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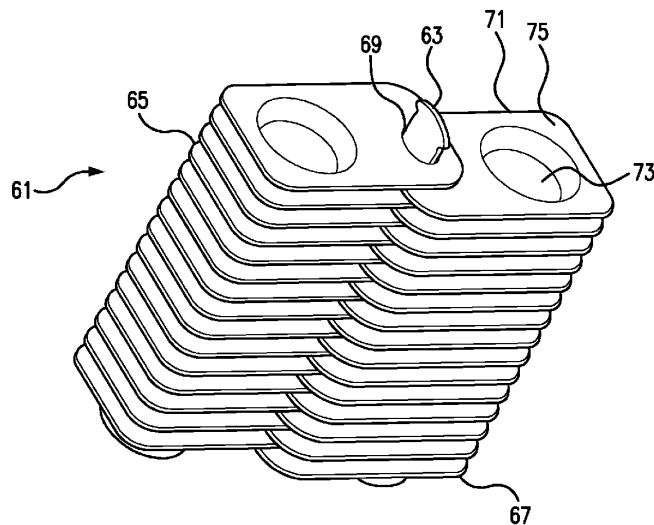


FIG. 7

(57) Abstract: A contact lens package kit (1) is described that includes contact lens packages (3), wherein each contact lens package (3) includes a base member (11) having a cavity (13) and a sealing member (5) coupled to the base member (11). An unworn contact lens (15) is provided in a packaging solution (17) within the sealed cavity (13). The base member (11) is a thermoplastic material (or other recyclable material) and includes a substantially planar surface (19) surrounding the cavity (13) to provide a sealing surface for the sealing member (5). The kit (1) also includes at least one fastener (21) configured to retain a plurality of base members (11) from each of the contact lens packages (3) after the contact lens (15) is removed from the cavity (13). A recyclable thermoplastic contact lens assembly (61) is also described, that includes empty contact lens packages (65) attached to a fastener (63). A method to recycle used contact lens packages, such as curbside recycling, is further described that uses the fastener, and the fastener itself is also described.

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