

ABSTRACT

A method for manufacturing an optical element comprises a step of press molding an optical element material 6 disposed between an upper press head (7) and its paired lower press head (8), wherein in the upper press head (7) and/or the lower press head (8) is formed a groove-like component that forms a non-cylindrical face or a cylindrical face as an optically effective component in the optical element material (6). This makes it possible to obtain an optical element with stable face shape precision, boosts productivity, and is also advantageous in terms of cost.