

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 1)

"PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS"

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A soft magnetic laminate layer is arranged between
a nonmagnetic substrate and a perpendicular magnetic
recording layer so as to provide a perpendicular
magnetic recording medium low in noise and capable of a
10 high density recording. The soft magnetic laminate
layer comprises a soft magnetic layer having a
thickness not larger than 500 Å and a nonmagnetic layer,
comprises a first soft magnetic layer and a second soft
magnetic layer differing from the first soft magnetic
15 layer in the crystal structure, or comprises a layer of
a granular structure consisting of magnetic particles
and a nonmagnetic matrix and a soft magnetic layer.