

[54] INSTRUMENT FOR INSERTING A DEFORMABLE LENS INTO THE EYE

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[57] ABSTRACT

An instrument for inserting a deformable intraocular lens into the eye, and which is constructed so that the deformable lens is grasped in its undeformed state by two jaws which are forced together by a ramp thereby deforming the lens, as the jaws are drawn into a tube, the deformed lens being held in position by the confinement of the jaws by the tube. The jaws and deformed lens are inserted through an incision into the eye using the walls of the small incision to help compress the jaws and the lens. The jaws and the lens are then left inside the eye with the jaws being detached from the instrument. Part of the jaws protrude from the eye to allow the surgeon to remove the jaws from the eye leaving the lens inside the eye.

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