SURGICAL TECHNIQUE GUIDE:
GORILLA® R3CON PLATING SYSTEM

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R3CON PLATING SYSTEM
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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Gorilla® R3CON Plating System was carefully engineered to provide solutions for surgeons’ foot and ankle reconstructive needs. The plates were designed to avoid disruption of nearby anatomic structures, while maintaining appropriate plate thickness for the intended surgical procedure.

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PLATE OFFERING

MTP CADDY

MTP Plates
- 32 plate offerings
- Precision® Guide provided in plate caddy
- Instrumentation includes Reamers with patented Spin Guards

LAPIDUS CADDY

Lapidus Plates
- 20 plate offerings
- Precision® Guide provided in plate caddy
- Medial wall curvature helps reduce 1st metatarsal adduction

BOW & ARROW CADDY

Bow & Arrow Plates
- The “ARROW” latches onto the near cortex of bone
- Can be used with or without bone graft material
- Tapered back of Evans and Cotton plates matches each available size of the patented PRESERVE™ allograft wedges
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PLATE OFFERING

UNIVERSAL CADDY

Universal Plates
• Multiple size options available for each plate

LISFRANC CADDY

Lisfranc Plates
• Multiple size options available for each plate
• Plate contoured for unique anatomy at the tarsometatarsal joint
• Multiple uses including trauma and arthrodesis

CALC SLIDE CADDY

Calc Slide Plate
• Universal for right and left
• Can be used for medial or lateral calcaneal slide osteotomies

CALC FRACTURE CADDY

Calc Fracture Plates
• 20 plate offerings
• Sinus Tarsi Support Plate Incision Guide and Plate Inserter provided in plate caddy
• Shanz Pins and T-Handle provided in plate caddy

NC FUSION CADDY

NC Fusion Plate
• 8 plate offerings
• 8 Trial Templates with Reamer to create recessed hole
• Precision Guide in plate caddy allows for placement of crossing screw across arthrodesis

LATERAL COLUMN FUSION CADDY

Lateral Column Fusion Plate
• 4 plate offerings
• 4 Trial Templates with Reamer to create recessed hole for crossing screw placement
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Plate Offering

Medial Column Caddy

Medial Column Plates
- 30 plate offerings
- 6 Medial Column Rescue Plates
- 10 Medial Column Straddle Plates
- Some plates offered in multiple thicknesses - 1.5 mm and 2.0 mm

Ankle Fracture Caddy

Ankle Fracture Plates
- 52 plate offerings
  - 29 Fibular Plates
  - 15 Tibial Plates
  - 8 Hook Plates
- Additional Ankle Fracture specific instrumentation in caddy

GORILLA PLATE TECHNOLOGY

Ramped Compression Plate Slot
Available in most plates for compression capability. The ramped compression hole allows for up to 2.9 mm of total compression, and is designed to direct a screw down the ramp, guiding the bone in a direction of compression. All three non-locking screw diameters are accepted, with the smaller diameter screws recommended for use in more narrow bone.

6 Scallop Holes
Initiates threading of the locking screw head into the plate, while allowing for off-axis locking capability

Angled Screw Holes
Some plate holes are machined at an angle to direct plate screws such that they do not align perpendicular to the top surface of the plate. This allows for better anatomic accuracy when necessary, avoidance of other screws and increased space for a crossing lag screw.
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GORILLA R3CON SCREW TECHNOLOGY

**Hard Headed**
Locking screw has a titanium nitride (TiN) coating to bite adequately into the plate to invoke variable angle locking without screw head stripping.

**Tapered Screw Head**
Creates a lag effect to allow locking screws to lag and contour the plate to bone, rather than only relying on non-locking screws for this application.

**Double Lead Threads**
Allow for a steeper helix angle resulting in quicker screw insertion.

**Hexalobe Drive**
Designed to maximize surface contact and torque transmission between the driver and screw, thus helping to reduce screw head stripping.

**Blunt Tip Design**
Minimizes soft tissue irritation at the tip of the screw and is designed for bicortical fixation.

**Variable Angle Locking**
Creates a locked screw construct up to 15° in every screw hole (with the exception of the compression slot).

**TIP:** In thinner plates, variable angle locking may result in the screw head being proud following insertion. It is advised to avoid variable angle locking in areas where soft tissue irritation may be a problem.

GORILLA R3CON SCREW OPTIONALITY

**LOCKING SCREW**
Locking screws are available in 2.7 mm, 3.5 mm and 4.2 mm diameters.

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FEATURED INSTRUMENTS

Caspar Compression/Distraction Device
- Can be secured on either side of the plate or osteotomy site using two K-wires (allows up to 2.3 mm K-wires)
- Provides compression or distraction based on setting switch
- Has plate attachment to create in-line compression with the plate
- The plate attachment is inserted into the fixed arm such that the insert on the hook is facing the movable arm and is just below the bottom of the arm

Pin Distractor
- Sized for foot and ankle applications
- Smaller holes accept up to 1.6 mm K-wires
- Larger holes accept up to 2.3 mm K-wires

Honey Badger Cartilage Removal Tool
- Provides “reverse cutting” functionality
- Ideal for debridement of curved, small and/or difficult to access joints

San Gio Retractor
- Sized and contoured for foot and ankle surgery
FEATURED INSTRUMENTS

Drill Guide Options

Cone Side
- Allows for off-axis drilling of locking screws up to 15° in any direction or 30° total

EZ-Guide Side
- Serves as an alternative to the threaded locking drill guide and allows for quick on-axis drilling

Standard Drill Guide

Threaded Drill Guide
- For on-axis drilling of locking screw holes

Oblong Drill Guide
- For ramped compression slot

Subchondral Drill
- Useful during preparation of an arthrodesis, the subchondral drill provides approximately 10 mm of controlled drilling of subchondral bone, featuring a stop on the drill to help prevent deeper penetration

Depth Gauge
- Designed specifically to fit and accurately measure foot and ankle bones.

Washers
- Available for use with non-locking screws when non-locking screws are used outside of the plate.

TR-10 Driver

Plate Benders

TIP: It is recommended to underbend the plate in small increments to adjust the plate to the appropriate contour. Only bend the plate in one direction, and do not attempt to reverse bend the plate once bending has been performed. If the plate is not exactly contoured to bone, allow the lag effect of the screw to the plate to account for smaller mismatches in contour.
The purpose of this portion of the surgical technique guide is to demonstrate the general use of a Gorilla plate and R3CON screw system while highlighting the instrumentation available.

**INCISION/EXPOSURE**

A longitudinal incision is made over the 2nd tarsometatarsal joint.

Dissection is continued to expose the 2nd tarsometatarsal joint while identifying and retracting the neurovascular bundle.

Following exposure of the joint surfaces, cartilage resection and temporary fixation is performed according to surgeon preference.

**PLATE SELECTION AND FIXATION**

Select a plate for your particular application. In this example, a Gorilla 2nd 4-Hole Compression plate is shown.

Attach a threaded drill tower to a locking screw hole on the side of the plate opposite the compression slot. The plate can be temporarily secured across the arthrodesis site using two olive wires, avoiding the compression slot and the locking hole with the drill guide.

**TIP:** If additional lagging of the plate to bone is required, use the EZ-Guide side of the standard drill guide instead of the threaded drill guide to bend the plate while drilling.

Drill using the drill corresponding to the desired plate screw diameter.

The color band on the drill and drill guide corresponds to the screw diameter and color.

Screw length can be measured using the provided depth gauge or by measuring off of the drill using the drill guide.

Attach the provided driver to a handle or power adapter and insert the selected locking or non-locking screw. It is advised to avoid final tightening of the plate screws into the locked position until all plate screws are inserted. Final tightening of the screws should only be done by hand.
To insert a non-locking screw into the plate compression slot, retrieve the oblong drill guide. Place the drill guide into the compression slot with the arrow pointing towards the arthrodesis site.

Drill through the drill guide using the drill corresponding to the desired compression screw. Measure the screw length using the depth gauge.

Attach the provided driver to a handle or power adapter and insert the selected screw until only the head and neck of the screw are visible. Remove temporary fixation across the arthrodesis site and the olive wires in the plate.

Continue to advance the compression screw until it engages the plate and tighten until the screw is flush with the plate or adequate compression is achieved. Final tightening of the screws should only be done by hand.

Obtaining compression with the Caspar Device can be performed after placing a screw in the compression slot (Compression Method 1) as shown or prior to any screw placement by placing the device external to the plate. This method should not be performed after lag screw insertion, as it will result in loosening of the lag screw.

Attach the hook on the Caspar device to the slotted hole in the plate, with the movable arm positioned past the plate on the side with the compression slot.

Use a K-wire driver to insert from a 1.6 mm to a 2.5 mm K-wire into the movable arm of the Caspar device. Once the K-wire is inserted, turn the collet around this K-wire in a clockwise manner to secure the Caspar device to the K-wire.
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COMPRESSION METHOD 2: USING THE CASPAR DEVICE

Turn the knob in a clockwise direction to create compression across the arthrodesis or fracture site until adequate compression is achieved.

To maintain this compression, insert a locking screw into the compression slot side of the plate.

Remove the Caspar device and associated K-wires.

COMPRESSION METHOD 3: LAG SCREW TECHNIQUE

Inserting a lag screw across the arthrodesis site can be performed prior to plate placement and fixation, or following the two methods of compression previously described. It is recommended to add a screw that crosses the arthrodesis site to create further stability to the construct. Mini-Monster® cannulated screws or Mini-Monster® solid screws can be used, based on surgeon preference.

Compression Methods 1 and 2 should not be performed after lag screw placement, as this can loosen the lag screw.

TIP: If using a Gorilla MTP, Lapidus or NC plate, the Precision Guide can be used for ease of insertion of a lag screw with clear trajectory across the arthrodesis site. Please see the surgical technique guides for these particular plates for explanation of use of this technology.

CLOSURE

Continue to fill remaining holes of the Gorilla plate with locking or non-locking screws of choice. It is advised to avoid final tightening of the screws into a locked position until all screws are inserted. Final tightening of the screws should only be done by hand.

Confirm plate and screw placement using fluoroscopy, if desired.

Proceed to incision closure or concomitant procedures at this time.
The Gorilla® Case has room for up to 3 full size Gorilla® caddies and PRESERVE™ Allograft trial caddies. All caddy options include:

- Gorilla® Ankle Fracture Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® Ankle Fracture Posterior and Hook Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® BOW & ARROW® Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® Calcaneal Fracture Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® Calc Slide Caddy
- Gorilla® Lapidus Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® Lateral Column Fusion Caddy
- Gorilla® Lisfranc Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® Medial Column Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® MTP Plating Caddy
- Gorilla® NC Fusion Caddy
- Gorilla® Universal Plating Caddy
- PRESERVE™ Lapidus Allograft Trial Caddy
- PRESERVE™ MTP Allograft Trial Caddy
- PRESERVE™ Evans and Cotton Trial Caddy
- PRESERVE™ Subtalar and Calc-Cuboid Caddy
- PRESERVE™ HammerGraft™ and HammerTube™ Caddy

Drills, drill guides, centering guides, olive wires, plate benders, drivers, K-wires and a depth gauge are located in the Gorilla® R3CON Instrument Caddy.

The Gorilla® Case can accommodate one Mini-Monster® Screw Caddy if a 2.0 mm, 2.5 mm, 3.0 mm 3.5 mm or 4.0 mm cannulated screw is needed during a case.

The Gorilla® screw length options for both locking and non-locking screws are as follows:

- 2.7 mm: 1 mm increments, 8-20 mm
- 2.7 mm: 2 mm increments, 22-40 mm
- 3.5 mm: 2 mm increments, 10-50 mm
- 4.2 mm: 2 mm increments, 10-50 mm
- 4.2 mm: 5 mm increments, 55-70 mm

The Caspar Compression/Distraction device, osteotomes, baby Bennet retractors, bone reduction clamps, periosteal elevator, cartilage removal device, pin distractor and handles are located at the bottom of the Gorilla® Case.
MR SAFETY INFORMATION
The Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System has not been evaluated for safety and compatibility in the MR environment. It has not been tested for heating, migration, or image artifact in the MR environment. The safety of Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System in the MR environment is unknown. Scanning a patient who has this device may result in patient injury.
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- Do not use other manufacturer’s instruments or implants in conjunction with the Monster® Screw System.

Instruments, guide wires and screws are to be treated as sharps.

- The implants and guide wires are intended for single use only. Re-use may cause product failure and could lead to disease transmission.

- Plates and screws, wires, or other appliances of dissimilar metals should not be used together or near the implant site.

- Use of an undersized screw in areas of high functional stresses may lead to implant fracture and failure.

- Bone loss due to stress shielding
- Pain, a feeling of malaise or abnormal sensations due to the implant used
- Corrosion with localized tissue reaction and pain
- Tissue reactions as the result of allergy or foreign body reaction to dislodged particles.
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- Thrombosis and embolism
- Fractures resulting from unilateral joint loading
- Lateralizing calcaneal osteotomy
- Lateral column lengthening
- Hammer toe
- Fusion resulting from neuropathic osteoarthropathy (Charcot) such as:

Use of the Monster® Screw System is contraindicated in cases of inflammation, cases of active or suspected sepsis / infection and osteomyelitis; or in patients with certain metabolic diseases.

- Acute or chronic infections, local or systemic
- Vascular, muscular or neurological pathologies that compromise the concerned extremity
- All concomitant pathologies that could affect the function of the implant
- Osteopathies with reduced bone substance that could affect the function of the implant
- Any mental or neuromuscular disorder that could result in an unacceptable risk of failure at the time of fixation or complications in post-operative treatment
- Known or suspected sensitivity to metal
- Corpulence; an overweight or corpulent patient can strain the implant to such a degree that stabilization or implant failure can occur
- Whenever the use of the implant comes into conflict with the anatomical structures of physiological status

Other medical or surgical pre-conditions that could compromise the potentially beneficial procedure, such as:

- The presence of tumors
- Congenital abnormalities
- Immunosuppressive pathologies
- Increased sedimentation rates that cannot be explained by other pathologies
- Increased leukocyte (WBC) count
- Pronounced left shift in the differential leukocyte count

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DISCLAIMER

The purpose of the Gorilla® R3CON Plating System Surgical Technique Guide is to demonstrate use of the Gorilla® Plates in the Gorilla® R3CON Plating System. Although various methods can be employed for this procedure, the fixation options demonstrated were chosen for simplicity of explanation and demonstration of the unique features of our device. Federal law (U.S.A.) restricts this device to sale and use by, or on order of, a physician.