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19. An intraocular lens according to claim 18 wherein the curvature of the lens surface is such that the posterior capsule substantially conforms to the contour of the lens thereby maximizing the contact between the posterior surface of the lens and the posterior capsule.

20. An intraocular lens according to claim 1, wherein the laterally extending flanges taper away from the optical portion so that the outer ends thereof are narrower than the optical portion.

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21. An intraocular lens according to claim 20 wherein the curvature of the posterior surface of the lens is such that the posterior capsule substantially conforms to the contour of the lens thereby maximizing the contact between the posterior surface of the lens and the posterior capsule.

22. An intraocular lens according to claim 21 wherein the hydrogel is hydroxyethyl methacrylate.

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