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## **A Pair of Goggles, Particularly a Pair of Safety Goggles**

The invention relates to a pair of goggles, particularly a pair of safety goggles, having padded ear pieces.

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Such a pair of goggles is known from EP 0 529 202 B1. In this known design, it is envisaged that an eye-like configuration made of relatively hard plastic material be formed at the end of the ear piece, which configuration is spanned by a bubble convexity in a direction towards the head of the user. In this way, a good fit and high user comfort are achieved immediately at the end of the ear piece.

Based on the foregoing, the object of the invention is to further develop a pair of safety goggles having ear pieces of the aforesaid kind so that the contact area alongside the lower edge, i.e. the edge abutting the user's ear, is designed such that maximum user comfort is achieved while the goggles fit securely.

According to the invention, this object is achieved in that in the ear contact area of each ear piece the upper side of the ear piece consists of a strip made of a relatively hard plastic material while below the aforesaid strip an area made of relatively soft plastic material and having a substantially continuous lower edge is formed, wherein at least one bubble-like convexity in a direction towards the head of the user is formed in the soft plastic material between the lower edge or the strip extending there and the upper strip.

In particular, it can be envisaged that a plurality of bubble-like convexities be formed which are separated from one another by approximately vertical

strips made of soft plastic material, which strips extend between the strip made of hard plastic material and the lower edge or the lower strip.

By means of the design according to the invention, a very soft ear contact  
5 area with sufficient basic stability is provided, which contact area is able to adapt to a certain extent as regards shape while ensuring high user comfort and reliable positioning.

The end of the ear piece can be formed by an eye-like enlargement of the  
10 hard plastic material across which bubble-like convex soft plastic material extends.

Conveniently, each ear piece is made in an injection mould by one injection of hard material and one of soft material.  
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The invention will hereinafter be described in more detail with reference to a preferred embodiment and in connection with the drawing, in which

Fig. 1 shows a view of a pair of goggles according to the invention as  
20 seen from the back or with the eyes of the user;

Fig. 2 shows a plan view of a pair of goggles according to the invention;

Fig. 3 shows an enlarged side view of an ear piece as seen from the inside; and

Fig. 4 shows an enlarged plan view of an ear piece.  
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In the drawing, a pair of safety goggles 1 is shown having two sight pieces 2 which are arranged at an upper frame element 3 having a nose contact area 4 while ear pieces 7 are linked to the outer ends 5 of the upper frame

element 3 by means of hinges 6 in a manner known per se. The ear pieces 7 are bent towards the inside in the head contact area 8.

5 The inner end area of each ear piece 7 is connected to the outer end 5 of the upper frame element 3 via a snap-in gap 9 in order to make the ear piece lengthwise adjustable. The section 7 of the ear piece consists of a relatively hard plastic material having the form of a strip 10 and forming the upper edge 11 of the ear piece 7 and which extends backwards up to the end 12 of the ear piece, where the hard plastic material forms an enlarged eye-like  
10 configuration 13.

A soft plastic material is moulded on to the hard plastic material or the strip 10, which soft plastic material extends across the lower end area 14 of the inner end section of the ear piece 7 and, extending from there and in the  
15 form of a strip 15, forms the lower edge of the ear piece 7 which is supported on the ear.

The soft plastic material forms a sheet extending between the lower strip 15 made of soft plastic material and the upper strip 10 made of hard plastic  
20 material, which sheet comprises a plurality of bubble-like convexities 16 which are separated from one another by vertical, strip-like sections 17.

The soft plastic material also extends across the eye-like enlargement 13 at the end 12 of the ear piece, where it forms another bubble-like convexity  
25 18.

## Claims

1. A pair of goggles, particularly a pair of safety goggles, having padded ear pieces, **characterized in that** in the ear contact area of each ear piece  
5 (7) the upper side (11) of the ear piece consists of a strip (10) made of a relatively hard plastic material while below the aforesaid strip (10) an area made of relatively soft plastic material and having a substantially continuous lower edge is formed, wherein at least one bubble-like convexity (16, 18) in a direction towards the head of the user is formed in the soft plastic  
10 material between the lower edge (strip 15) and the upper strip (10).
2. A pair of goggles according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** a plurality of bubble-like convexities (16, 18) are provided which are separated from one another by approximately vertical strips (10, 15) made of soft  
15 plastic material, which strips extend between the strip (10) made of hard plastic material and the lower edge (strip 15).
3. A pair of goggles according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the end (12) of the ear piece is formed by an eye-like enlargement (13) of the hard  
20 plastic material across which bubble-like convex soft plastic material extends.
4. A pair of goggles according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the ear piece (7) is made in a mould by one injection of hard material and one of  
25 soft material.