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[54] **INTRAOCULAR LENS WITH REINFORCING ELEMENT**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An intraocular lens with an optic of a polymer material and a skirt of polymer material with a reinforcing element used in, about or on the periphery of the skirt of the intraocular lens. In one specific embodiment, a reinforcing element is positioned in the outer circumference of a flexible skirt which supports the optic. The skirt can be folded about the optic so that the lens can be inserted through a minimal incision. In another embodiment, the skirt can be rectangular. The outer loop can either attach to the optic or be integral to the edge of the optic. In an additional embodiment, the reinforcing element can be attached about the edge of the skirt.

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