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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus for mounting auxiliary eyeglasses (10) on conventional eyeglasses (12) in which magnets are attached to appendages (18) on the auxiliary eyeglasses mating with magnets mounted on the temple extensions (22) of conventional eyeglasses. The magnets on the auxiliary eyeglasses are mounted in sockets (32) formed on the appendages (18) of the auxiliary eyeglass frame (16) fit beneath the temple extension (22) on the conventional eyeglass frame (20) to hold the auxiliary frame (16) in place solely by the magnetic attractive force. The orientation of the magnets is such that the maximum magnetic force resists any downward movement of the auxiliary eyeglasses on the conventional eyeglasses when installed. In a modification of the embodiment, a clip (42) is attached to or formed on the bridge (38) of the auxiliary eyeglasses for fitting over the bridge (44) of the conventional eyeglasses. In yet another embodiment, clips (52) are formed on the frame (54) of the auxiliary eyeglasses to fit over the frame of the conventional eyeglasses. Magnets (56) are embedded in the bridge (58) of the auxiliary eyeglasses that mate with complementary magnets (68) in the bridge (66) of the conventional eyeglasses when the bridge is slid beneath the bridge of the conventional eyeglasses.

