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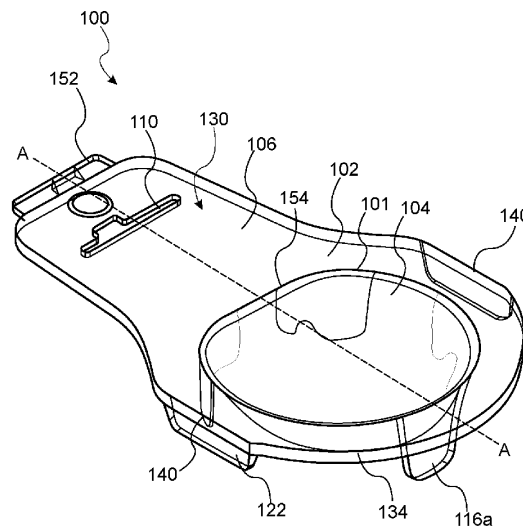


FIG. 1A

(57) **Abstract:** A hermetically sealed blister package for a contact lens. The blister package includes a base member (100), made of a plastics material, and a sealing member (103) joined to the base member to form a blister cavity arranged to hold an unworn contact lens and contact lens packaging solution. The base member (100) has an upper surface (130) and a lower surface (132) and includes a blister well (104) and a handle (106). The blister well (104) has a rim (101). The blister well (104) is enclosed on the upper surface (130) of the base member (100) by a sealing region (102). The handle (106) and the sealing region (102) are provided by a flange that extends out from the blister well (104). The base member (100) has a weight of 0.72g or less.

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