Implants for Trauma Surgery

Surgical Technique

Twist Off Screws
The Art of Trauma Surgery is a collaborative project between I.T.S. and Austrian artist Oskar Stocker that celebrates the skill, perseverance, and artistry of surgeons and engineers who work tirelessly to improve outcomes for trauma patients.

At I.T.S., we stand for long-term, trusting relationships with our customers, suppliers, and development partners. Through our devotion to innovation and development, we continuously seek to improve and optimize products and techniques in the field of traumatology.

We believe that the success of our mission lies in the combination of the technical expertise, compassion and dedication of surgeons and engineers to help patients regain their health and well-being. Join us in celebrating these remarkable individuals and The Art of Trauma Surgery!

About the Artist

The Austrian artist Oskar Stocker (b. 1956) lives and works in Graz, Austria. He has become known internationally through the exhibition Facing Nations, which consists of portraits of more than 120 people of various nationalities living in Graz; it was shown first in Graz itself, then in Vienna, and later culminated in 2010 with its display at the UN Headquarters in New York City.

In addition to the portraits of individual people, he devotes himself to the depiction of landscapes and objects, down to the smallest detail.
All I.T.S. plates are preformed anatomically as a matter of principle. If adjustment of the plate to the shape of the bone is required, this is possible by carefully bending gently in one direction once. Particular care is required when bending in the region of a plate hole, as deformation of the plate may lead to a failure of the locking mechanism. The plate must not be buckled or bent several times. This is particularly important in the case of titanium implants, to prevent material fatigue and subsequent failure. The method of bending is the conscious responsibility of the operating doctor; I.T.S. GmbH can accept no liability whatsoever for this.
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Introduction
System Overview

The ITS. Twist-off Screws provide Precision and Efficiency in Trauma Surgery by allowing for fast and stable fixation, e.g. in the treatment of fractures and corrective osteotomies.

These fully threaded self-tapping and self-drilling screws come in two different diameters (2.0mm and 2.7mm) and a variety of different lengths.

ITS. Twist-off Screws are securely clamped onto a power tool (pin/wire driver), and the new, improved shear-off geometry allows for a smooth break between the shaft and the screw once the screw head engages with the bone cortex.
Properties

Fast and stable fixation

Clamping of the screw directly in the power tool with wire attachement

Special shear off geometry facilitates a smooth break between shaft and screw at specific torque

Self-drilling & self-tapping

Inverse Philips Screwdriver

Invers-Phillips-Screwdriver shank for final insertion of the Twist-Off Screw.

The pointed claw edges facilitates the retaining of the screw head as well as the entire explantation.
Indications

- For treatment of fractures, corrective osteotomies, arthrodesis and degenerative transformations of small bones

Contraindications

- With advanced osteoporosis
- Existing infections in the fracture zone and operation area
- Common situations that do not allow osteosynthesis
- Skin and soft-tissue problems which prevent a tension-free closure of the skin
- Obesity
- Lack of patient compliance

Time of Operation

- Primary: Within the first hours after trauma
- Secondary: After swelling subsides, intermediate fixation with external fixation or extension
Surgical Technique
Temporary fixation

- After placing a stab incision, provisionally fix the fracture or osteotomy
- Subsequent control under fluoroscopy

Identification of screw length

- Select the screw length carefully so that the screw obtains purchase in the far cortex but does not penetrate into the soft tissue.

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Ø 2.0
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Placement of the screw

- The Twist-Off Screw can be inserted with a power tool system with wire attachment.

- The shank breaks off at specified torque.

  **TIP:** If the shank does not disengage, stop driving the screw when the taper of the shaft reaches the outer cortex. Then, tilt the power driver gently to disengage the screw.

- Final insertion of the screw with the AO Silicone Handle (53016) and the Invers-Phillips-Screwdriver shank (56505).

- Finally, confirm correct position under fluoroscopy.
Postoperative Treatment

- Physical therapy immediately following surgery (no immobilization required)
- Partial weight-bearing
- Full weight-bearing after week 10-16
- Weight-bearing after radiographic verification of the healed bone

**NOTE:** The postoperative treatment may vary depending on the patient’s age, bone quality or type of fracture.

Explantation

- Removal is possible, if desired by the patient.
- Implant removal is performed after radiographic verification.
- Skin incision following the old scar
- Remove the screw with the AO Silicone Handle (53016) and the Invers-Phillips-Screwdriver shank (56505).
3. Information
For detailed cleaning and sterilization instructions, please refer to package insert.

Not true to scale
**Type II Anodization**

Chemical process - anodization in a strong alkaline solution*

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**Type III anodization**
- Layer thickness 60-200nm
  - Different colors
  - Implant surface remains sensitive to:
    - Chipping
    - Peeling
    - Discoloration

**Type II anodization**
- Layer thickness 2000-10 000nm
  - Film becomes an interstitial part of the titanium
  - No visible cosmetic effect

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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

* White Paper: Ti6Al4V with Anodization Type II: Biological Behavior and Biomechanical Effects; Axel Baumann, Nils Zander
Ordering Information

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Instrumente

Inverse Philips Screwdriver

Description | Article Number
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Inverse Philips Screwdriver, Twist-Off Screw 2.0/2.7mm | 56505
## Handle

![Handle Image](image)

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