

[0050] FIG. 14 is a graph showing the change of the characteristic value of the magnetoresistive transfer curve when the thickness of the magnetic domain control film is changed in Embodiment 4 of the present invention. It shows cases of application of the structure according to the present invention and the existent structure.

[0051] FIG. 15 is a schematic view of a magnetic head structure when a reading sensor provided in Embodiment 5 of the present invention is formed and then a writing head is formed to manufacture a magnetic head for demonstrating the present invention.

[0052] FIG. 16 is a schematic cross sectional view of Embodiment 6 of the present invention.

[0053] FIG. 17 is a schematic cross sectional view of Embodiment 7 of the present invention.

[0054] The following table includes a description of reference numerals.

1	lower shield layer
2	lower gap layer
3	under layer of a stack of magnetoresistive layers
4	anti-ferromagnetic layer constituting a pinned layer
4U	anti-ferromagnetic layer disposed on an upper portion of a free layer constituting a pinned layer
5	ferromagnetic layer constituting a pinned layer
5U	ferromagnetic layer constituting a pinned layer disposed on the upper portion of a free layer
6	non-magnetic layer
6U	non-magnetic layer disposed on the upper portion of a free layer
7	free layer
8	protection layer
9	magnetic domain control film amorphous layer
10	magnetic domain control film underlayer
11	magnetic domain control film layer
12	electrode film layer
13	upper gap layer
14	upper shield layer
15	vertical position of the lower surface of a free layer
16	vertical position of the upper surface of a free layer
17	vertical position of the lower surface of a magnetic domain control film at a position near the end of the stack of magnetoresistive layers
18	vertical position of the upper surface of a magnetic domain control film at a position near the end of the stack of magnetoresistive layers
19	central height of a free layer
20	central height of a magnetic domain control film at a position near the end of a stack of magnetoresistive layers
21	lower portion of lift-off resist
22	upper portion of lift-off resist
23	re-deposition film in ion milling step
24	re-deposition film in magnetic domain control layer deposition step
34	lower shield
35	insulative layer
36	stack of magnetoresistive layers
37	insulative layer
38	upper shield
39	insulative layer
40a	lower magnetic pole
40b	lower magnetic pole protrusion

-continued

41a	upper magnetic pole 1
41b	upper magnetic pole 2
42	coil
Portion A	end of a stack of magnetoresistive layers
Twf	track width of a free layer
$\alpha$	angle at the end of a free layer
S	gap distance between end of free layer and a magnetic control film
Blank arrow H	magnetization direction of magnetic domain control film
Gray arrow Hd	demagnetization direction generated in magnetic domain control film
“+” and “-” symbols	magnetic charges generated due to tapered shape of magnetic domain control film
arrow	schematic view for magnetic fluxes generated from the end of the magnetic domain control film

DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

[0055] FIG. 1 shows a schematic cross sectional structural view showing the structure of the present invention. In the existent structure (FIG. 3), the stack of magnetoresistive layers has a shape etched as far as the lower gap layer 2 by ion beam etching, whereas etching is conducted only as far as an anti-ferromagnetic layer 4 of a pinned layer 5 for aligning the respective vertical positions of a free layer 7 and a magnetic domain control film 11 in the structure of the present invention. For the ion beam etched surface of the stack of magnetoresistive layers, the surface of the anti-ferromagnetic body 4 constituting the pinned layer 5 is exposed, while the surface for each of the layers constituting the stack of magnetoresistive layers, that is, the fixed layer ferromagnetic layer 5, the non-magnetic layer 6, the free layer 7 and a protection layer 8 is exposed on an inclined surface, and a magnetic domain control amorphous layer 9 is formed on the exposed surfaces thereof. In this case, the amorphous thin film desirably has a structure of covering the surface of the inclined portion (refer to the lower view of FIG. 1). Then, the magnetic domain control under layer 10, a magnetic domain control layer 11 and the electrode film layer 12 are formed in the structure. Further, it is constituted in this case that the respective central heights 19, 20 of the free layer 7 and the ferromagnetic layer of the magnetic domain control film 11 formed to the end of the free layer are adjusted to identical or substantially identical levels. Further, it may also be constituted such that the central height 20 of the magnetic domain control film 11 is within a range from the lower surface height 15 and the upper surface height 16 of the free layer 7, or such that the central height 19 of the free layer 7 is within a range between the lower surface height 17 of the magnetic domain control film 11 and the upper surface height 18 of an indent near the stack of magnetoresistive layers.

[0056] FIG. 2 is a view showing a structure that can be manufactured basically by the same order for the layer constitution which has a shape aligning the lower surface position 15 of the free layer 7 with the lower surface position 17 of the magnetic domain control film 11 and, further, a bias magnetic field is localized more by constituting the thickness of the magnetic domain control film 11 less than that of the free layer 7 thereby making it possible to apply a more appropriate bias magnetic field to the free layer 7. Further,