

APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING TAPE-SHAPED RECORDING MEDIUM**ABSTRACT**

A reproducing device for reproducing a tape-shaped recording medium, such as a magnetic tape, has recorded on it an address information along with data on a plurality of inclined tracks. The address information is composed of a track address and a block address. The reproducing device, reading out and reproducing data from the tape-shaped recording medium, includes a reproducing unit, an address extracting unit, a memory, a driving unit and a controller. The reproducing unit reads out data from the tape-shaped reproducing medium for data reproduction. The reproducing unit has a rotary head configured for scanning plural tracks of the tape-shaped recording medium for reading out data from the recording medium. The address extracting unit extracts the address information from data read out by the reproducing unit by one scanning of the tape-shaped recording medium by the rotary head. The memory stores data read out from the reproducing unit. The data read out from the reproducing unit is written in the memory based upon the address information extracted by the address extraction unit. The driving unit runs the tape-shaped recording medium. The controller generates read-out addresses for reading out the data stored in the memory. The controller controls the driving unit based upon the address information which is extracted by the address extraction unit and which is associated with pre-set locations on the track of the tape-shaped recording medium.

Figure 3

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