American Optical Progressive Lens Release dates, Technical Info
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Lens	Date Introduced	Materials	Diameter/ Centration	Description	Benefits	Added Aspherization	Asymmetric Design
Ultravue	1978 Global Release	Std index		Hard design, spherical distance, single design	First AO Progressive	No	No
Truvision®	1981	Std Index Plastic, Glass	Plastic: 75mm centered and decentered 5mm, Glass: 70mm dec 3mm	Hard Design, Spherical Distance	Clear Distance Zone	No	No
Truvision OMNI®	1988	Std Index Plastic, Glass, Polycarbonate	Plastic 75mm dec 5mm, Glass: 70mm dec 3mm	Softest AO design	Ultimate in soft, smooth progressive transition zones	No	No
Truvision Technica®	1990	Std Index Plastic	75mm decentered 4 mm	Task sepcific conputer lens for intermediate/ Near work	Extremely wide intermediate and reading zones, Processes like conventional progressive	No	Yes
AO Pro® 15	1992	Std Index Plastic, Transitions, Glass	75mm decentered 5mm, 70mm dec 3mm for glass	Soft, multidesign	Soft, ideal balance in smoothness	No	Yes
AO Pro® 16	1994	Polycarbonate, 1.6 Plastic, 1.6 Glass	80mm centered (78mm for HI 16, 70mm dec 3mm for glass)	Soft, multidesign	Similar to AO Pro 15, HI and Asphericity for improved cosmetics	Yes	Yes

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AO Force® 55	1996	High Index '55' Plastic	80mm centered	Superposition, Mono-design	Combined soft and hard superposition design	No	Yes
AO Compact®	1998	Std Index Plastic, Transitions, HI 55 and 16, Polycarbonate	72mm centered	Superposition, Multi-design, Variable inset	First Lens in the world specifically designed for small frames	No (Yes for AO Compact 1.6)	Yes
AO b'Active™	2000	Std Index Plastic, Nupolar Polarized	75mm decentered 2.5mm	Superposition, Multi-design, Variable inset	Reduced peripheral distortion, Large "active viewing zone"	No	Yes
AO Pro Easy™	2002	Std Index Plastic, Transitions, Polycarbonate, 1.6 and 1.67	75mm decentered 2.5mm	Superposition, Multi-design, Variable inset	General Purpose progressive	No (Yes for AO Pro Easy16)	Yes