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TECHNIQUE

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AIRLOCK®

ANKLE PLATING SYSTEM

PLATING SYSTEM



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INDICATIONS


The osteosynthesis screw-plate systems are indicated for arthritis (Hallux Rigidus, Osteoarthritis), Hallux valgus and other bone alignment defaults (Hallux Varus, Flatfoot, Cavus foot).

EXAMPLE OF USE

Tibio-talar arthrodesis

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Severe muscular, neurological or vascular deficiency in the extremity concerned.
- Bone destruction or poor bone quality likely to impair implant stability.
- Hypersensitivity to vanadium and/or aluminium.

 **NOTE:** Detailed information on each medical device is provided in the instructions for use. Refer to the instructions for use for a complete list of side effects, warnings, precautions, and directions for use.

Airlock® anterior ankle arthrodesis plates, made of titanium alloy, allow fusion of the tibio-talar joint. Available in mini and medium versions, as right and left options, with a design optimized to minimize the initial tibial incision and preserve soft tissue.

AIRLOCK® ANKLE PLATES

1 MINI ANTERIOR PLATE

- MINI plate thanks to reduced tibial part
- MINI incision for mini invasive approach
- MINImized design to limit subcutaneous discomfort

2 MEDIUM ANTERIOR PLATE

- Anatomical helitorsion: proximal part designed to adapt to the tibia curvature

LOW PROFILE PLATE

- . 2mm proximal thickness
- . Optimized to limit subcutaneous discomfort

ORIENTATION MARKS:



Tibial axis

Precise positioning of the plate in relation to the tibial axis



Compressive screw

Indicated positioning of the compressive screw in relation to the plate

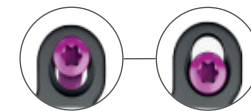
SHORT TALAR NECK

- . Minimized incision
- . Wider anatomical adaptation
- . Talar anchorage maximized by various defined directions of the 3 locking screws



STANDARD COMPRESSION HOLE

- . Accomodates with Ø4 and Ø4.7 non-locking screws
- . Delivers up to 3 mm of additional compression



UNIVERSAL HOLES

- . Threaded holes for Ø4 and Ø4.7 locking or non-locking screws
- . Optimized design for complete burial of screw heads



AIRLOCK® ANKLE PLATES & SCREWS



Anterior mini plates

- . Length: 50 mm
- . Width: 26 mm
- . Thickness: 2 mm (proximal) & 4 mm (distal)



Anterior medium plates

- . Length: 86 mm
- . Width: 28 mm
- . Thickness: 2 mm (proximal) & 4 mm (distal)

Ø4 AND Ø4.7 LOCKING AND NON-LOCKING SCREWS



SCREW HEAD:

- . Smooth edge: protects soft tissue
- . Conical head
- . T15 retentive recess

SCREW TIP:

- . Self-tapping

POLYAXIAL LOCKING:

- . Angulation cone possible up to 20° on tibial part
- . Double thread: ensures a stable & strong locking system
- . Straight flute: locks the screw into the hole

CUTTING GUIDE

The cutting guide enables quick parallel cuts of the tibio-talar articular surfaces.



- ① **GUIDED POSITIONING**
on the joint thanks to the centering device and orientation marker
- ② **CHOICE OF CORRECTION**
in all spatial planes before stabilizing the guide with the positioning pins
- ③ **PRECISE BONE CUTS**
through the tibio-talar cutting window

NOTE: The saw blade should be :
Cutting Thickness : 1.27 mm
Width : 17 mm or between 15-19 mm
Length : 100 mm or between 90-110 mm

TIBIO-TALAR QUICK-DRILL GUIDE

Adapted to mini and medium anterior plates, the tibio-talar quick-drill guide simplifies the steps required to **prepare** the holes, **insert** the talar screws and **guide** the compression screw insertion.



- ① RAPIDITY**
Simultaneous drilling and screw insertion on talar part
- ② GUIDED PLACEMENT**
Of the tibio-talar compression screw to avoid conflict with the trajectory of the plate's screws

1. TIBIO-TALAR ARTHRODESIS

1.1 INCISION & EXPOSURE

Perform a longitudinal incision on the medial line at the anterior ankle. The size of the incision must be adapted to the desired plate size (**FIGURE 1**).

1.2 ARTICULAR SURFACES PREPARATION WITH CUTTING GUIDE

If necessary, resect the anterior tibial margin using an oscillating saw.

Cutting guide positioning: Using a centering device, locate the tibial ceiling and insert the centering device into the tibiotalar joint (**FIGURE 2**).

Once the centering device is positioned, place the cutting guide through the centering window attached to the cutting guide.



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

NOTE: Assembly of centering window to cutting guide :

1 - Push the centering window upwards

2 - Release and screw the dial to fix the assembly



Orient the cutting guide in the axis of the tibial crest and parallel to the tibia (**FIGURE 3 A & B**). Insert the first two positioning pins into proximal holes on the tibia to stabilize the position (**FIGURE 4**).

Once the guide is stabilized, the centering device and the centering window can be removed.

Manipulate the foot in the different planes of space to find the desired correction (**FIGURE 5**).

Stabilize the montage by inserting two positioning pins into distal holes on the talus.

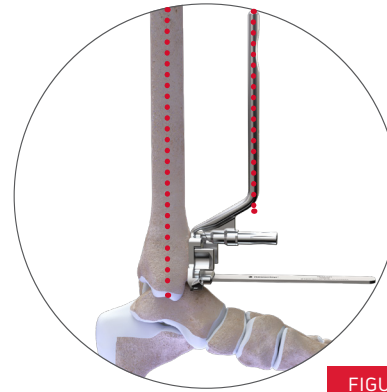


FIGURE 3A



FIGURE 3B



FIGURE 4



FIGURE 5

Bone cuts: Position the tibio-talar cutting window on the central part of the cutting guide frame. (**FIGURE 6**).

Unscrew the dial to clear the passage and push the cutting window up. Once the window is correctly positioned, push the dial and screw to secure the assembly.

NOTE: Use the AO T15 screwdriver tip, compatible with the dial footprint, to lock the window in place on the cutting guide.



FIGURE 6



FIGURE 7

Perform the cuts of the articular surface of the tibia and the base of the talus with the saw blade through the cutting windows (**FIGURE 7**).

NOTE: Articular surfaces can also be prepared without the cutting guide, using a distractor and a saw blade or osteotome or rongeur.



FIGURE 8

Remove positioning pins and cutting guide. Remove all residual bone fragments and check that the bone surfaces have been properly prepared. If necessary, perform a transverse osteotomy or a shortening osteotomy of the fibula (**FIGURE 8**).

A K-wire can be placed across the tibio-talar joint to stabilize bone fragments.

1.3 PLATE POSITIONING

Trial plate positioning: Trial anterior plates are available to select the most adapted plate size according to the anatomy of the joint. The trial plates are equipped with a grip bar for easy handling (**FIGURE 9**).

NOTE: Preparation of the tibial metaphysis and neck of the talus may be necessary to improve congruence between the plate and the bone surface.



FIGURE 9

Optional use of plate benders for medium plates (**FIGURE 10**):

NOTE: Depending on the patient's anatomical specificities, our plate benders may be used. Over-bending of the medium plate must be strictly avoided. Only minimal, unidirectional contouring is permitted in order to prevent the formation of stress concentration areas.



FIGURE 10



FIGURE 11

First, insert the distal plate bender (wide slot) (**FIGURE 11**) onto the medium plate, then insert the proximal plate bender (small slot) (**FIGURE 12**) onto the proximal zone of the plate to be slightly contoured (**FIGURE 13**).



FIGURE 12



FIGURE 13

NOTE: Following steps can also be done without the tibio-talar quick drill guide. Use spheric positioning pins to stabilize the plate.

Plate positioning:

Before positioning the chosen plate on bones, place the tibio-talar quick drill guide on the talar part of the plate. Stabilize the assembly by screwing the central locking dial (FIGURE 14). Then, screw 2 drill guides onto the remaining holes.

Position the plate/tibio-talar quick-drill guide/drill guide assembly and check its position in relation to the joint.

Insert and let in place a drill bit $\varnothing 2.8$ in the central locking dial to stabilize the plate (FIGURE 15).



FIGURE 14



FIGURE 15

Talar screws insertion:

Prepare the medial and lateral screw holes using the drill bit $\varnothing 2.8$. Determine the appropriate screw length by directly reading through the open part of the drill guide and of the quick-drill block.

Remove the drill guide and then insert the locking polyaxial screw $\varnothing 4$ using the AO T15 screwdriver tip (FIGURE 16).



FIGURE 16

NOTE:

Using the drill bit through the drill guide enables drilling to a depth of up to 25 mm, where resistance is encountered.

The screw length can also be determined using a depth gauge through the quick-drill block after removing the drill guide.

1.4 COMPRESSION AND PLATE FIXATION

NOTE: Compression is applied in three steps:

- 1- Pre-positioning the screw in the compression hole
- 2- Inserting the Nexis® Ø7 compressive screw
- 3- Finalizing screw insertion into the compression hole

Pre-positioning of screw in compression hole :

To stabilize and maintain correct alignment of the ankle, pre-position a non-locking Ø4 or Ø4.7 screw in the standard compression hole by following the steps below.

Use the oblong drill guide to prepare the screw hole using the drill bit Ø2.8 or Ø3.6.

Determine the appropriate screw length by direct reading or using the depth gauge, after removing the drill guide (**FIGURE 17**).

Position the chosen non-locking screw Ø4 or Ø4.7 in the oblong hole using the AO T15 screwdriver tip (**FIGURE 18**).

Stop the screw insertion before complete contact with the plate (**FIGURE 19**).



FIGURE 17



FIGURE 18

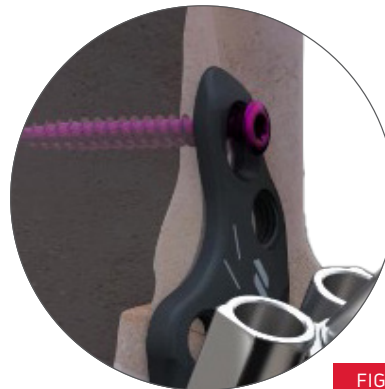


FIGURE 19

Nexis® Ø7 compression screw insertion:

Position the K-wire sleeve - Nexis® Ø7 screw in the anterior or posterior hole in the upper part of the tibio-talar quick drill guide, according to the patient's anatomy. Then perform an incision above the medial malleolus.

Through the K-wire sleeve, insert a K-wire Ø2.2 lg200 from the tibia to the talus, following the laser marking on the plate (**FIGURE 20**).

Unscrew the central locking dial and remove the stabilization K-wire and the tibio-talar quick drill guide.

Determine the appropriate screw length using the ruler lg 180/200. A Nexis® Ø7 screw is chosen that is 5-10 mm shorter than the indicated length to ensure that the implant is fully recessed after insertion.

OPTION 1:

Use the T25 AO screwdriver tip to insert the Nexis® compressive screw Ø7 manually or with a power tool.

OPTION 2:

Prepare the bone housing using the dedicated drill bit Ø4.8 and the countersink reamer Ø6. Insert the Nexis® compressive screw Ø7 with the T25 AO screwdriver tip.



FIGURE 20

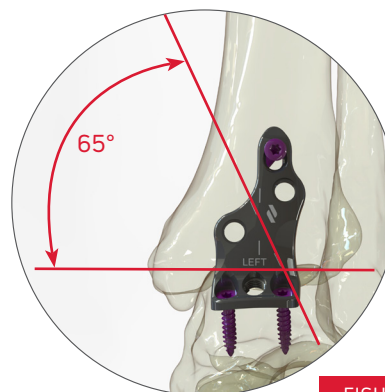


FIGURE 21

NOTE: The ideal angulation of the tibio-talar screw according to the radiographic analysis is 65°* (**FIGURE 21**).

* Based on internal radiographic analysis

Finalizing insertion into compression hole: Once the Nexis® Ø7 has been inserted, finalize the non-locking screw Ø4 or Ø4.7 insertion in the standard compression hole to provide additional compression. (FIGURE 22).

Talar screws insertion: Finalize the talar stabilization by inserting the central talar screw.

Tibial screws insertion: Finalize the positioning of the plate by inserting the tibial screws.

According to the type of screw required, position the polyaxial (FIGURE 23) or the locking drill guide on one of the slot, at the tibial part of the plate.

Prepare the screw hole using the drill bit Ø2.8 or Ø3.6. Determine the appropriate screw length by direct reading or using the depth gauge (after removing the drill guide) then insert the locking polyaxial or non-locking screw Ø4 or Ø4.7 using the AO T15 screwdriver tip.

Repeat these steps for the remaining holes (FIGURE 24).

Check the construct stability and confirm placement using fluoroscopy.



FIGURE 22



FIGURE 23



FIGURE 24

ANTERIOR MINI PLATE

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
PL090110	ANTERIOR MINI PLATE RIGHT
PL090210	ANTERIOR MINI PLATE LEFT

ANTERIOR MEDIUM PLATE

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
PL090140	ANTERIOR MEDIUM PLATE RIGHT
PL090240	ANTERIOR MEDIUM PLATE LEFT

LOCKING POLYAXIAL SCREWS

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
SP0140XX	Ø 4 mm
SP0147XX	Ø 4.7 mm

With XX from 16 to 60 in 2 mm increments up to 50 and 5 mm increments up to 60.

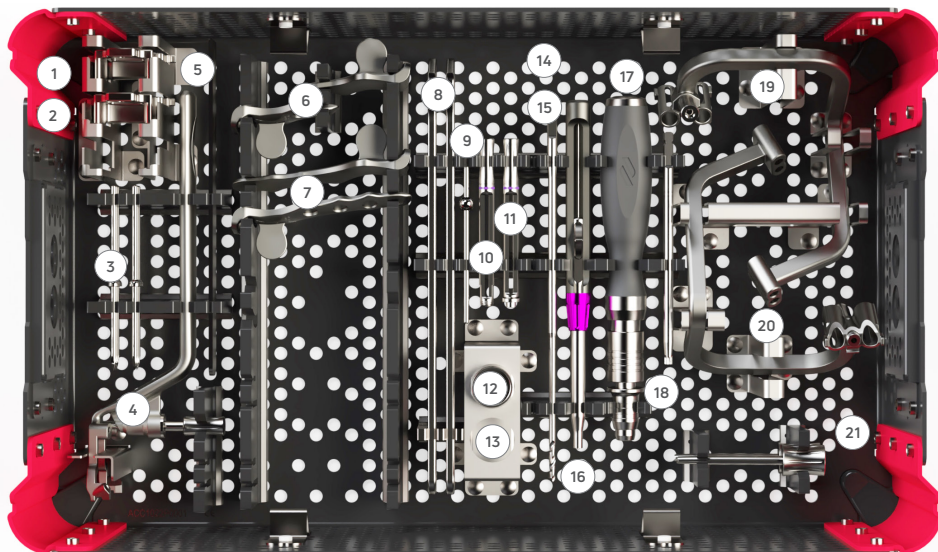
NON LOCKING SCREWS

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
SP0440XX	Ø 4 mm
SP0247XX	Ø 4.7 mm

With XX from 16 to 60 in 2 mm increments up to 50 and 5 mm increments up to 60.

NEXIS® Ø7MM COMPRESSIVE SCREWS

LENGTH (mm)	Ø7mm SHORT THREAD	Ø7mm LONG THREAD
40	SC070040	SC080040
45	SC070045	SC080045
50	SC070050	SC080050
55	SC070055	SC080055
60	SC070060	SC080060
65	SC070065	SC080065
70	SC070070	SC080070
75	SC070075	SC080075
80	SC070080	SC080080
85	SC070085	SC080085
90	SC070090	SC080090
95	SC070095	SC080095
100	SC070100	SC080100
105	SC070105	SC080105
110	SC070110	SC080110
115	SC070115	SC080115
120	SC070120	SC080120



AIRLOCK® ANKLE INSTRUMENTATION

#	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY
-	TRAY	ACC1022P0001	1
-	LID	ACC1022P0003	1
1	CENTERING WINDOW	XMS01043	1
2	TIBIO-TALAR CUTTING WINDOW	XMS01044-3	1
3	POSITIONING PIN - CUTTING GUIDE - STERILE ⁽¹⁾	SKW09001	6
4	CUTTING GUIDE FRAME	XMS01042	1
5	CENTERING DEVICE	XMS01045	1
6	ANTERIOR MINI TRIAL PLATE RIGHT	XTI09110	1
6	ANTERIOR MINI TRIAL PLATE LEFT	XTI09210	1

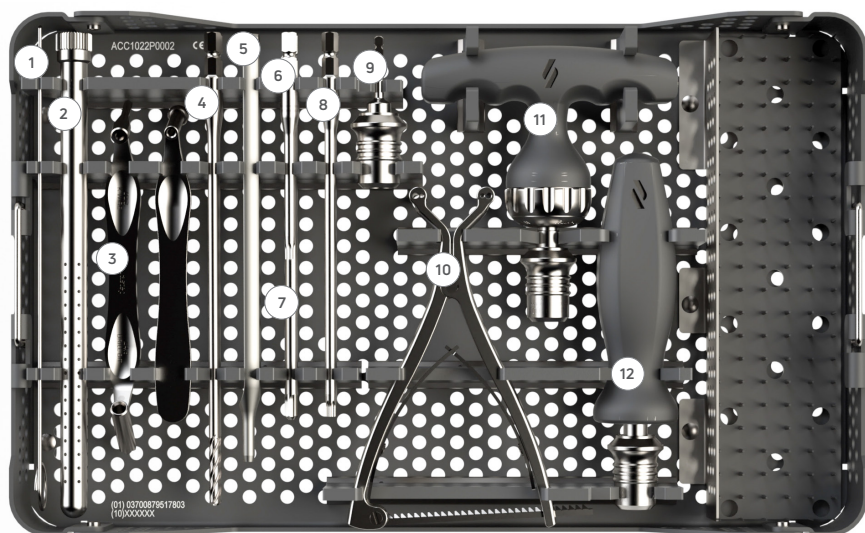
⁽¹⁾Supplied separately.

#	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY
7	ANTERIOR MEDIUM TRIAL PLATE RIGHT	XTI09140	1
7	ANTERIOR MEDIUM TRIAL PLATE LEFT	XTI09240	1
8	PROXIMAL PLATE BENDER	XMS01048	1
8	DISTAL PLATE BENDER	XMS01049	1
9	SPHERIC POSITIONING PIN	XPP01006	2
10	LOCKING DRILL GUIDE FOR SCREW Ø 4 AND Ø 4.7	XDG01025	3
11	OBLONG DRILL GUIDE FOR SCREW Ø 4 AND Ø 4.7	XDG01026	1
12	POLYAXIAL DRILL GUIDE FOR SCREW Ø 4	XDG01031	1
13	POLYAXIAL DRILL GUIDE FOR SCREW Ø 4.7	XDG01032	1
14	DRILL BIT Ø 2.8	XDB01026	3
15	DRILL BIT Ø 3.6	XDB01027	3
16	DEPTH GAUGE	XGA01012	1
17	AO RATCHET HANDLE	XHA01002	1
18	T15 AO SCREWDRIVER TIP	XSD08001	2
19	TIBIO-TALAR QUICK DRILL - RIGHT	XDG01038	1
20	TIBIO-TALAR QUICK DRILL - LEFT	XDG01039	1
21	K-WIRE SLEEVE - NEXIS® Ø 7	XMS01022-4	1

SAW BLADES

#	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY
-	STERILE SAW BLADE 100 x 17 x1.27 STRYKER CONNECTOR	71.34.0751 ⁽²⁾	2
-	STERILE SAW BLADE 100 x 17 x1.27 SYNTHES CONNECTOR	71.34.0095 ⁽²⁾	2

⁽²⁾Supplied separately.



NEXIS® Ø 7 INSTRUMENTATION

#	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	QTY
-	UPPER TRAY	ACC1022P0002	1
1	CLEANING PIN Ø 1.6	XKW01003	1
2	LONG K-WIRE TUBE	ACC1000P0003	1
-	K-WIRE Ø 2.2 LG 200 TR/RD ⁽¹⁾ · NON STERILE	-	5
-	K-WIRE Ø 2.5 LG 140 TR/RD ⁽²⁾ · STERILE	SKW05004	3
3	DOUBLE DRILL GUIDE FOR SCREW Ø 7	XDG01016	1
4	CANNULATED DRILL GUIDE Ø 4.8	XDB01010	1
5	RULER LG 180/200	XGA01007	1
6	T25 LARGE AO SCREWDRIVER TIP	XSD06003	1
7	COUNTERSINK Ø 6	XRE01009	1
8	SOLID T25 LARGE AO SCREWDRIVER TIP	XSD06002	1
9	ADAPTATOR AO - 1/4 HEX	XHA01006	1
10	OPEN ARMS DISTRACTOR	XFP01008	1
11	LARGE AO T HANDLE RATCHET	XHA01004	1
12	LARGE AO STRAIGHT HANDLE	XHA01003	1

⁽¹⁾K-wire supplied separately - Medetechnik® K-wire (33-T10-R-22-200) or Novastep® K-wire (CKW01011) are available depending on your market.

⁽²⁾K-wire supplied separately

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