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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INVERTING A FLEXIBLE MOLDING

(57) Abstract: A method for providing a flexible molding, in particular an ophthalmic lens such as a contact lens (CL), in a predetermined orientation, comprises the steps of determining the actual orientation of the molding (CL), and in case the molding has been determined as not having the predetermined orientation, inverting the flexible molding (CL) to the predetermined orientation.

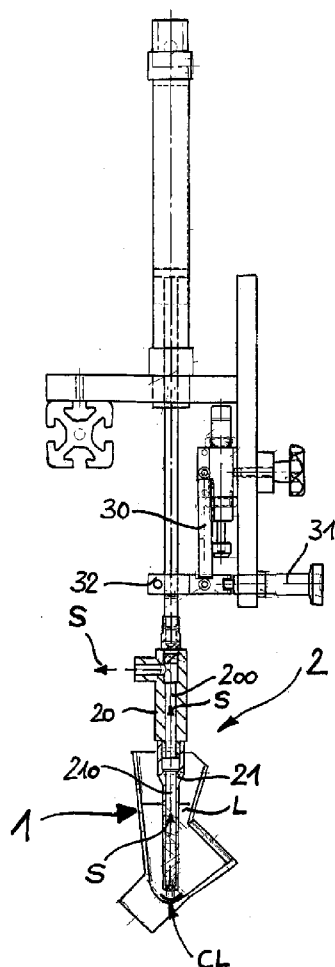


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