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Interface element for medical ultrasound transducer.

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Kontaktelement für medizinische Ultraschallwandler.

Title (fr)
Élément d'interface pour un transducteur médical à ultrason.

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0605756A2] An ultrasound transducer assembly includes an ultrasound transducer for transmitting and receiving ultrasound energy 10 and one or more interface elements for conducting transmitted ultrasound energy from the transducer 10 to a patient's body and for conducting received ultrasound energy from the patient's body to the transducer. At least one ultrasound-transmissive interface element 20 is fabricated of a rigid, low sound speed material. The material preferably has a sound speed that approximately matches the speed of sound in human tissue. The rigid, low sound speed material is preferably a material that is suitable for use on a human eye as a contact lens. The ultrasound-transmissive element fabricated of a rigid, low sound speed material can be a protective lens cover 20. <IMAGE>

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