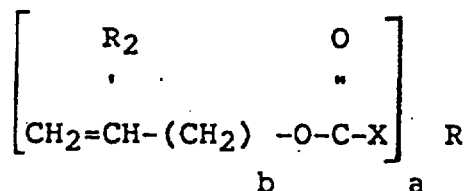


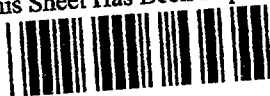
ABSTRACT

Novel monomers of the general formula



where b is 0 or 1, a is 1, 2, 3 or 4, R² is a monovalent alkyl radical and R is an organic radical. The novel monomers may be employed to produce novel copolymers useful as hydrogel, soft non-hydrogel and/or rigid gas permeable contact lens materials.

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