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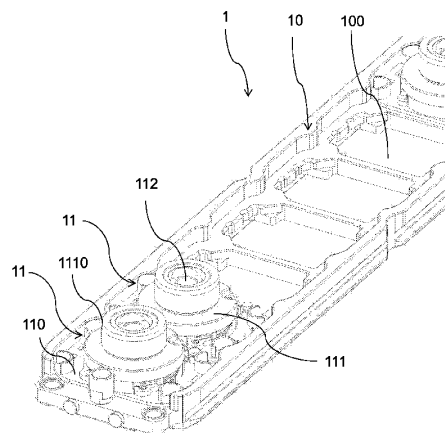


Fig. 1



- (57) **Abstract:** A mold unit (22) for molding ophthalmic lenses comprises: - an adapter piece (220) comprising an opening (2200) extending around a longitudinal axis (2201); - a sleeve (221) fixedly connected to the adapter piece (220) and extending through the opening (2200) of the adapter piece (220); - a lens mold (222) rigidly mounted to the sleeve (221); - an adjustment ring (224) firmly attached to the sleeve (221) to circumferentially surround a portion of the sleeve (221). The adjustment ring (224) comprises a flat circular outer engagement surface (2244), and the adapter piece (220) comprises at least one clamping block (2211) having a flat inner clamping surface (2214). The flat inner clamping surface (2214) frictionally clamps the flat circular outer engagement surface (2244) to prevent inadvertent rotation of the sleeve (221) relative to the adapter piece (220) but to allow rotation of the sleeve (221) relative to the adapter piece (220) upon the application of a torque higher than a predetermined threshold torque.

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