earth metal oxides (MgO + CaO + SrO + BaO) ranges from 12 to 30%;

a molar ratio of a total content of MgO and CaO relative to the total content of alkali earth metal oxides {(MgO + CaO)/(MgO + CaO + SrO + BaO)} ranges from 0.75 to 1.00;

a total content of alkali metal oxides ($Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$) ranges from 3.5 to 13%;

a molar ratio of Li_2O content relative to the total content of alkali metal oxides {Li_2O/(Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O)} ranges from 0.4 to 1;

a Li_2O content is equal to or less than 8%;

a Na_2O content is equal to or less than 6%;

a K_2O content is equal to or less than 5%;

TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a total content of HfO_2, Nb_2O_5, Ta_2O_5, La_2O_3 and Y_2O_3 (HfO_2 + Nb_2O_5 + Ta_2O_5 + La_2O_3 + Y_2O_3) ranges from 0 to 3%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a ZnO content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a P_2O_5 content ranges from 0 to 2%, and

at least one kind selected from the group consisting of Sn oxide and Ce oxide being included, a total content of Sn oxide and Ce oxide ranges from 0.05 to 2.00%.

[0003c] In yet another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a magnetic recording medium substrate, which is comprised of the glass for magnetic recording medium substrate as disclosed herein.

[0003d] In a further aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a magnetic recording medium, which comprises a magnetic recording layer on the magnetic recording medium substrate as disclosed herein.

[0003e] In another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus, which comprises the magnetic recording medium as disclosed herein.

CLAIMS

1. A glass for magnetic recording medium substrate,

which is an amorphous oxide glass,

wherein, in terms of mol%:

an SiO_2 content ranges from 52 to 68%;

an Al_2O_3 content ranges from 12 to 18%;

a total content of SiO_2 and Al_2O_3 ($SiO_2 + Al_2O_3$) is equal to or less than 80%;

a B_2O_3 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

an MgO content ranges from 20.80 to 28%;

a CaO content ranges from 0 to 18%;

a TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a total content of BaO and SrO (BaO + SrO) ranges from 0 to 2%;

a total content of alkali earth metal oxides (MgO + CaO + SrO + BaO) ranges from 12 to 30%;

a molar ratio of a total content of MgO and CaO relative to the total content of alkali earth metal oxides {(MgO + CaO)/(MgO + CaO + SrO + BaO)} ranges from 0.75 to 1.00;

a total content of alkali metal oxides ($Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$) ranges from 3.5 to 13%;

a molar ratio of Li_2O content relative to the total content of alkali metal oxides {Li_2O/ ($Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O$)} ranges from 0.4 to 1;

a Li_2O content is equal to or less than 8%;

a Na_2O content is equal to or less than 6%;

a K_2O content is equal to or less than 5%;

TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a total content of HfO_2, Nb_2O_5, Ta_2O_5, La_2O_3 and Y_2O_3 ($HfO_2 + Nb_2O_5 + Ta_2O_5 + La_2O_3 + Y_2O_3$) ranges from 0 to 5%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a ZnO content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a P_2O_5 content ranges from 0 to 2%, and

at least one kind selected from the group consisting of Sn oxide and Ce oxide being included, a total content of Sn oxide and Ce oxide ranges from 0.05 to 2.00%.

2. The glass for magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 1,

wherein the CaO content ranges from 0 to 4.00%, and the total content of HfO_2, Nb_2O_5, Ta_2O_5, La_2O_3 and Y_2O_3 ($HfO_2 + Nb_2O_5 + Ta_2O_5 + La_2O_3 + Y_2O_3$) ranges from 0 to 3%.

3. A glass for magnetic recording medium substrate,

which is an amorphous oxide glass,

wherein, in terms of mol%:

an SiO_2 content ranges from 52 to 68%;

an Al_2O_3 content ranges from 12 to 18%;

a total content of SiO_2 and Al_2O_3 ($SiO_2 + Al_2O_3$) is equal to or less than 80%;

a B_2O_3 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

an MgO content ranges from 3 to 28%;

a CaO content ranges from 0 to 4.00%;

a TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a total content of BaO and SrO (BaO + SrO) ranges from 0 to 2%;

a total content of alkali earth metal oxides (MgO + CaO + SrO + BaO) ranges from 12 to 30%;

a molar ratio of a total content of MgO and CaO relative to the total content of alkali earth metal oxides {(MgO + CaO)/(MgO + CaO + SrO + BaO)} ranges from 0.75 to 1.00;

a total content of alkali metal oxides (Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O) ranges from 3.5 to 13%;

a molar ratio of Li_2O content relative to the total content of alkali metal oxides {Li_2O/ (Li_2O + Na_2O + K_2O)} ranges from 0.4 to 1;

a Li_2O content is equal to or less than 8%;

a Na_2O content is equal to or less than 6%;

a K_2O content is equal to or less than 5%;

TiO_2 content ranges from 0 to 5%;

a total content of HfO_2, Nb_2O_5, Ta_2O_5, La_2O_3 and Y_2O_3 (HfO_2 + Nb_2O_5 + Ta_2O_5 + La_2O_3 + Y_2O_3) ranges from 0 to 3%;

a ZrO_2 content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a ZnO content ranges from 0 to 3%;

a P_2O_5 content ranges from 0 to 2%, and

at least one kind selected from the group consisting of Sn oxide and Ce oxide being included, a total content of Sn oxide and Ce oxide ranges from 0.05 to 2.00%.

4. The glass for magnetic recording medium substrate according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein a specific elastic modulus is equal to or more than 31 MNm/kg.

5. The glass for magnetic recording medium substrate according to any of claims 1 to 4,

wherein no crystals are confirmed by magnification observation, magnifying power of 40 to 100, with an optical microscope after the glass is left to stand for 16 hours with a temperature of 1250°C kept, and then cooled to room temperature.

6. The glass for magnetic recording medium substrate according to any of claims 1 to 5,

wherein a bubble density per unit mass is less than 50/kg, as a density of bubbles each having a diameter exceeding 0.03 mm when observation is performed with an optical microscope at magnifications from 40 to 100.

7. A magnetic recording medium substrate, which is comprised of the glass for magnetic recording medium substrate according to any of claims 1 to 6.

8. A magnetic recording medium, which comprises a magnetic recording layer on the magnetic recording medium substrate according to claim 7.

9. A magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus,

which comprises the magnetic recording medium according to claim 8.