

The proposed device for protecting information on an information carrier against unauthorized access provides the destruction of the information carrier at an attempt of unauthorized access or on a request of the user. The device contains a direct voltage source, an electromagnet, an on-off switch, and a capacitor, which as alternately connected to the direct voltage source or the electromagnet via the switch. The casing of the information carrier is fixed to a support plate. Between the casing and the core of the electromagnet, a disk armature is installed that is coupled with a spring-loaded hammer. The hammer, on one end, interacts with a follower with the movable contact of the limiting switch, which is inserted in the circuit of the primary power supply of the direct voltage source. The pointed end of the hammer is designed for destructing the casing or the layer of the active material of the information carrier after switching on the protection device. The proposed device is distinctive by its reliability and response speed.