

Alexitimia

Autonomous Robotic Agent

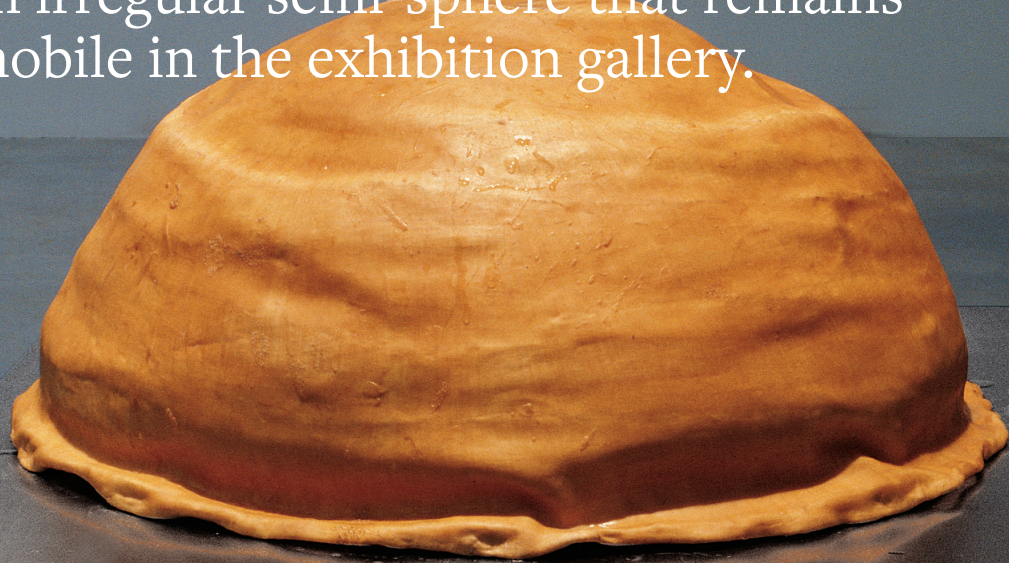
Latex, plastic hoses, water pumps, custom electronics



Alexithymia (from the Greek)
a= prefix meaning “lack”
lexis= “word”
thymos= “feelings or emotions”



Alexitimia is an autonomous robotic agent with a behavior analogous to the perspiration process in human skin. Created with an organic appearance, built with soft and flexible materials, this “alexithymic” robot was designed as an irregular semi-sphere that remains immobile in the exhibition gallery.



This robot cannot move around, cannot see, cannot emit sounds, and cannot detect voices; however, it can interact with the viewers through its body. Therefore, using its artificial skin as an interface, the body of this robot begins to sweat when someone touches it.





