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[54] **ULTRASOUND TRANSDUCER PROBE
HAVING CASE HANDLE GRIP SURFACES**

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ABSTRACT

A hand-held transducer probe is overlapped with elastomeric material for improving the friction and softness of the grip of the probe. The elastomeric material comprises a biocompatible material having a tear strength in excess of 110 pounds per inch and a hardness level less than approximately shore A 80. Also disclosed is a method of producing a hand-held transducer probe having an improved grip comprising the steps of assembling an acoustic array and cable assembly; attaching a handle portion over aid acoustic array and cable assembly; and attaching an elastomeric material over at least a portion of said handle portion.

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