

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

MAGNETIC RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS

A magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus, such as VTR or DAT, in which a cassette containing a magnetic tape is to be loaded and which is capable of drawing the tape from the cassette and introducing onto a head drum to perform desired recording and reproducing actions. A tape loading mechanism of the apparatus comprises at least one loading disk, a tape drawing member, and a drive system for the drawing member. For minimizing the size of the apparatus, the loading disk is disposed around one of a pair of reel spindles, and the rotation of the loading disk is transmitted to the drawing member via a link. The loading mechanism gives the same driving force also to a tape tensioning device, a reel spindle braking device and a pinch roller driving device.

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