Surgical technique

Arthrodeses of the upper ankle and subtalar joint with the TALARLOCK/PANTALARLOCK
SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

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Large fragment
for screws Ø 5.5 mm / Ø 6.5 mm
polyaxial locking plate
TALARLOCK/PANTALARLOCK

Polyaxial locking plates for arthrodeses of the upper ankle and subtalar joint from posterolateral

Material

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| titanium | Ti6Al4V    | ISO 5832-2

Indications

TALARLOCK: Arthrodeses of the upper ankle joint

PANTALARLOCK: Upper ankle and subtalar joint arthrodeses, for a combined fusion of the upper ankle and subtalar joint

Contraindications

Contraindications exist in the case of acute infections that could hinder the healing process due to the implants used, far-advanced osteoporosis, severe circulatory disorders and known allergies to surgical implant materials. There are restrictions with patients with open growth plates and the possibility of conservative treatment methods. The surgeon must provide clarification of the risks; it is his responsibility to do so.

The patient who receives this implant must be advised by the surgeon that the safety and lifespan of the implant are dependent on the following factors and risks:

» Previous infections
» Overweight of the patient
» Extreme stress to be expected due to work and sport
» Falling sickness or other reasons for repeated accidents with increased risk of fracture
» Significant osteoporosis or osteomalacia
» Weakening of the supporting structures due to tumours
» Allergies to material components of the implants
Characteristics

» From a surgical perspective, the plate allows for an easy posterolateral approach to the upper ankle joint and subtalar joint without affecting any major anatomical structures, less impairment of wound-healing

» Both joints can be approached via one incision, no alteration of plantar soft tissue

» Optimum control of the axial heel when the patient is in a prone position with a possible extension in terms of posterior preparation

» Excellent compression of the arthrodesis space thanks to traction screws, optimum fixation by means of locking screws in the tibia, talus and calcaneus

Your advantages of polyaxiality

» Anatomically pre-formed plate design for best fit on bone

» Variable and secure fusion of plate and screw through patented thread

» No cold-welded implants

» Combi hole for optional use of standard and locking screws

» Protection of the surrounding tissue through innovative surgical approaches

» Early, active mobilization with stable fixation
### Indications and product overview

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| PANTALARLOCK locking plate, polyaxial, large fragment, mono-track | | | | | | | |
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- 750.3550xx - Cortical screw, conical head thread, mono-track
- 750.3560xx - Cancellous screw, conical head thread, mono-track
- 750.3870xx - Cancellous screw, 32 mm thread, standard

Please refer to the catalogue for product details such as order numbers, sizes and dimensions.
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Patient Positioning

Prone position

Posterolateral Approach

Make a central incision between the posterior edge of the fibular malleolus and the lateral Achilles tendon edge.


Elongation of upper ankle joint and subsequently subtalar with Hintermann spacer. Complete cartilage removal with chisel/Luer/sharp curette/ball reamer. Multiple subchondral drilling with drill Ø 1.5 mm is recommended. Set the correct axis, fill bone defects with autologous/allogeneic cancellous bone.
PANTALARLOCK Plate Position

It is possible to fasten the plate to the tibia shaft deploying K-wires Ø 1.8 mm (750.614318).

To ensure an optimum placement, the use of an image intensifier is recommended.

The screw-to-plate locking is carried out tightening one screw after the other, starting from the tibia down to the calcaneus.

1. To fasten the plate, insert the two tibial angle-stable cortical screws Ø 5.5 mm. Drill the guide hole with an angle-stable drill sleeve (750.104510) using a drill Ø 4.0 mm (750.111126). Measure for screw length with measuring device (750.105013).

2. Whilst under image intensifier, place the traction screws (cancellous bone) Ø 6.5 mm from lateral angle. Drill the guide hole using a drill Ø 3.2 mm (750.111105). Measure for screw length with measuring device (750.105013). Drill out the through hole by approximately two thirds of the screw length using drill Ø 4.5 mm (750.111106).

Position of talar screw tip: in the center of talar neck

Position of calcaneal screw tip: centrally in the anterior process.

Compression of arthrodesis spaces.
3. Insert the two talar angle-stable cortical screws Ø 5.5 mm. Continuous monitoring with image intensifier. Drill the guide hole with angle-stable drill sleeve (750.104510) using a drill Ø 4.0 mm (750.111126). Measure for screw length with measuring device (750.105013).

Position: anterior neck of the talus, centrally in os naviculare when talonavicular arthrodesis is desired (after cartilage removal).

4. Insert calcaneal angle-stable cancellous bone screws Ø 5.5 mm. Drill the core hole with angle-stable drill sleeve (750.104511) using a drill Ø 3.2 mm (750.111105). Measure for screw length with measuring device (750.105013).

Position: near plantar cortex.

Correct final outcome.
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Post-treatment plan and case example
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**WITHOUT BONE TRANSPLANT**

In the case of good bony tissue (bone stock) WITHOUT bone transplant:

» VACOPED for 6 weeks after the operation
» Full weight bearing after secured wound healing (TALARLOCK)
» Tread mat walking on 2 forearm crutches for 6 weeks on a post-operative basis in the VACOPED (PANTALARLOCK)
» Mobilisation of the tarsal/MTP joints from VACOPED from the 3rd post-operative week
» X-ray check on the 2nd day after the operation, 4, 8 and 12 weeks post-operation
WITH BONE TRANSPLANT

In the case of bone defect (bone stock) WITH bone transplant, or in the case of osteoporosis:

» VACOPED for 6 - 8 weeks after the operation
» Tread mat walking on 2 forearm crutches for 6-8 weeks on a post-operative basis
» Mobilisation of the tarsal/MTP joints from VACOPED from the 3rd post-operative week
» X-ray check on the 2nd day after the operation, 4, 8 and 12 weeks post-operation

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Instruments for explantation

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Head diameter 8,0 8,0 8,0
Hexagon socket 3,5 3,5 3,5

Screw driver

750.102002
Hexagon screw driver, for screws Ø 4.5 mm, Ø 5.5 mm, Ø 6.5 mm, with handle

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Existing systems

SYSTEM 11.975  Upper ankle and subtalar joint arthrodeses plate system
TALARLOCK/PANTALARLOCK™, polyaxial, ti.

General information

When using all our products, please follow the Instructions for the use of medical devices made by INTERCUS GmbH. This is available on our website www.intercus.de or can be requested from us in paper form.

Personal notes

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