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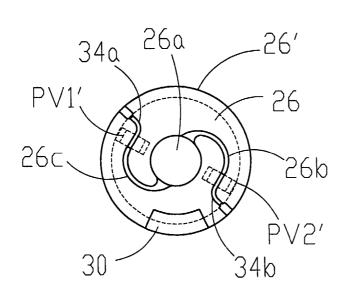
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(57) Abstract: Method and apparatus for molding an IOL comprising first and second mold halves (26, 28) each having an optic forming surface (26a) and haptic forming surfaces (26b, 26c) which together define a mold cavity in the shape of the IOL to be molded therein when the mold halves are assembled together. An injection port (IP) is formed and connects to one of said haptic forming surfaces or the optic forming surface wherethrough a polymerizable material is injected into the mold cavity. A venting port (VP) is formed and connects to another haptic wherethrough air escapes from the mold cavity as the polymerizable material is injected through the injection port.



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A method for molding a single piece IOL having an optic and at least one haptic whereby providing an injection port connected to said optic forming surface

2. Claims: 1+6,8

A method for molding a single piece OPEN-LOOPED IOL

3. Claims: 1+7,9

A method for molding a single piece CLOSED-LOOPED IOL.

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Clamping tool for assembling mold halves together

5. Claims: 1+18,19

sequential injection of at least two different polymers

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