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# Introduction



#### Preface

The Distal Ulna Locking Plate is a plate system which can be implanted with locking screws adjusted to the contour of the distal ulna.

The plate is concealed by the muscles due to its palmar location. Therefore, metal removal is not always necessary.

The ulnar head is stabilized using locking screws. The junction to the neck region is supported by the plate configuration.

Use of locking screws in the proximal section increases rigidity.



# Screws

3227I-XX	Cortical Screw, D=2.7mm		280
61203-100	Spiral Drill, D=2.0mm, L=100mm, AO Connector		
56095-70	Screwdriver, Torque, T9x70		
37304-XX	Cortical Stabilization Screw, D=3.0mm, RH		A80
61243-100	Spiral Drill, D=2.4mm, L=100mm, AO Connector		
56095-70	Screwdriver, Torque, T9x70	(Mentional and and	
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61203-100	Spiral Drill, D=2.0mm, L=100mm, AO Connector		
56095-70	Screwdriver, Torque, T9x70		
3724I-XX	Stabilization Screw, D=2.4mm, RH		
61183-100	Spiral Drill, D=1.8mm, L=100mm, AO Connector		
56095-70	Screwdriver, Torque, T9x70	Cappage Control of the Control of th	
35164-150	Guide Wire, Steel, D=I.6mm, L=I50mm, TR, with thread		

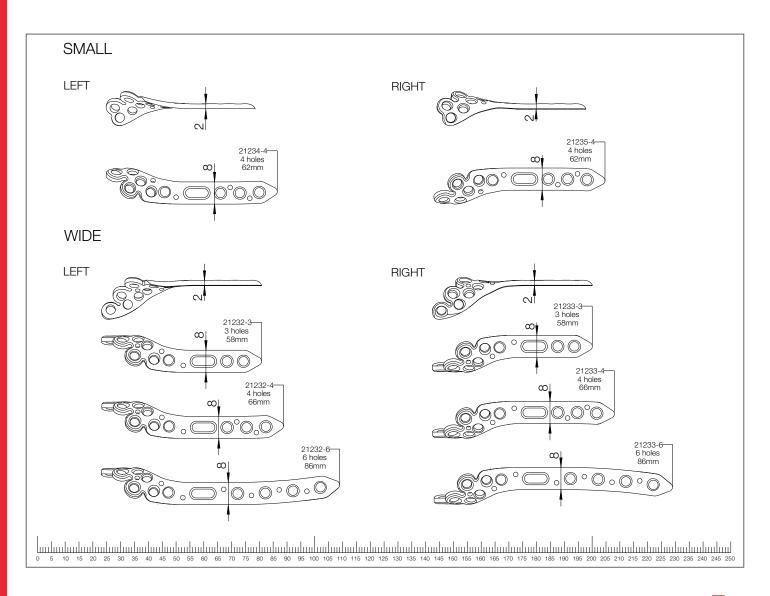
## Properties

#### Properties of the material:

- Plate material: Titanium
- Material of screws: TiAl6V4 ELI
- Easier removal of the implant after the fracture has healed
- Improved fatigue strength of the implant
- Reduced risk of cold welding
- Reduced risk of inflammation and allergy

#### Properties of the implant:

- Multi-directional Locking
- Anatomical plate design
- Left/right version
- Wide/small version
- K-Wire holes for preliminary plate fixation
- 5 distal plate holes for optimal reconstruction of the distal radio-ulnar joint (DRUJ)
- Oblong hole for optimal positioning and adjustment of ulna length
- Pointed proximal plate end for percutaneous insertion
- Plate lengths: 3, 4, 6-hole



# Indications, Contraindications & Time of operation

#### Indications:

- Fractures of the ulnar head
- Multifragmentary fractures of the ulnar head
- Subcapital fractures of the ulnar head
- Metaphyseal comminuted fractures of the distal ulna
- Combined ulnar head and ulnar shaft fractures

#### Contraindications:

- Existing infections in the fracture zone and operation area
- Common situations that do not allow osteosynthesis (osteoporosis)
- Obesity
- Lack of patient compliance

#### Time of operation:

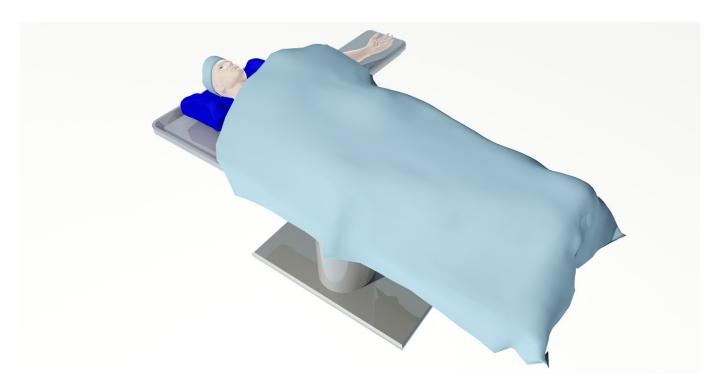
- · Immediately after trauma or delayed
- After regression of swelling

# Surgical Technique



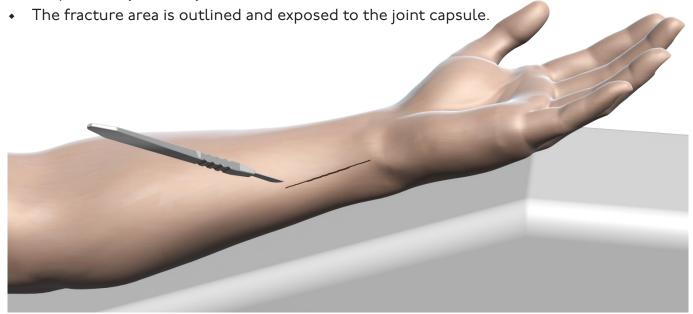
### Pre-operative patient preparation

- The patient is placed in the supine position with pneumatic deprivation of blood supply
- The hand is positioned on a radiolucent surgical hand table



## Exposure

- The skin incision is made approx. 5mm to the palmar side of the mid lateral line from the tip of the ulna head handle to 5-7cm proximally.
- After sectioning of the skin and the subcutis, outline the superficial branch and the ulnar nerve in the distal region.
- Sharply separate the pronator quadratus muscle on the ulnar side and hold subperiostally medially.

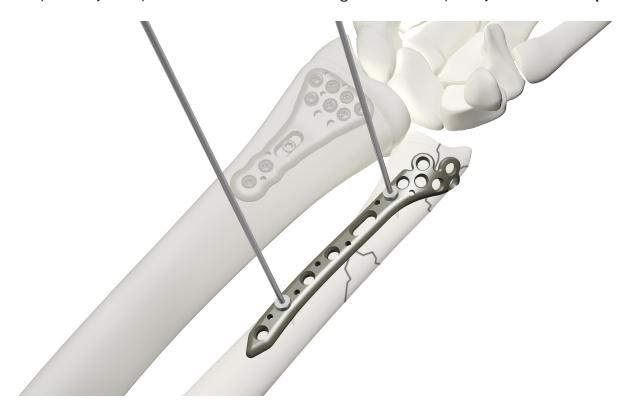


# Plate insertion

- Temporary reduction of the fractured sections with the aid of forceps or guide wires
- Subsequent control under fluoroscopy



Optionally, the plate can be stabilized using the ITS. Temporary Plate Holder (58164-150).



## Placement of the screws

With the spiral drill, D=2.0mm, L=100mm, AO Connector (61203-100), drill through the drill guide, D=2.0/2.4mm (62215) into the oblong hole.

Determine appropriate length using the depth gauge, PROlock II (59026).

Insert the D=2.7mm cortical screw (3227I-XX) with the screwdriver, Torque, T9x70 (56095-70).

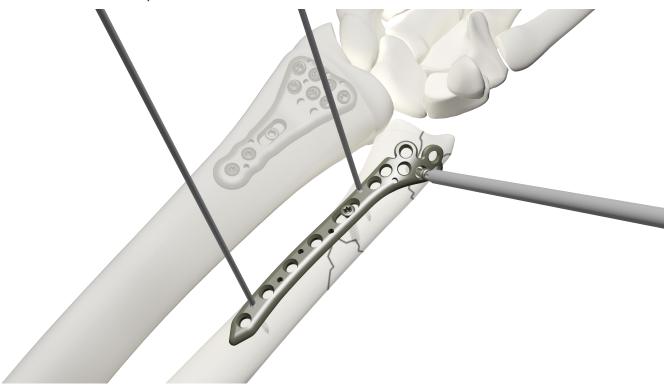


**Advice:** For optimal alignment of the plate with ulna length, we recommend to first fill the oblong hole.



Then insert a D=2.4mm stabilization screw, RH (3724I-XX) or a D=3.0mm cancellous stabilization screw, RH (37303-XX) with the screwdriver, Torque, T9x70 (56095-70) into a distal plate hole.

(Spiral drill, D=1.8mm, L=100mm, AO Connector **(61183-100)** for D=2.4mm stabilization screw / spiral drill, D=2.0mm, L=100mm, AO Connector **(61203-100)** for D=3.0mm cancellous stabilization screw)



Use the screwdriver, Torque, T9x70 **(56095-70)** to insert a D=3.0mm cortical stabilization screw, RH **(37304-XX)** of appropriate lengths determined previously with the depth gauge, PROlock II **(59026)** into a shaft plate hole.



The remaining plate holes are then filled, with either locking or non-locking screws. Subsequent control of plate position under fluoroscopy.



# Postoperative treatment

- Dorsal splint (I-2 weeks)
- With mobilization stability: physical therapy possible in the immediate postoperative period

## Explantation

If desired by the patient, the implant can be removed.

Removal should be performed at the earliest one and a half years later or after radiographic verification of the healed bone.

The problem of cold welding was resolved by using a special treatment (for further information see page 17).

# Summary

The ITS. Distal Ulna Locking Plate is proven in the osteosynthesis of the most diverse of fractures of the distal ulna.

This technique attains anatomical reduction which is also maintained until complete healing.

Quick rehabilitation and early functionality can be attained due to the short immobilization.

# **Information**



# Locking

#### Locking works because:

- Screw material (TiAlV) is slightly harder than plate material (Titanium Grade 2)
- Screw head **forms** thread into the plate (no cutting)

#### Benefits:

- ± 15° and Locking
- No pre threading
- No cold welding
- No debris
- You can re-set the screw up to 3 times



#### Dotize®

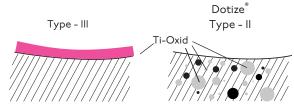
#### Chemical process - anodization in a strong alkaline solution\*

#### Type III anodization

- Layer thickness 60-200nm
  - + Different colors
  - Implant surface remains sensitive to: Chipping
     Peeling
     Discoloration

# Dotize Type II anodization

- Layer thickness 2000-I0 000nm
  - Film becomes an interstitial part of the titanium
  - No visible cosmetic effect



#### Anodization Type II leads to following benefits\*

- Oxygen and silicon absorbing conversion layer
- Decrease in protein adsorption
- Closing of micro pores and micro cracks
- Reduced risk of inflammation and allergy
- Hardened titanium surface
- Reduced tendency of cold welding of titanium implants
- Increased fatigue resistance of implants
- Improved wear and friction characteristics

# Order list

Distal Ulna Plate, 3-hole, Left Distal Ulna Plate, 3-hole, Right Distal Ulna Plate, 4-hole, Left Distal Ulna Plate, 4-hole, Right Distal Ulna Plate, 6-hole, Left Distal Ulna Plate, 6-hole, Right	21232-3 21233-3 21232-4 21233-4 21232-6 21233-6	88
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Screwdriver, Torque, T9x70	56095-70			
Depth Gauge, PROlock II	59026			
Spiral Drill, D=1.8mm, L=100mm, AO Connector Spiral Drill, D=2.0mm, L=100mm, AO Connector Spiral Drill, D=2.4mm, L=100mm, AO Connector	61183-100 61203-100 61243-100			
Drill Guide, D=2.0/2.4mm	62215			
Guide Wire, Steel, D=1.6mm, L=150mm, TR, w. thread	35164-150			
Sterilization Tray, Distal Ulna Plate	50220			
Special sizes & instruments optional on request *				
Depth Gauge, PROlock	59023			
Temporary Plate Holder	58164-150			
Distal Ulna Plate, 6-hole, Left, Small Distal Ulna Plate, 6-hole, Right, Small	21234-6 21235-6			

For detailed cleaning and sterilization instructions, please refer to package insert.

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