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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE: Southern Implants® Overdenture Abutments

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Description

Overdenture Abutments are premanufactured abutments that is connected directly to an endosseous implant and is used in multiple unit reconstructions to retain a tissue-supported overdenture in patients with extensive bone or soft tissue loss. The coronal part of the abutment has a retentive feature that allows an overdenture to clip onto the abutment so that it can be inserted and removed by the patient. These components are supplied non-sterile.

Intended use

This device is intended to treat partially or fully edentulous patients eligible for placement of one or more dental implants as a means of fixing a permanent or removable single crown, partial or full-arch dental prosthesis in the upper or lower jaw. The devices allow for immediate or delayed prosthetic restoration based on the user's evaluation of the patient's eligibility.

This device constituents are classified as medical devices and are intended for single use on a single patient.

Indications for use

The Overdenture abutments are premanufactured prosthetic components directly connected to endosseous dental implants and intended for use in fully edentulous or partially edentulous maxilla and/or mandible to provide support for crowns, bridges or overdentures.

Intended user

Dental Technicians, Maxillo-facial Surgeons, General Dentists, Orthodontists, Periodontists, Prosthodontists, and other appropriately trained and experienced implant users.

Intended environment

This device is intended to be used in a dental laboratory for making of the restoration and in a clinical environment such as an operating theatre or a dentist consultation room.

Intended patient population

Patients that have lost one tooth or multiple teeth.

Compatibility information

Southern Implants' implants should be restored with Southern components. In the Southern Implants range there are 7 implant connections, the implant code and connection type, which can be identified by specific abbreviations in the product codes. Range identifiers are summarised in Table A.

Table A

Implant connection type	Compatible device
External Hex (EX)	Parts labelled EQ-IP- (*), EQ-IBN- (*) and EQ-IB- (*)
Tri-Nex® (EL) (Lobe)	Parts labelled Z-EQ-131TN35(*), Z-EQ-131TN43(*) and Z-EQ-131TN5(*)
Deep Conical (DC)	Parts labelled EQ-DC(ø)-(L)
Internal Hex (M)	Parts labelled EQ-M-(*) (used with ø3.75,4.2 and 5.0mm platforms)
Internal Hex PROVATA® (3M) (M)	Parts labelled EQ-3M-(*) (used with Ø3.3 mm platform)
	Parts labelled EQ-M-(*) (used with ø4.0, 5.0 and 6.0mm platforms)
IT (ITS) (ITS6) - Internal Octagon	Parts labelled Z-EQ-131IT48(*) (used with ø4.8mm platforms)
Single Platform (SP1)	Parts labelled EQ-SP-(*) (used with Ø3.5, 4.0 and 5.0 mm implants)

NOTE: (*) is indicative of various lengths available.

NOTE: TRI-NEX® (Lobe) and IT (Octagon) implant equator abutments are supplied with a smart box housing and retention caps. For External Hex, Internal Hex (M-Series and Provata®) and DC (Deep Conical) and Single Platform (SP1) ranges the housing and retentive caps needs to be ordered separately.

Clinical benefits

Clinical benefits of dental implant therapy include improved chewing

function, speech, aesthetics and patient psychological wellbeing.
Through this procedure patients can expect to have their missing teeth replaced and/or crowns restored.

Before surgery
All components, instruments and tooling used during the clinical or laboratory procedure must be maintained in good condition and care must be taken that instrumentation does not damage implants or other components.

During surgery
Take care that parts are not swallowed or aspirated during any of the procedures and apply the correct tightening torque to abutments and abutment screws.

CAUTION: identify and protect vital structures like nerves, veins, arteries and especially the infraorbital nerve during surgical exposure of the lateral maxillary wall. Injury to any of these anatomical structures can lead to complications like nerve dysfunction or bleeding.

Post-surgery
Regular patient follow-up and proper oral hygiene must be achieved to ensure favourable long-term results.

Storage, cleaning and sterilisation
The component is supplied sterile (sterilised by gamma irradiation) and intended for single-use prior to the expiration date (see packaging label). Sterility is assured unless the container or seal is damaged or opened. If packaging is damaged do not use the product and contact your Southern representative or return to Southern Implants®. The devices must be stored in a dry place at room temperature and not exposed to direct sunlight. Incorrect storage may influence device characteristics. Do not reuse components indicated for single-use only. Reusing these components may result in:

- damage to the surface or critical dimensions, which may result in performance and compatibility degradation.
- adds the risk of cross-patient infection and contamination if single-use items are reused.

Southern Implants® does not accept any responsibility for complications associated with reused single-use components.

Contraindications
Do not use in patients:

- who are medically unfit for dental implant procedures.
- where adequate numbers of implants could not be placed to achieve full functional support of the prosthesis.
- who are allergic or have hypersensitivity to pure titanium or titanium alloy (Ti-6Al-4V), gold, palladium, platinum or iridium.
- who are under the age of 18, have poor bone quality, blood disorders, infected implant site, vascular impairment, uncontrolled diabetes, drug or alcohol abuse, chronic high dose steroid therapy, anti-coagulant therapy, metabolic bone disease, radiotherapy treatment and sinus pathology.

Warnings and precautions
THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT INTENDED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ADEQUATE TRAINING.

- For the safe and effective use of dental implants it is strongly suggested that specialised training be undertaken, including hands-on training to learn proper technique, biomechanical requirements and radiographic evaluations.
- Products must be secured against aspiration when handled intraorally. Aspiration of products may lead to infection or unplanned physical injury.

Responsibility for proper patient selection, adequate training, experience in the placement of implants and providing appropriate information for informed consent rests with the practitioner. Improper technique can result in implant failure, damage to nerves/vessels and/or loss of supporting bone. Implant failure increases when implants are placed in irradiated bone as radiotherapy can result in progressive fibrosis of vessels and soft tissue, leading to diminished healing capacity.

It is important to be aware and avoid damage to vital structures such as nerves, veins and arteries. Injuries to vital anatomical structures may cause serious complications such as injury to the eye, nerve damage and excessive bleeding. It is essential to protect the infraorbital nerve. Failing to identify actual measurements relative to the radiographic data could lead to complications.

New and experienced implant users should do training before using a new system or attempting to do a new treatment method. Take special care when treating patients who have local or systemic factors that could affect the healing of the bone and soft tissue (i.e. poor oral hygiene, uncontrolled diabetes, are on steroid therapy, smokers, infection in the nearby bone and patients who had orofacial radiotherapy).

Thorough screening of prospective implant candidates must be performed including:

- a comprehensive medical and dental history.
- visual and radiological inspection to determine adequate bone dimensions, anatomical landmarks, occlusal conditions and periodontal health.
- bruxism and unfavourable jaw relations must be taken into account.
- proper preoperative planning with a good team approach between well trained surgeons, restorative dentists and lab technicians is essential for successful implant treatment.
- minimising the trauma to the host tissue increases the potential for successful osseointegration.
- electrosurgery should not be attempted around metal implants as they are conductive.

Should the device not operate as intended, it must be reported to the manufacturer of the device. The contact information for the manufacturer of this device to report a change in performance is: sicomplaints@southernimplants.com.

Side effects

The side effects of the use of the system are not dissimilar to those of dental implant therapy. Possible side effects to implant therapy include:

- pain
- swelling
- phonetic difficulties
- gingival inflammation

Less common but more persistent symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- allergic reaction(s) to implant and/or abutment material
- breakage of the implant and/or abutment
- loosening of the abutment screw and/or retaining screw
- infection requiring revision of the dental implant
- nerve damage resulting in permanent weakness, numbness, or pain
- histologic responses with possible macrophage and/or fibroblast involvement
- fat emboli formation
- loosening of the implant requiring revision surgery
- perforation of the maxillary sinus
- perforation of the labial and lingual plates
- bone loss possibly resulting in revision or removal of the implant.

Precaution: maintaining sterility protocol

Implants are packaged as follows:

1. An outer package consisting of a rigid, clear box which acts as protection for the inner package.
2. The inner package consisting of a blister pack (clear plastic-formed blister base with a TYVEK “peel-back” lid).
3. Within the inner package, there is a hollow tube which contains one implant suspended from a titanium ring, this ensures the implant never touches the inside of the plastic tube.
4. Labelling information is located on the surface of the peel-back lid and on the outside of the rigid box.

Care must be taken to maintain the sterility of the implant by proper opening of the packaging and handling of the implant.

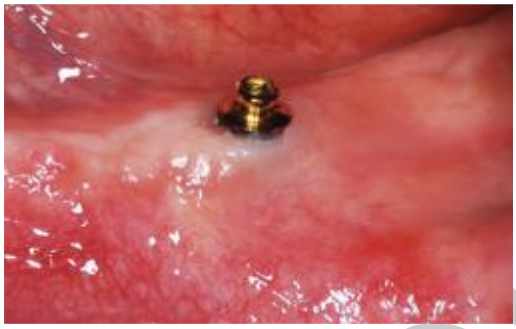
1. Open the implant package in the non-sterile field, with non-sterile gloves, tear the address label to open the box.
2. With non-sterile gloves, remove the inner blister pack. Do not place the plastic box or blister pack-lid onto the sterile field. The contents of this inner package are sterile.
3. The sealed blister is to be opened by an assistant (with nonsterile gloves): remove the TYVEK lid and drop or place the sterile tube onto the sterile field, open the tube cap and attach the implant placement tool onto the implant and carefully remove from the sterile tube. Do not touch the sterile implant.

Other sterile components are packed in a peel pouch or blister base with a “peel-back” lid. Labelling information is located on the bottom half of the pouch, inside the packet or on the surface of the peel-back lid. Sterility is assured unless the pouch is damaged or opened. Non-sterile components are supplied clean but not sterile in a peel pouch or blister base with peelback lid. Labelling information is located on the bottom half of the pouch or on the surface of the peel-back lid.

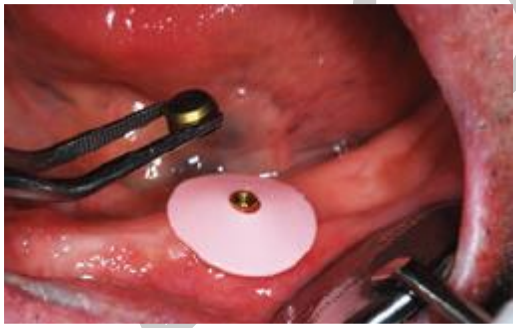
Handling procedures

Surgical procedure

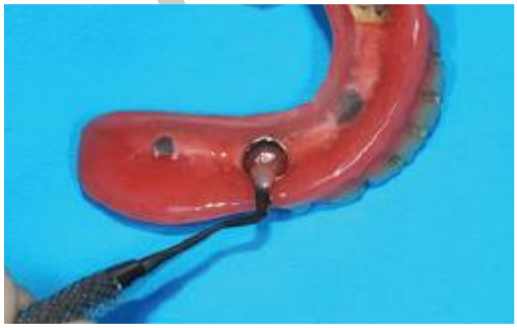
1. Select the OT Equator with the appropriate cuff height. Screw the OT Equator into the implant.



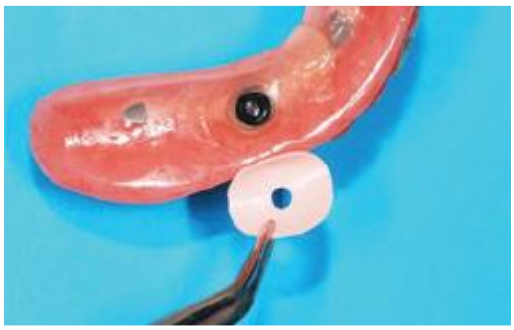
2. Place the protective disk over the OT Equator. Then, place the stainless-steel housing with cap on the attachment.



3. Fill the space corresponding to the housings with self curing resin. Insert the prosthesis into the final position.

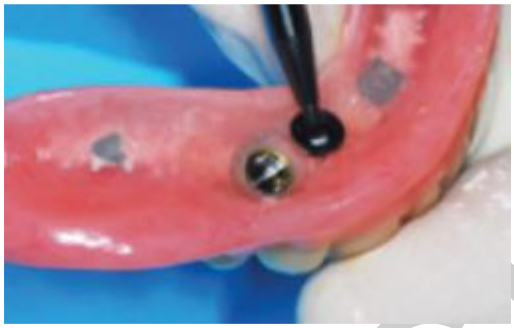


4. Once the resin has cured, remove the protective disk.

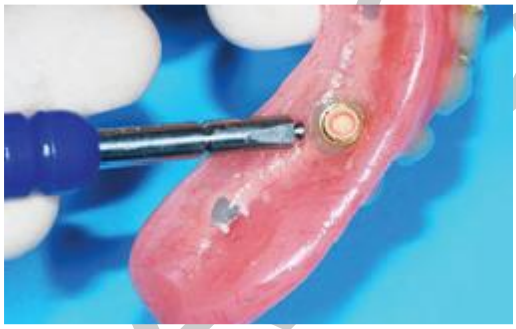


5. Remove excess resin with bur and polish for passive connection.

6. Remove black protector cap with cap extractor tool.

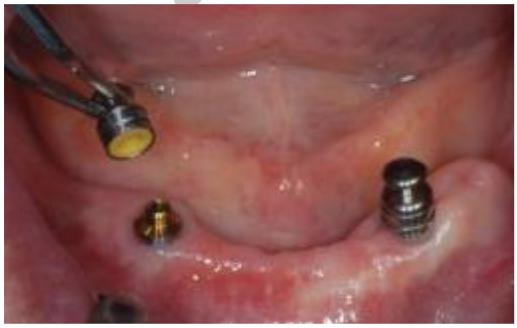


7. Using the cap insertion tool, select 1 of 4 OT Equator female caps for desired retention.



Laboratory procedure (analogue technique)

1. Place the pick-up impression coping onto the equator abutment, take the impression.



2. Place the laboratory analogues into the impression copings and pour the laboratory model.
3. Proceed with waxing, teeth set-up of the denture and try-ins.

4. Before curing the resin, connect the retentive housing with the black positioning cap on the equator lab analogue.
5. After curing remove the Black positioning cap from the metal housing with the cap extractor tool. Insert the retentive cap of choice.
6. Return to the dentist office.

Retentive cap information

Torque values and driver information

Table B

Direct to Implant	Torque	Driver
External Hex		
Ø3.0 mm	20 Ncm	I-QDI-S/M/L, I-HQD-S/M/L and I-WI-QS/M/L
Ø3.25, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 mm	20 – 25 Ncm	
TRI-NEX®		
Ø3.5 mm	20 – 25 Ncm	Z-I-EQ25
Ø4.3, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 mm	20 – 25 Ncm	
DC		
Ø3.0 mm	5 – 10 Ncm	I-QDI-S/M/L, I-HQD-S/M/L and I-WI-QS/M/L
Ø3.5 and 4.0 mm	20 Ncm	
Ø5.0 mm	20 – 25 Ncm	
Internal Hex (M-Series & PROVATA®)		
Ø3.75, 4.2 and 5.0 mm M-Series	20 – 25 Ncm	I-QDI-S/M/L, I-HQD-S/M/L and I-WI-QS/M/L
Ø4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 mm PROVATA® Implants	20 – 25 Ncm	
IT Octagon		
Ø4.8 mm platform IT implants	20 – 25 Ncm	Z-I-EQ25
Single Platform (SP1)		
Ø3.5, 4.0 and 5.0 mm	20 Ncm	I-QDI-S/M/L, I-HQD-S/M/L and I-WI-QS/M/L

Notice regarding serious incidents

Any serious incident that has occurred in relation with the device must be reported to the manufacturer of the device and the competent authority in the member state in which the user and/or patient is established.

The contact information for the manufacturer of this device to report a serious incident is as follows: sicomplaints@southernimplants.com.

Materials

Material type Commercially Pure Titanium (Grade 4), Titanium Alloy (Ti-6Al-4V), Cobalt Chrome

Disposal

Disposal of the device and its packaging: follow local regulations and environmental requirements, taking different contamination levels into account. When disposing of spent items, take care of sharp drills and instruments. Sufficient PPE must be used at all times.

MR safety

Nonclinical testing has demonstrated that the Southern Implants® dental implants, metallic abutments and prosthetic screws are MR conditional.

A patient with these devices can be safely scanned in a MR system meeting the following conditions:

- static magnetic field of 1.5 Tesla and 3.0 Tesla only.
- maximum spatial gradient magnetic field of 3000 Gauss/cm (30 T/m).
- maximum MR system reported SAR corresponding to Normal Operating mode for all landmarks (Head SAR of 3.2 W/kg for head landmark, 2 W/kg whole body, and appropriate partial body SAR for other landmarks). For imaging landmarks above the thorax, a continuous scan time of 15 minutes will require a cooling delay of at least 5 minutes.
- in the non-clinical testing, the image artifact caused by the device extends approximately 20 mm from the Southern Implants' dental implants, abutments and prosthetic screws, when imaged with a gradient echo pulse sequence and a 3.0 Tesla MRI system.

Removable restorations should be taken out prior to scanning, as is done for watches, jewellery etc.

Should there be no MR symbol on the product label, please note that this device has not been evaluated for safety and compatibility in the MR environment.

Summary of Safety and Clinical Performance (SSCP)

As required by the European Medical Device Regulation (MDR; EU2017/745), a Summary of Safety and Clinical Performance (SSCP) is available for perusal with regard to Southern Implants® product ranges.

The relevant SSCP can be accessed at https://ec.europa.eu/tools/eudamed.

NOTE: the above website will be available upon the launch of the European Database on Medical Devices (EUDAMED).

Disclaimer of liability

This product is part of the Southern Implants® product range and should only be used with the associated original products and according to the recommendations as in the individual product catalogues. The user of this product has to study the development of the Southern Implants® product range and take full responsibility for the correct indications and use of this product. Southern Implants® does not assume liability for damage due to incorrect use. Please note that some Southern Implants® products may not be cleared or released for sale in all markets.

Basic UDI

Product	Basic-UDI Number
Basic-UDI for Metal Abutments	60095440387296

Related literature and catalogues

CAT-2004 - Tri-Nex® Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2005 - IT Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2010 - Osseointegrated Fixtures Catalogue
CAT-2020 - External Hex Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2042 - Deep Conical Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2043 - Internal Hex Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2060 - PROVATA® Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2069 - INVERTA® Implants Product Catalogue

CAT-2070 - Zygomatic Implants Product Catalogue
CAT-2093 - Single Platform Implants Product Catalogue

Symbols and warnings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CE mark

Prescription device*

Sterilised using irradiation

Non-sterile


Use by date (mm-yy)


Do not reuse

Do not resterilise

Catalogue number

Batch code

Medical device

Authorised representative in the European Community

Authorised representative for Switzerland


Date of manufacture

Magnetic Resonance conditional

Magnetic Resonance safe


Single sterile barrier system with protective packaging inside


Single sterile barrier system


Consult instruction for use


Caution


Keep away from sunlight


Do not use if package is damaged

* Prescription device: Rx only. Caution: Federal Law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licenced physician or dentist.
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