

Title (en)
Method of manufacturing an ultrasonic transducer

Title (de)
Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Ultraschallwandlers

Title (fr)
Procédé de fabrication d'un transducteur à ultrasons

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP1201322A2] The method involves producing ceramic elements as piezoelectric or electrostrictive rods (20) with a constant thickness plastic coating, feeding them to a container (31) with a vibration drive to pack them vertically, filling the container with plastic, resin or polyurethane, removing the container after setting, grinding until the rods are at a length suitable for a working frequency and arranging electrodes to contact some or all rods. Independent claims are also included for the following: an ultrasonic transducer.

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