Small Fragment Locking Compression Plate (LCP) System

Stainless Steel and Titanium
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**AO Principles**
In 1958, the AO formulated four basic principles, which have become the guidelines for internal fixation. These principles, as applied to the Small Fragment LCP implants, are:

**Anatomic reduction**
Facilitating restoration of the articular surface by exact screw placement with wire sleeves

**Stable fixation**
Locking screws create a fixed-angle construct, providing angular stability.

**Preservation of blood supply**
Tapered end allows submuscular plate insertion, preserving tissue viability. Limited-contact plate design reduces plate-to-bone contact, limiting vascular trauma and insult to bone.

**Early, active mobilization**
Plate features combined with AO technique create an environment for bone healing, expending a return to optimal function.

**Fixation Principle**
The locking screw concept was produced by Dr.Tepic S and Dr.Perren SM for the first time in 1995. With locking compression plate put in use, it has become one of the most important developments of plate and screw internal fixation in recent years. Locking screws provide the ability to create a fixed-angle construct while utilizing familiar conventional plating techniques. The fixed-angle construct function like a internal fixator which maintain primary and secondary loss of reduction. This kind of construct also provides improved fixation in osteoporotic bone or multifragment fractures where traditional screw is compromised. LCP constructs do not rely on plate-to-bone compression to maintain stability. Therefore, the periosteum will be protected and the blood supply to the bone preserved. With these distinguished improvements, the LCP become an important category of increasing importance for trauma treatment.

**Product Information**
Conventional plating
Absolute stability
Anatomic contouring of the plate

The aim of internal fixation is anatomic reduction, particularly in articular fractures. Therefore, the plate must be contoured to the shape of the bone.

Lag screw

Interfragmentary compression is accomplished by using a lag screw. This is particularly important in intra-articular fractures which require a precise reduction of the joint surfaces. Lag screws can be angled in the plate hole, allowing placement of the screw perpendicular to the fracture line.

Primary loss of reduction

In conventional plating, even though the bone fragments are correctly reduced prior to plate application, fracture dislocation will result if the plate does not fit the bone. In addition, if the lag screw is not seated perpendicular to the fracture line (e.g., spiral fracture of the distal tibial), shear forces will be introduced. These forces may cause loss of reduction.

Secondary loss of reduction

Under axial load, postoperative, secondary loss of reduction may occur by toggling of the screws. Since cortex screws do not lock to the plate, the screws cannot oppose the acting force and may loosen, or be pushed axially through the plate holes.
**Blood supply to the bone**

The periosteum is compressed under the plate area, reducing or even interrupting blood supply to the bone. The result is delayed bone healing due to temporary osteoporosis underneath the plate.

**Osteoporosis**

Due to compromised cortical structure, screws cannot be tightened sufficiently to obtain the compression needed to support the bone. This may cause loosening of the screws and loss of stability, and may jeopardize the reduction.

Standard plating achieves good results in:
- Good quality bone
- Fractures which are traditionally fixed with lag screws to achieve direct bone healing

Special attention must be paid to:
- Osteoporotic bone; during rehabilitation, the load should be kept to a minimum to prevent postoperative loss of reduction
- Multifragmentary fractures; the anatomic reduction may be accomplished at the expense of extensive soft tissue and denudation

Bridge/locked plating using locking screws
- Screws lock to the plate, forming a fixed-angle construct
- Bone healing is achieved indirectly by callus formation when using locking screws exclusively.

**Maintenance of primary reduction**

Once the locking screws engage the plate, no further tightening is possible. Therefore, the implant locks the bone segments in their relative positions regardless of degree of reduction. Pre-contouring the plate minimizes the gap between the plate and the bone, but an exact fit is not necessary for implant stability. This feature is especially advantageous in minimally or less invasive plating techniques because these techniques do not allow exact contouring of the plate to the bone surface.
**Stability under load**

By locking the screws to the plate, the axial force is transmitted over the length of the plate. The risk of a secondary loss of the intra-operative reduction is reduced.

**Blood supply to the bone**

Locking the screw into the plate does not generate additional compression. Therefore, the periosteum will be protected and the blood supply to the bone preserved.

**Combined internal fixation**

The combination of conventional compression plating and locked plating techniques enhances plate osteosynthesis. The result is a combination hole of Combi hole that, depending on the indication, allows standard compression plating, locked/bridge plating or a combination of both.

**Internal fixation using a combination of locking screws and standard screws**

Note: if a combination of cortex and locking screws is used, a cortex screw should be inserted first to pull the plate to the bone.

If locking screws (1) have been used to fix a plate to a fragment, subsequent insertion of a standard screw (2) in the same fragment without loosening and retightening the locking screw is not recommended.

Note: if a locking screw is used first, care should be taken to ensure that the plate is held securely to the bone to avoid spinning of the plate about the bone.
Dynamic compression
Once the metaphyseal fragment has been fixed with locking screws, the fracture can be dynamically compressed using standard screws in the DCU portion of the Combi hole.

Locked and standard plating techniques
- First, use lag screws to anatomically reconstruct the joint surfaces.
- The behavior of a locking screw is not the same as that of a lag screw. With the locked plating technique, the implant locks the bone segments in their relative positions regardless of how they are reduced.
- A plate used as a locked/bridge plate does produce any additional compression between the plate and the bone.
- The unicortical insertion of a locking screw causes no loss of stability.
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**Locking screw features**

- **Locking screw with hex drive recess**
  
  The hex drive recess provides improved torque transmission to the screw and minimizes the possibility of cross thread.

- **Locking screw with self-tapping flutes**
  
  Less surgical steps

- **Cortical thread with large core diameter**
  
  The large core diameter improves bending and shears strength of the screw, and distributes the load over a larger area in the bone.

- **Special double-lead thread beneath the screw head engages and locks into the threaded holes of the plate.**
  
  Easier and faster locking the screws with the plates

**Locking screw features**

- **The unique locking hole design**
  
  The locking holes allow placement of conventional cortex and cancellous bone screws of locking screws on the same hole.
Round holes
The round holes allow placement of conventional cortex and cancellous bone screws on the side or threaded conical locking screws on the opposite side of each hole.

Periarticular plates anatomical design
Periarticular plates are pre-contoured to create an anatomical fit that requires little or no additional bending and minimizes impinging on the soft tissue.

Indications
The LCP system applies to many different plate types and is therefore suitable for a large number of fracture types.
Fractures
Osteotomies
Malunions, nonunions

Surgical Technique

Plate selection
The plates are available in various lengths. If necessary, use a bending template to determine plate length and configuration.

Contouring
Use the current bending instruments to contour the locking compression plate to the anatomy. The plate holes have been designed to accept some degree of deformation. When bending the plate, place the bending irons on two consecutive holes. This ensures that the threaded holes will not be distorted. Significant distortion of the locking holes will reduce locking effectiveness.

Reduction and temporary plate placement
The plate may be temporarily held in place with standard plate holding forceps. The middle of the plate should be positioned over the fracture site if compression of the fracture fragments is desired. Alternatively, the Drill Guide can be used as an aid to position the plate on the bone.

**Screw insertion**
Determine whether conventional cortex screws, cancellous bone screws or locking screws will be used for fixation. A combination of all may be used. If a combination of cortex, cancellous and locking screws is used, a conventional screw should be used first to pull the plate to the bone. If a locking screw is used first, care should be taken to ensure that the plate is held securely to the bone to avoid spinning of the plate about the bone as the locking screw is tightened to the plate.

**Neutral insertion of a screw in compression holes and locking holes**
When pressing the universal drill guide or special locking drill guide into the DCU portion of the compression holes, it will center itself and allow neutral pre-drilling.

**Dynamic compression, eccentric insertion of a cortex screw in compression hole**
To drill a hole for dynamic compression, place the universal drill guide eccentrically at the edge of the DCU portion of the compression hole, without applying pressure. Tightening of the cortex screws will result in dynamic compression corresponding to that of LC-DCP plates.
Neutral insertion of a conventional screw in locking hole
When pressing the universal drill guide into the unique design locking hole, it will center itself and neutral pre-drilling.

![Image of neutral insertion of a conventional screw in locking hole]

Insertion of the locking screws
The locking screw is not a lag screw. Use non-locking screws when requiring a precise anatomical reduction (e.g. joint surfaces) or interfragmentary compression. Before inserting the first locking screw, perform anatomical reduction and fix the fracture with lag screws, if necessary. After the insertion of locking screws, an anatomical reduction will no longer be possible without loosening the locking screw.

A. Screw the appropriate Threaded Drill Guide for 3.5 mm, 5.0mm screws into an LCP plate hole until fully seated. Do not try to bend the plate using the Threaded Drill Guide because damage may occur to the threads.

B. Use the appropriate Drill Bit (2.8mm for 3.5mm screws, 4.3mm for 5.0mm screws) to drill to the desired depth.

C. Remove the drill guide.

D.Use the Depth Gauge to determine screw length.
E. Insert the locking screw and finally tighten using the Torque Limiting Screwdriver. The screw is securely locked to the plate when a “click” is heared. Never use power equipment to seat the locking screws into the plate without a Torque Limiting Screwdriver.

**Postoperative treatment**
Postoperative treatment with locking compression plates does not differ from conventional internal fixation procedures.

**Implant removal**
To remove locking plates, unlock all screws from the plate; then the screws completely from the bone. This prevents simultaneous rotation of the plate when removing the last locking screw.
### 10701
**Ulna & radius LOC plate**

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Note: Used for ulna, radius fracture with HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.

### 10700
**Humerus LOC plate**

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Note: Used for humeral shaft fracture with HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.

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**Proximal humeral LOC plate II**

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Note: Used for proximal humeral fracture with HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws, HB4.0 cancellous screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.

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**Proximal humeral LOC plate II**

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Note: Used for proximal humeral fracture with HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws, HB4.0 cancellous screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.
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Distal medial humeral LOC plate

Product No. | Holes | Length(mm) |
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10718-103 | R | 5 | 111 |
10718-004 | L | 7 | 137 |
10718-105 | R | 9 | 163 |
10718-005 | L | 11 | 189 |
10718-106 | R | 13 | 215 |

Note: Used for distal medial humeral fracture, supracondylar fracture of humerus and nonunions of humeral fracture, HA2.7 locking screws for head part of this plate, and HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws and HB4.0 cancellous screws.

Instrument set: 15059, simple set for small bone Loc system (Page 81) & 15066 extra instrument set for HA2.7 locking screws.

Combined Hole is available.

10719
Distal lateral humeral LOC plate I

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10719-105 | R | 9 | 142 |
10719-007 | L | 11 | 168 |
10719-107 | R | 13 | 194 |

Note: Used for distal humeral fracture, supracondylar fracture of humerus and nonunions of humeral fracture, HA2.7 locking screws for head part of this plate, and HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws and HB4.0 cancellous screws.

Instrument set: 15059, simple set for small bone Loc system (Page 81) & 15066 extra instrument set for HA2.7 locking screws.

Combined Hole is available.

10719
Distal lateral humeral LOC plate II

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10719-307 | R | 13 | 191 |

Note: Used for distal humeral fracture, supracondylar fracture of humerus and nonunions of humeral fracture, HA3.5 locking screws for head part of this plate, and HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws and HB4.0 cancellous screws.

Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system.

Combined Hole is available.
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Olecranon LOC plate

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Note: Used for proximal lateral ulnar fracture with HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws, HB4.0 cancellous screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.

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Small T-LOC plate

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Note: Used for distal radius fracture and fracture of acromion with HA3.5 locking screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.

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Proximal humeral LOC plate II

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Note: Used for distal radius fracture and fracture of acromion with HA3.5 locking screws, HA3.5 cortical screws, HB4.0 cancellous screws. Instrument set: 15059, Simple set for small bone LOC system. Combined Hole is available.
**Screws**

HA2.7 / HA3.5 / HA5.0 Locking Screw (Self-tapping, Torx)

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HA3.5 / HA5.0 Locking Screw (Self-tapping and Self-drilling)

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Note: Used for Loc plates of upper and lower limbs fracture.

**Instruments**

Drill bit 2.0 2.5 2.7

Tap HA3.5

Threaded drill guide 3.0

Screw driver (hex 2.5) & screw holding guide

Plate bending wrench

Drill sleeve (2.5 & 3.5)
Depth gauge

Tap loc ha3.5

Quick coupling screw driver SW2.5

T15 screwdriver (torx)

Quick coupling torque spanner 1.5

Torque spanner 1.5N