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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to aqueous processes for the production of silicone hydrogel contact lenses. The process comprises: (a) curing in a mold a reaction mixture comprising at least one silicone containing component wherein said reaction mixture is substantially free from sparingly water soluble components or impurities having a retention time, relative to TRIS of less than about 0.9 to form a lens; (b) contacting said lens and mold with an aqueous solution at a temperature less than 990C for less than about 1 hour, to release said lens from the mold and; (c) optionally post processing the lens, wherein said post processing, if conducted, is conducted with aqueous solutions for a time less than 6 hours.