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Thermal transfer recording medium.

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The improved thermal transfer recording medium comprises a support coated with a first heat-softening layer which in turn is coated with a second heat-softening layer, said first heat-softening layer containing a heat-fusible material and said second heat-softening layer containing a polymer based on an alkyl (meth)acrylate ester.

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