

# A.L.P.S.® Proximal Humerus Plating System

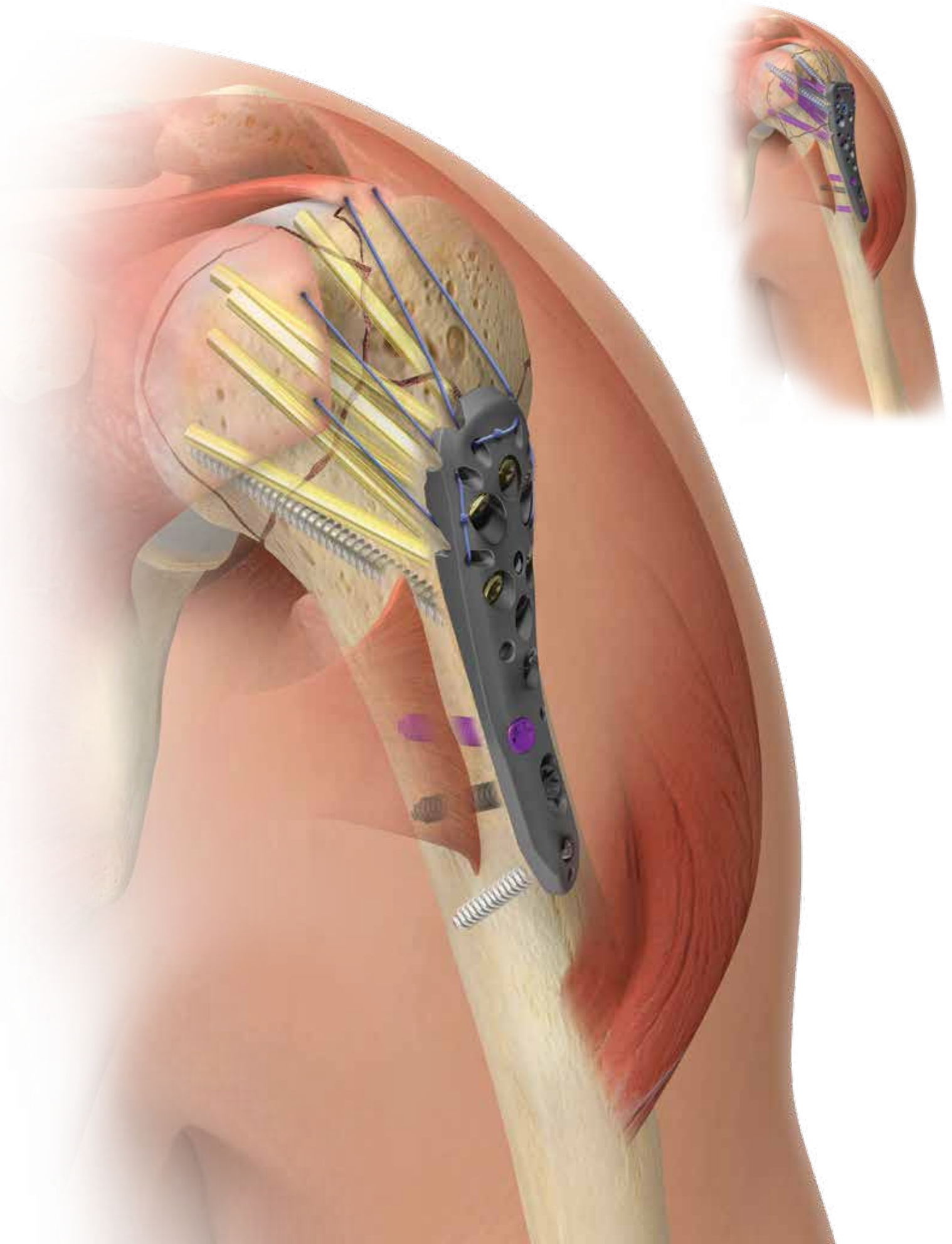
Surgical Technique





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## Introduction



The A.L.P.S. Proximal Humerus Plating System is an integral part of the Zimmer Biomet continuum of care for shoulder treatment. Zimmer Biomet offers a diverse portfolio of options for the life-cycle of patients, from sports-related injuries to fracture fixation to shoulder replacement. It features the next generation in humeral plating, offering the surgeon 2 plating options based on preference and fracture pattern.

The A.L.P.S. Proximal Humerus Plating System takes full advantage of the principle of Spatial Subchondral Support, which was successfully used in its predecessors, the S<sup>3</sup>® Proximal Humerus Plating System and the DVR® Anatomic Volar Plating System.

The A.L.P.S. Proximal Humerus Plating System is designed to provide intraoperative flexibility and efficiency to the surgical team. The A.L.P.S. Proximal Humerus Plating System is designed to minimize the risk of some of the complications commonly associated with treating proximal humerus fractures by its design to:

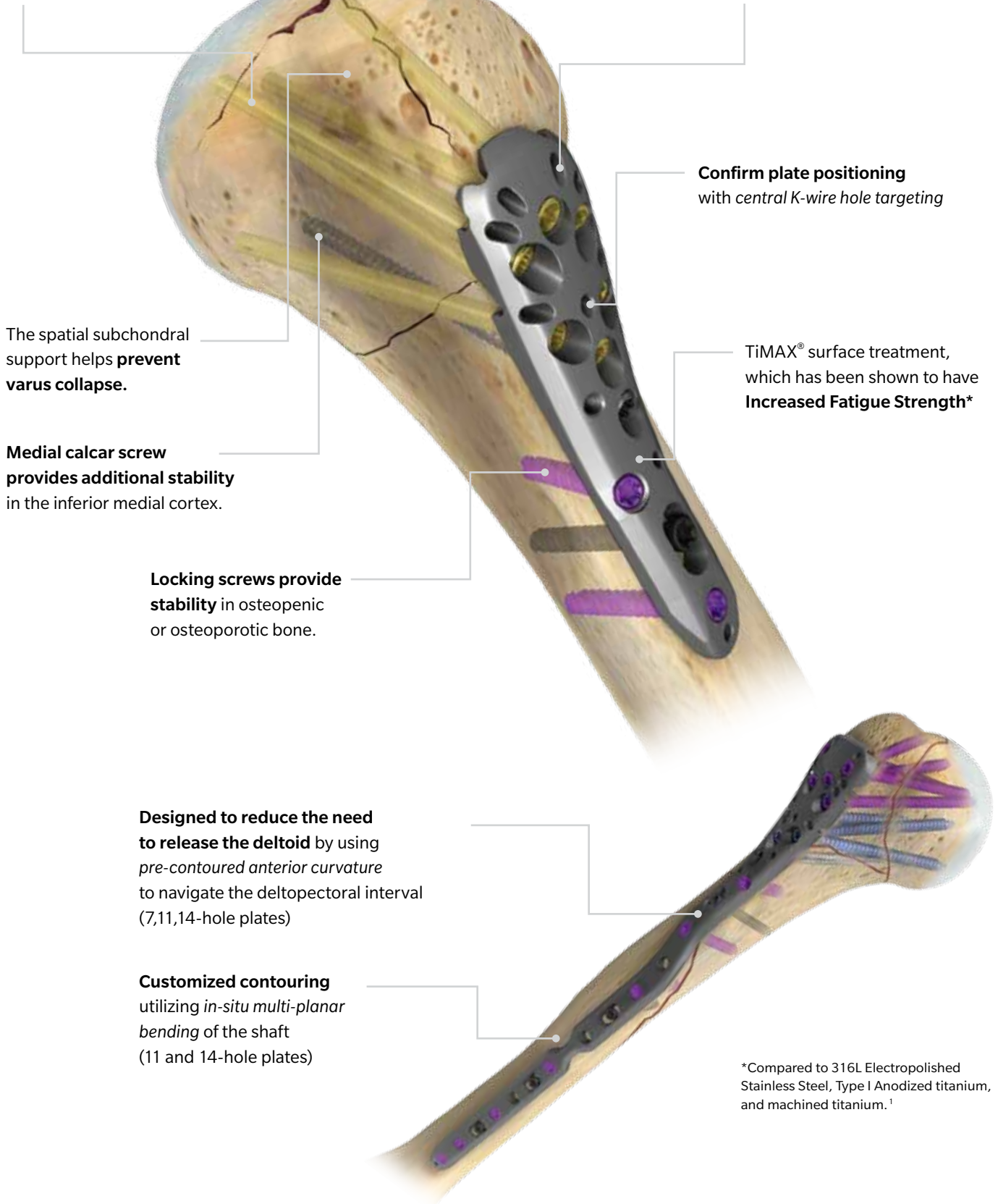
- **Minimize varus collapse** by creating an internal subchondral support system of diverging and converging locking screws around the anatomic 135° neck-shaft angle of the humerus. **Medial calcar** screw provides additional fixation in the inferior medial cortex
- **Minimize articular surface screw penetration** by using pegs with smooth blunt ends that engage the subchondral bone with blunt fixation
- **Minimize subacromial impingement** by sitting 2 cm distal to the greater tuberosity (Low Plate only)

The A.L.P.S. Proximal Humerus Plating System features **A.L.P.S. Technology** which utilizes:

- Pre-loaded, disposable F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts help the surgeon to drill accurately, and reduce intraoperative assembly to save OR time.
- **Tapered triple-lead locking screws** and **dual threaded pegs** facilitate easy removal
- **Cobalt chrome multi-directional locking screws** allow for up to a 25° cone of angulation
- Anatomic plates that can be **contoured in-situ** for optimal fit (11 & 14-hole plates only)

**Designed to help minimize the risk of articular surface penetration** by using *Smooth Blunt Locking Pegs* to engage subchondral bone

**Temporary stabilization of the fracture and suture capture of the tuberosities** using *suture/K-wire holes*



The spatial subchondral support helps **prevent varus collapse.**

**Medial calcar screw provides additional stability** in the inferior medial cortex.

**Locking screws provide stability** in osteopenic or osteoporotic bone.

**Confirm plate positioning** with *central K-wire hole targeting*

TiMAX<sup>®</sup> surface treatment, which has been shown to have **Increased Fatigue Strength\***

**Designed to reduce the need to release the deltoid** by using *pre-contoured anterior curvature* to navigate the deltopectoral interval (7,11,14-hole plates)

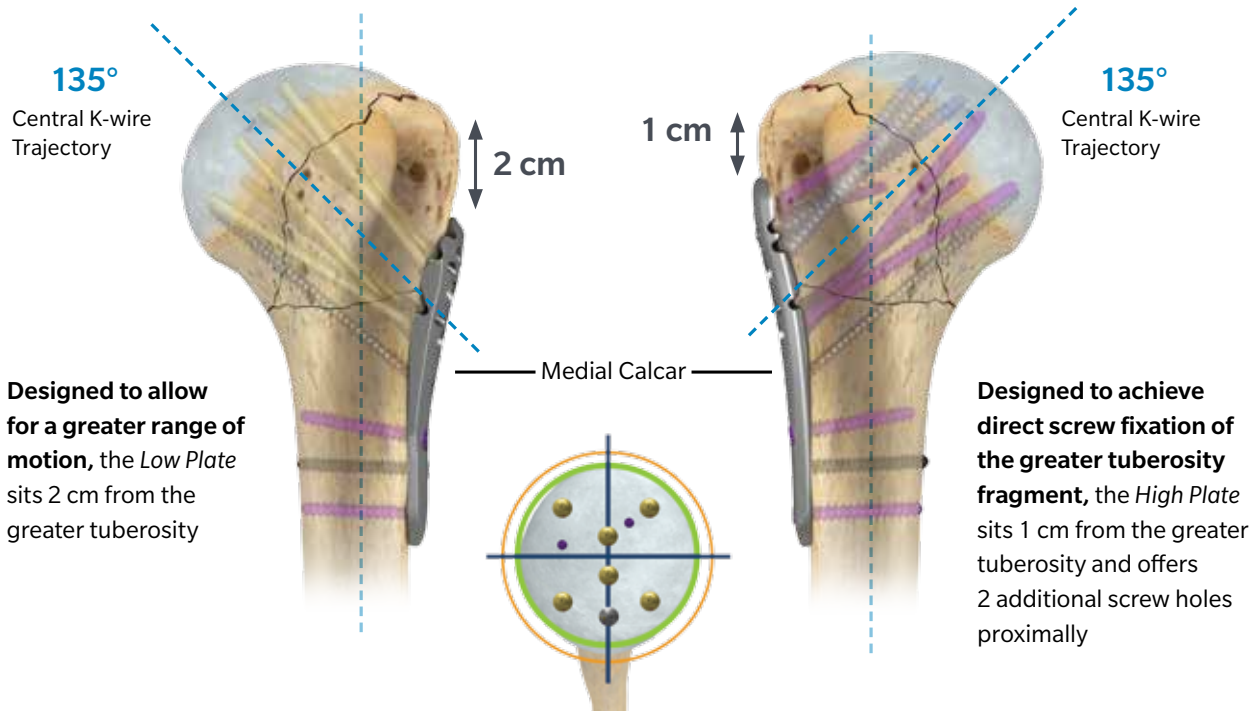
**Customized contouring** utilizing *in-situ multi-planar bending* of the shaft (11 and 14-hole plates)

\*Compared to 316L Electropolished Stainless Steel, Type I Anodized titanium, and machined titanium.<sup>1</sup>

## Unique Features

Designed to minimize varus collapse using converging and diverging peg trajectories that create an internal subchondral support system through range of motion.

### Plate Options



### Screw Options

Optimal fixation achieved with tapered, triple lead locking and low profile non-locking screw options



25° cone of angulation using cobalt chrome multi-directional locking screws (MDS) that lock into the plate by creating their own threads



**One Driver Simplicity**  
T15 driver used for all screws and pegs

### F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts

Facilitate accurate drilling and easy plate identification with pre-loaded F.A.S.T. Guide inserts – Lime = Left, Rose = Right (shaft holes)



**Gold F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts** indicate the proximal holes that can utilize locking peg fixation



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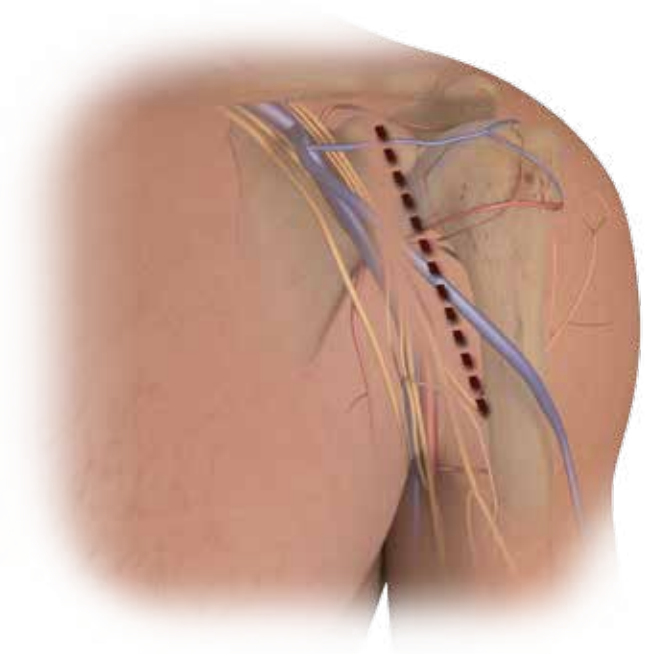


Figure 2

## Step 1: Approach

### Patient and Fluoroscopy Positioning

Proper patient positioning and fluoroscopy is critical to ensure the fracture can be adequately visualized. For the purposes of this technique, the deltopectoral approach is performed in a 45° beach chair orientation (Figure 1). The arm of the fluoroscopy machine can come in from the top or side, depending on surgeon preference.

**Note:** An alternative patient position is supine using a radiolucent arm table.

### Exposure

Locate and mark the coracoid process and the axis of the humeral shaft and begin your 12–14 cm incision laterally between these two landmarks, in the standard deltopectoral approach (Figure 2). Care is taken to ensure that the incision is not crossing the anterior axillary fold. The deltopectoral interval is developed and the cephalic vein is retracted laterally or medially.

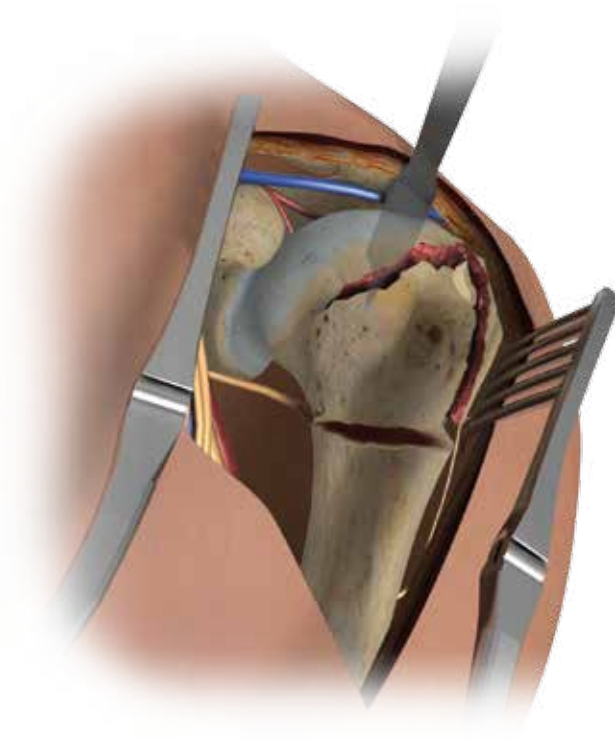


Figure 3

### Managing Biceps Tendon and Deltoid

Retract the coracobrachialis medially and the deltoid laterally, taking care not to injure the axillary and musculocutaneous nerves. Identify the pectoralis insertion at the floor of the deltopectoral interval. If necessary, release the proximal third of the pectoralis tendon for better exposure. Develop the subacromial space and mobilize the proximal deltoid with deltoid retractor if desired (Figure 3).

- ⓘ **Note:** The biceps tendon is kept intact throughout the procedure for rotational alignment and plate positioning and then may be released/tenodesed after implant fixation.
- ⓘ **Note:** The 7, 11 and 14 hole plates are designed to curve anteriorly between the deltoid pectoralis interval, to help minimize release of the deltoid insertion.

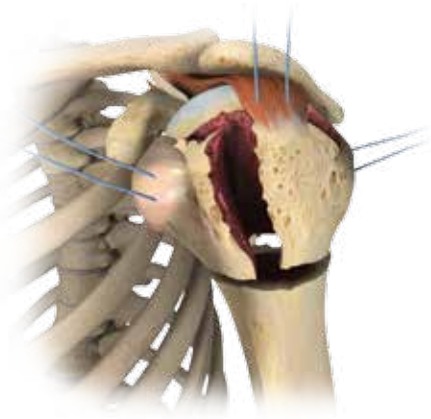


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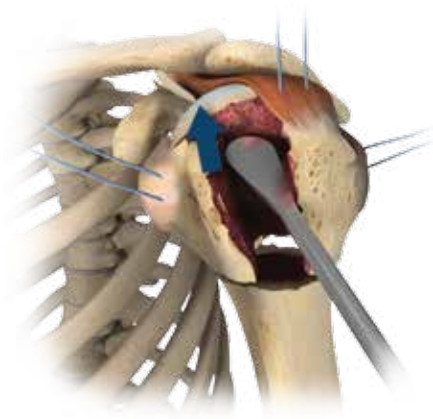


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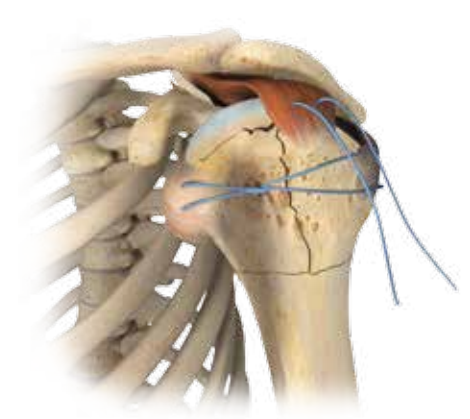


Figure 6

## Step 2: Achieve Initial Reduction

Reduce the humeral head fragments using traction, manipulation or your preferred technique:

- Place sutures in to the osseotendinous junction of the rotator cuff to reduce the tuberosities (Figure 4).
- Insert a blunt elevator into the fracture to reduce the head and recreate the natural 135° neck-shaft angle and correct apex anterior angulation (Figure 5)
- Make a 2-part fracture by tying the head and tuberosities together, then reducing to the shaft (Figure 6)
- Insert crossing K-wires from anterior to posterior to hold the reduction, and then confirm proper reduction using fluoroscopy.

⊖ **Note:** K-wires may also be used through the suture holes around the proximal edge of the plate for provisional fixation and reduction assistance.

⊖ **Note:** Zimmer Biomet bone grafting or osteoconductive agents may be considered for bony voids or gaps that are not intrinsic to the stability of the bony structure.



Figure 7



Figure 8

### Step 3: Plate Selection

Based on surgeon preference, choose the plate style that is most suited for the fracture. The low plate is designed to minimize the risk of subacromial impingement, whereas the high plate is designed to offer additional screw fixation of the greater tuberosity fragment (Figure 7). Both plate styles provide medial calcar and spatial subchondral support of the humeral head.

**Note:** Patients with larger anatomy may require the plate to sit more distal. Patients with smaller anatomy may require a more proximal plate position.

### Step 4: Plate Positioning

#### Visual Positioning

Select the appropriate length plate (3, 4, 7, 11 or 14 hole). Choose a right or left plate utilizing F.A.S.T. Guide color identification in shaft holes (Figure 8):

- Left plates = Lime-colored
- Right plates = Rose-colored

Align the plate immediately lateral to the bicipital groove (Figure 7). To determine the appropriate placement on the greater tuberosity:

- Low plate = approximately 2 cm distal to the greater tuberosity
- High plate = approximately 1 cm distal to the greater tuberosity



Figure 11

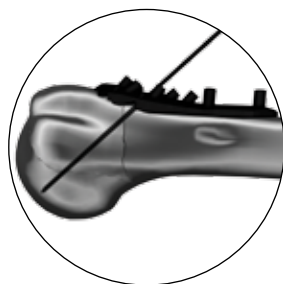


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Figure 13

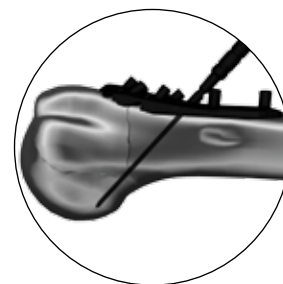


Figure 14

## K-wire Targeting

### Central K-wire Hole

This primary targeting method allows for symmetrical peg or screw distribution in all four quadrants of the humeral head.

- Drill the 2.0 mm K-wire (KW20SS) through the central K-wire hole on the proximal portion of the plate (Figure 11)
- Using fluoroscopy, confirm the K-wire is centrally located in both anterior-posterior and lateral planes (Figure 12)
- If it is off-axis, remove the K-wire and re-drill until the center is reached

### Alternate Targeting through Medial Calcar Screw Hole

This targeting method may be preferred if there is comminution in the medial calcar that necessitates peg or screw support.

- Insert the 2.0 mm K-wire Adapter (110017541) into the F.A.S.T. Guide of the medial calcar screw position (Figure 13)
- Drill the K-wire through the adapter into the medial calcar screw hole to estimate the distance from the medial wall of the calcar
- Using fluoroscopy, confirm that the K-wire is 2-4 mm proximal to the medial wall of the calcar (Figure 14)

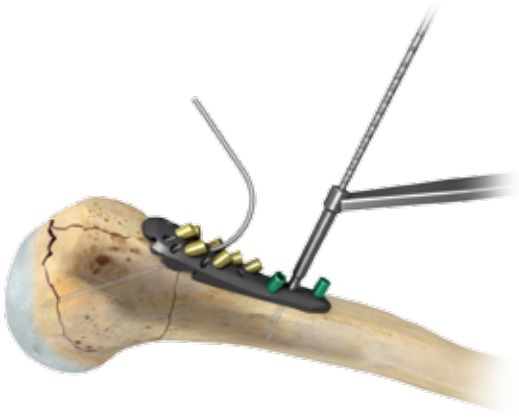


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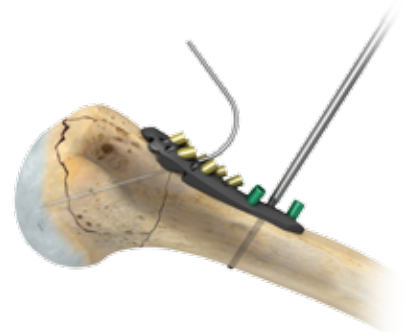


Figure 17

## Step 5: Distal Provisional Screw Insertion

Drill through the proximal oblong hole in the shaft of the plate using the 2.7 mm Calibrated Drill Bit (214227070) through the 2.7 mm end of the Soft Tissue Guide (110017533) (Figure 15).

Determine the required non-locking screw length using the Shoulder Plate Depth Gauge (110017535) (Figure 16). Insert the 3.5 mm T15 Low Profile Non-Locking screw in the oblong hole in the shaft of plate (1100177XX) using the T15 Driver and Ratcheting Screwdriver Handle (214124000) (Figure 17).

- ⓘ **Note:** Do not fully tighten the screw to allow for later plate adjustments.
- ⓘ **Note:** K-wires may also be used in the shaft or to provide additional provisional fixation.



Figure 18

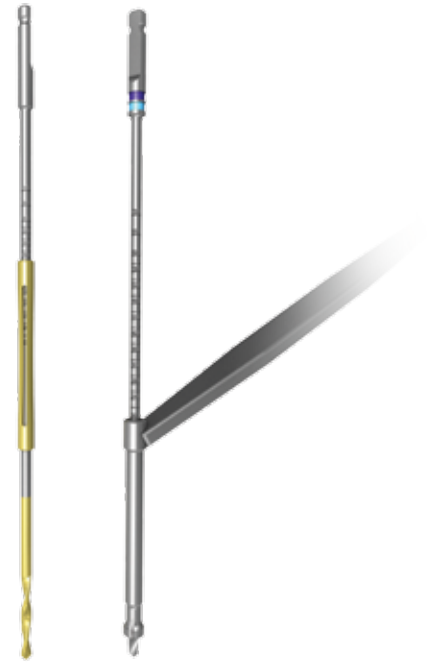


Figure 19

## Step 6: Proximal Peg or Screw Insertion

### Peg or Screw Options

Select the appropriate screw based on bone quality or surgeon preference (Figure 18).

### Recommended Peg/Screw Order

It is recommended that the medial calcar screw or peg is inserted first. However, if a K-wire is already in place and being used for provisional fixation, proceed to the next hole.

### Color Coded Instrumentation

The instrumentation has been color-coded for easy identification (Figure 19):

- Gold = 3.2 mm Gold Locking Pegs (Gold 3.2 mm F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts indicate the positions that are recommended to be used with pegs)
- Silver = 3.5 mm Locking Cortical Screws, 3.5 mm Low Profile Non-Locking Screws, 4.0 mm Locking Cancellous Screws and 3.5 mm Locking MDS

ⓘ **Note:** Prior to drilling, the K-wire(s) should be bent to avoid drill bit obstruction.

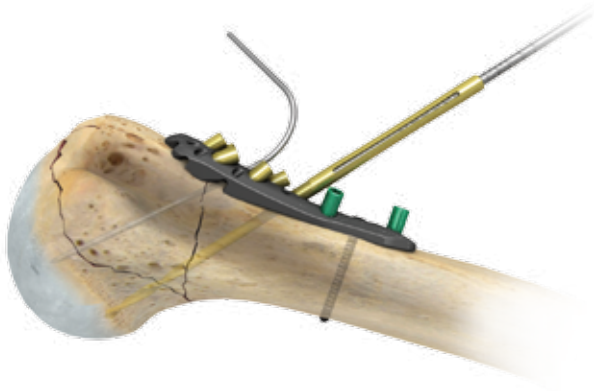


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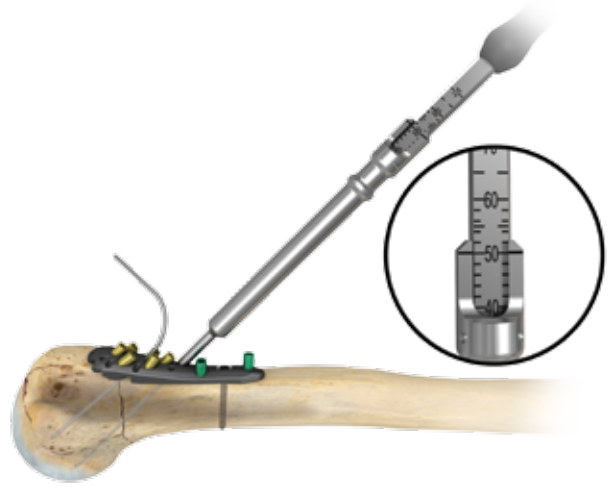


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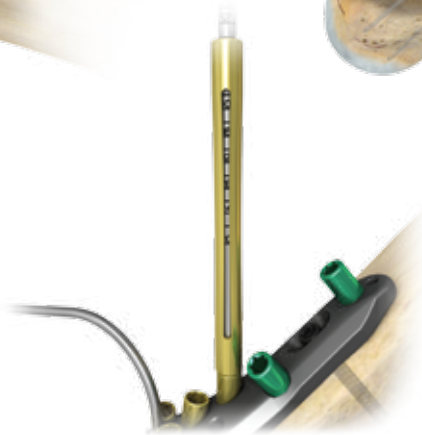


Figure 21

### 3.2 mm Locking Pegs

#### Drilling

- Preload gold 3.2 mm Drill Sleeve (110017561) on to the 3.2 mm Calibrated Drill Bit (110017537)
- Drill through gold F.A.S.T. Guide Insert
- Before removing 3.2 mm Drill Bit, slide drill sleeve against the F.A.S.T. Guide Insert (Figure 20)

**ⓘ IMPORTANT:** Regardless of peg or screw type, drill cautiously to avoid perforation through the far cortex. Using fluoroscopic guidance, advance drill until resistance is felt from subchondral bone.

#### Determine Peg Length

- Remove 3.2 mm Drill Bit from F.A.S.T. Guide Insert
- Read measurement from proximal end of the gold 3.2 mm Drill Sleeve (Figure 21)
- ⓘ **Note:** If a second measurement is required, use the Shoulder Plate Depth Gauge to measure directly off the plate (Figure 22).
- ⓘ **Note:** Manual drilling can be used to help reduce the likelihood of perforating the subchondral bone.
- Attach the 3.2 mm Drill Bit to the 2 Nm Torque Limiting Handle (214118001)
- Advance the drill through the F.A.S.T. Guide Insert, stopping when resistance is felt from subchondral bone (Figure 20)

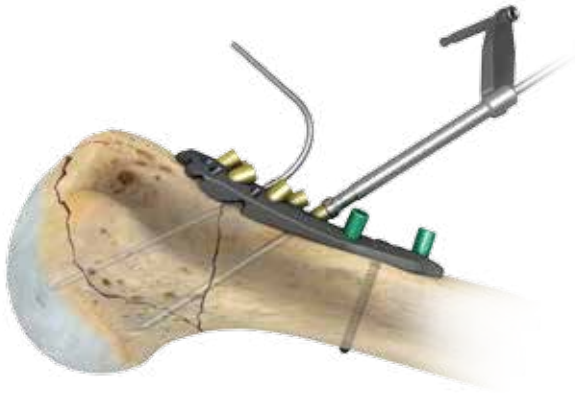


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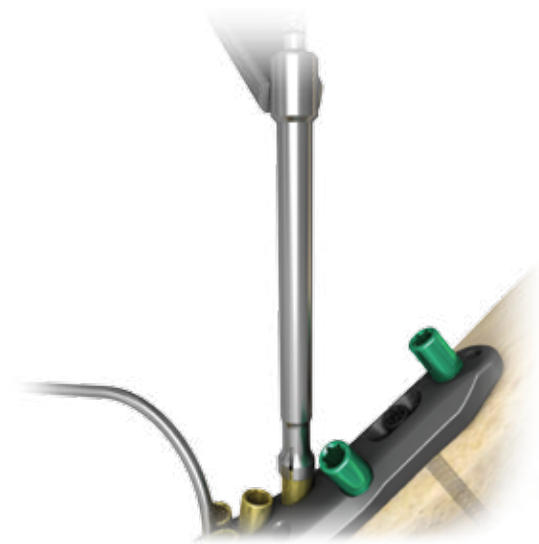


Figure 24

### 3.5 mm Locking Cortical and 4.0 mm Locking Cancellous Screws

If screws are preferred over pegs in the proximal holes with gold F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts, follow these steps.

#### *Drilling*

- Apply end labeled “2.7 mm F.A.S.T. GUIDE” of the 2.7 mm Soft Tissue/Drill Guide (110017533) over the gold F.A.S.T. Guide Insert
- Ensure that Guide is fully seated on to F.A.S.T. Guide Insert before drilling.
- Using the 2.7 mm Calibrated Drill Bit (214227070), drill through the Drill Guide and gold F.A.S.T. Guide Insert (Figure 23)

#### *Determine Screw Length*

- Before removing the 2.7 mm Drill Bit, read measurement from proximal end of the 2.7 mm Soft Tissue/Drill Guide (Figure 24)
- Remove the drill bit from the F.A.S.T. Guide Insert

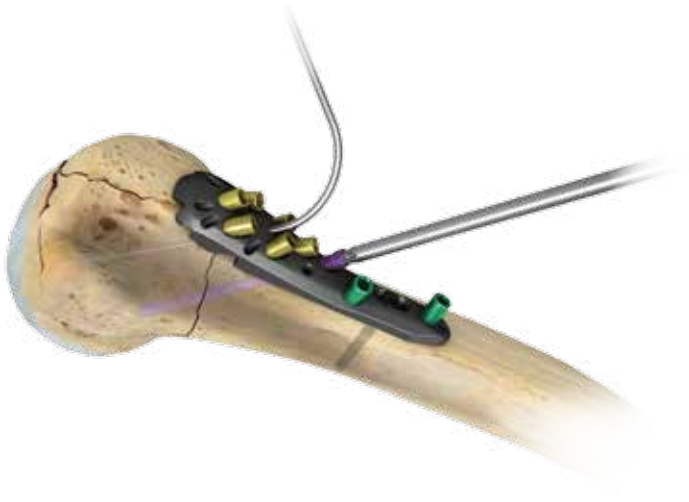


Figure 25

### Peg or Screw Insertion

Attach the T15 driver to the pink 2 Nm Torque Limiting Handle (214118001). If F.A.S.T. Guide Insert is still attached to plate, remove and discard. Insert the appropriate size peg or screw with the same driver (Figure 25).

ⓘ **Note:** If the drill perforated the subchondral bone, use a shorter peg or screw to help ensure that it is not in the joint.



3.5 mm Locking Cortical Screws



3.5 Low Profile Non-Locking Screws



3.5 mm Locking Multi-Directional Screws (MDS)

Figure 26

## Step 7: Distal Screw Insertion

The two most proximal shaft screw holes are pre-loaded with color-coded F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts in order to help with plate identification. The most distal holes in the 4, 7, 11 and 14-hole plates are not pre-loaded with F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts in order to facilitate submuscular insertion.

### Screw Options

Select the appropriate screw based on bone quality or surgeon preference (Figure 26).

ⓘ **Note:** The 11 and 14-hole plates can be contoured in-situ using the Long Plate Benders (212000005). See Appendix B for instructions on how to use the benders.



Figure 27



Figure 29



Figure 28

### Holes with F.A.S.T. Guide Technology:

#### Drilling

- Before drilling, ensure the silver 2.7 mm Measuring Drill Sleeve (110017661) is pre-loaded onto the 2.7 mm Calibrated Drill Bit
- Drill through the F.A.S.T. Guide Insert (Figure 27)
- Before removing 2.7 mm Drill Bit, slide Drill Sleeve against the F.A.S.T. Guide Insert

#### Determine Screw Length

- Remove 2.7 mm Drill Bit from F.A.S.T. Guide Insert
- Read measurement from proximal end of the silver 2.7 mm Drill Sleeve (Figure 27)

### Holes without F.A.S.T. Guide Technology :

#### Drilling

- Before drilling, insert the 2.7 mm Locking Drill Guide (110017559) into the locking hole
- Using the 2.7 mm Calibrated Drill Bit, drill through the Drill Guide (Figure 28)

#### Determine Screw Length

- Before removing the Drill Bit, read measurement from proximal end of the 2.7 mm Locking Drill Guide
- **Note:** If a second measurement is required, use the Shoulder Plate Depth Gauge to measure directly off the plate (Figure 29).



Figure 30

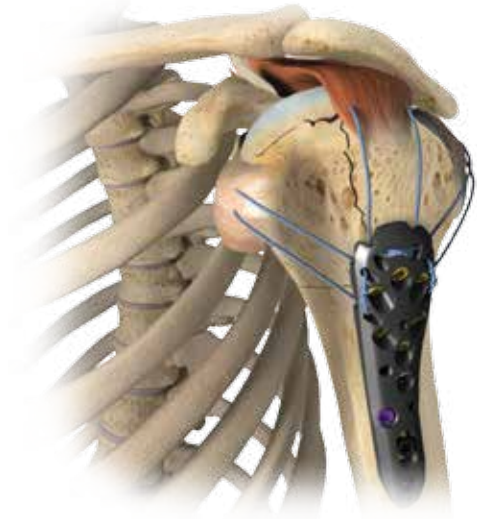


Figure 31

### Screw Insertion

In holes with F.A.S.T. Guides Inserts, remove F.A.S.T. Guide Insert using the T15 driver and discard. In holes without F.A.S.T. Guide Inserts, remove the 2.7 mm Locking Drill Guide manually or using the T15 driver. Insert the appropriate size 3.5 mm locking or non-locking screw with the same driver (Figure 30).

### Step 8: Repair Tuberosities

In order to counteract deforming forces and limit tuberosity displacement, secure the tuberosities to the plate by first passing the needles through the cuff insertion and then through the suture attachment holes in the plate (Figure 31).



Figure 32

## Step 9: Closure

Using fluoroscopic guidance, check that reduction has been achieved and confirm there are no screws or pegs in the joint. Suggested soft tissue considerations after implantation:

- Perform Biceps Tenodesis, if indicated
- If the pectoralis major or deltoid insertions were released, repair by suturing to soft tissue, bone or each other
- Irrigate the wound and perform routine incision closure using intracutaneous sutures (Figure 32)

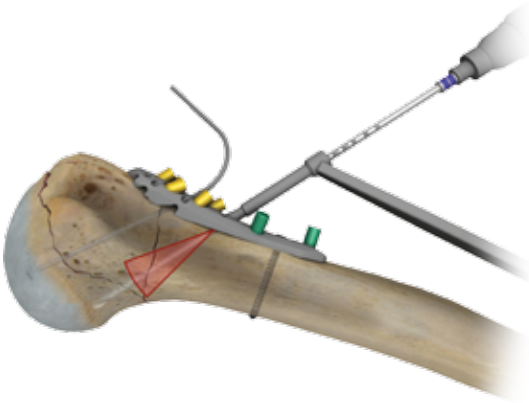


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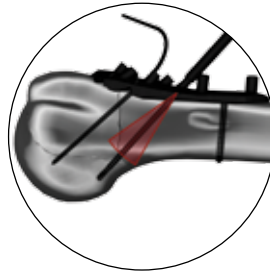


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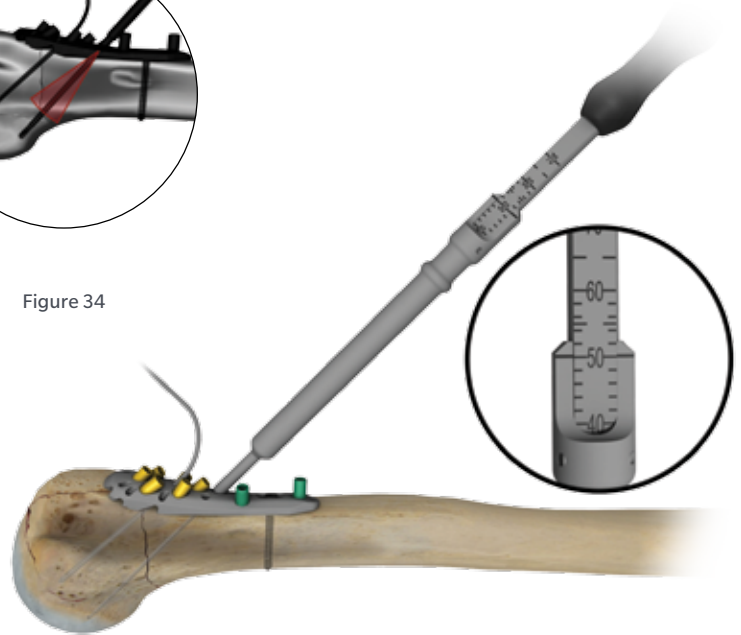


Figure 35

## Appendix A: Instructions for inserting Multi-Directional Screws

### Drilling

- Remove F.A.S.T. Guide Insert using the T15 Driver
  - Using end labeled “2.7 mm” of the 2.7 mm Soft Tissue/Drill Guide, determine 25° cone of angulation
  - Drill through the guide with the 2.7 mm Calibrated Drill Bit (Figure 33)
- ⓘ **Important:** Drill cautiously to avoid perforation through the far cortex. Using fluoroscopic guidance, advance drill until resistance is felt from subchondral bone (Figure 34).

### Determine Screw Length

Measure directly off the surface of the threaded hole using the Shoulder Plate Depth Gauge (110017535) (Figure 35)

### Screw Insertion

Attach the T15 driver to the pink 2 Nm Torque Limiting Handle. Insert the appropriate size screw with the same driver.

- ⓘ **Note:** Stop driving the MDS once the head is flush with the plate.



Figure 36

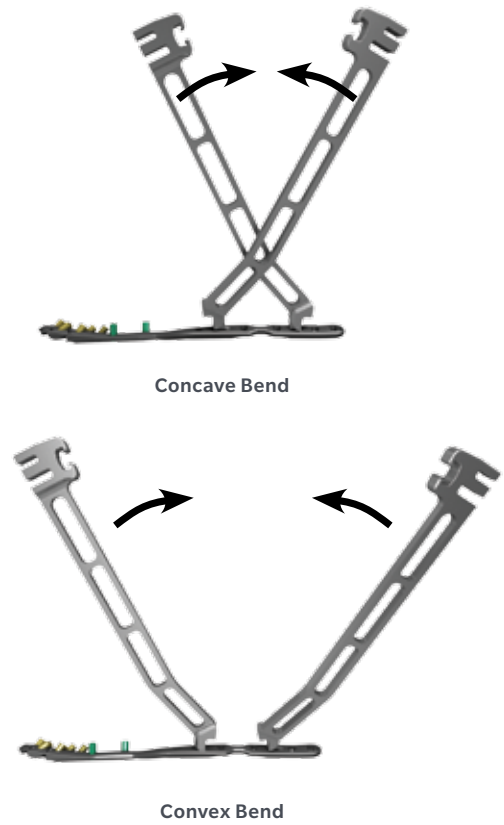


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## Appendix B: Plate Contouring using the Benders

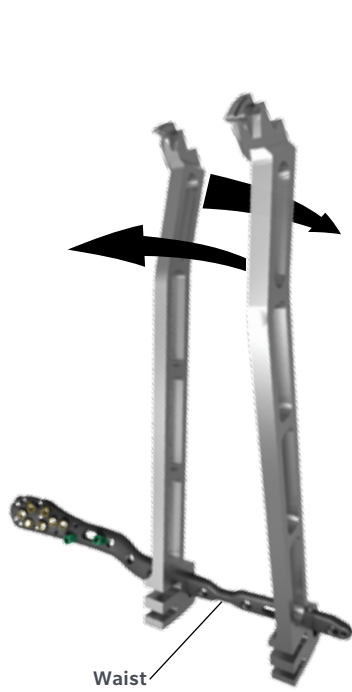
### Concave/Convex Contouring (for the 11 & 14-hole plates only)

Using the “feet” of the benders the plates can be contoured to conform to the patient’s unique anatomic needs (Figure 36). The foot of the bender is placed inside the slotted section of the plate and engaged on the underside of the plate. The benders can be used either facing or opposing each other to create concave or convex bends (Figure 37).

**Note:** The 11/14-hole plates are designed to fit the anatomy of the humerus, but additional contours can be made due to anatomic variations of the diaphysis. Recommended maximum bending angles:

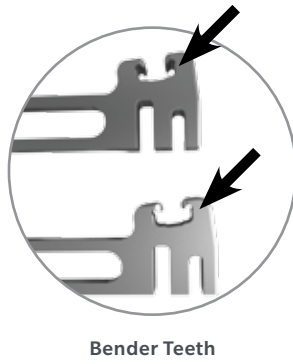
- Concave/Convex:** 10 degrees
- Axial:** 12 degrees
- Planar:** 8 degrees

**Note:** When creating convex bends there must be at least one empty slot in-between benders to ensure there is no thread deformation of the locking hole.

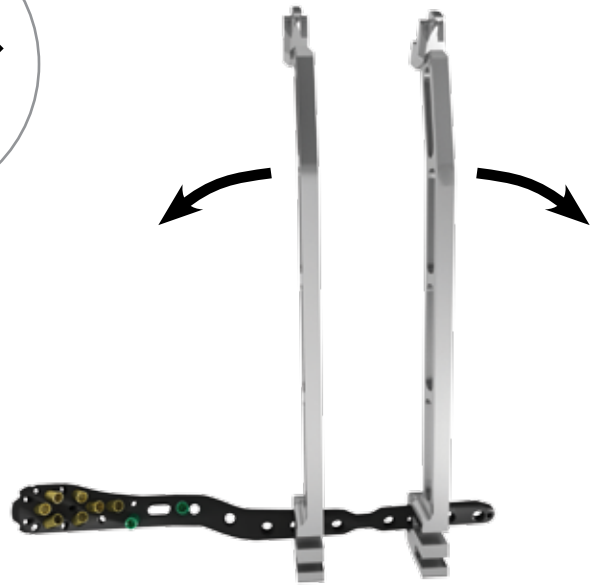


Axial Bend

Figure 38



Bender Teeth



Planar Bend

Figure39

### Axial Contouring











Using the “teeth” of the benders the plates can be contoured in the axial direction. Insert bender teeth over the waist and slide benders over thicker part of plate shaft. Rotate benders away from each other to impart twist (Figure 38).

### Planar Contouring











To apply planar bend, use the “teeth” of the benders. Insert bender teeth over the waist and slide benders over thicker part of plate shaft. Pull benders away from one another to impart planar bend (Figure 39).

## Implants

### Proximal Humerus Plating System Low Plates


Product	Description	Size	Part Number (Non-Sterile)
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Left 3 Hole	73 mm	110030100
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Left 4 Hole	83 mm	110030101
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Left 7 Hole	133 mm	110030102
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Left 11 Hole	190 mm	110030103
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Left 14 Hole	227 mm	110030104
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Right 3 Hole	73 mm	110030200
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Right 4 Hole	83 mm	110030201
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Right 7 Hole	133 mm	110030202
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Right 11 Hole	190 mm	110030203
	Proximal Humerus Low Plate Right 14 Hole	227 mm	110030204

## Proximal Humerus Plating System High Plates

Product	Description	Size	Part Number (Non-Sterile)
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Left 3 Hole	80 mm	110030300
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Left 4 Hole	90 mm	110030301
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Left 7 Hole	140 mm	110030302
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Left 11 Hole	197 mm	110030303
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Left 14 Hole	234 mm	110030304
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Right 3 Hole	80 mm	110030400
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Right 4 Hole	90 mm	110030401
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Right 7 Hole	140 mm	110030402
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Right 11 Hole	197 mm	110030403
	Proximal Humerus Hi Plate Right 14 Hole	234 mm	110030404

## Pegs and Screws


### 3.2 mm Locking Pegs

Product	Part Number (Non-Sterile)	Size
	110025320	20 mm
	110025322	22 mm
	110025324	24 mm
	110025326	26 mm
	110025328	28 mm
	110025330	30 mm
	110025332	32 mm
	110025334	34 mm
	110025336	36 mm
	110025338	38 mm
	110025340	40 mm
	110025342	42 mm
	110025344	44 mm
	110025346	46 mm
	110025348	48 mm
	110025350	50 mm
	110025352	52 mm
	110025354	54 mm
	110025356	56 mm
	110025358	58 mm
110025360	60 mm	
110025365	65 mm	
110025370	70 mm	

### 3.5 mm T15 Multi-Directional Locking Screws

Product	Part Number (Non-Sterile)	Size
	110018020	20 mm
	110018022	22 mm
	110018024	24 mm
	110018026	26 mm
	110018028	28 mm
	110018030	30 mm
	110018032	32 mm
	110018034	34 mm
	110018036	36 mm
	110018038	38 mm
	110018040	40 mm
	110018042	42 mm
	110018044	44 mm
	110018046	46 mm
	110018048	48 mm
	110018050	50 mm
	110018052	52 mm
110018054	54 mm	
110018056	56 mm	
110018058	58 mm	
110018060	60 mm	
110018065	65 mm	
110018070	70 mm	

### 3.5 mm Cortical Locking Screws

Product	Part Number (Non-Sterile)	Size
	816135020	20 mm
	816135022	22 mm
	816135024	24 mm
	816135026	26 mm
	816135028	28 mm
	816135030	30 mm
	816135032	32 mm
	816135034	34 mm
	816135036	36 mm
	816135038	38 mm
	816135040	40 mm
	816135042	42 mm
	816135044	44 mm
	816135046	46 mm
	816135048	48 mm
	816135050	50 mm
	816135052	52 mm
	816135054	54 mm
	816135056	56 mm
	816135058	58 mm
816135060	60 mm	
816135065	65 mm	
816135070	70 mm	

### 3.5 mm T15 Low Profile Non-Locking Screws

Product	Part Number (Non-Sterile)	Size
	110017720	20 mm
	110017722	22 mm
	110017724	24 mm
	110017726	26 mm
	110017728	28 mm
	110017730	30 mm
	110017732	32 mm
	110017734	34 mm
	110017736	36 mm
	110017738	38 mm
	110017740	40 mm
	110017742	42 mm
	110017744	44 mm
	110017746	46 mm
	110017748	48 mm
	110017750	50 mm
	110017752	52 mm
110017754	54 mm	
110017756	56 mm	
110017758	58 mm	
110017760	60 mm	
110017765	65 mm	
110017770	70 mm	

### 4.0 mm Cancellous Locking Screws

Product	Part Number (Non-Sterile)	Size
	816140020	20 mm
	816140022	22 mm
	816140024	24 mm
	816140026	26 mm
	816140028	28 mm
	816140030	30 mm
	816140032	32 mm
	816140034	34 mm
	816140036	36 mm
	816140038	38 mm
	816140040	40 mm
	816140042	42 mm
	816140044	44 mm
	816140046	46 mm
	816140048	48 mm
	816140050	50 mm
	816140055	55 mm
816140060	60 mm	
816140065	65 mm	
816140070	70 mm	

## Instruments

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Part Number	Description
110017562	T-15 Driver
110017559	2.7 mm Locking Drill Guide
110017533	2.7 mm Soft Tissue Drill Guide
110017661	2.7 mm Measuring Drill Sleeve
214118001	Small Torque Limiting Driver
110017535	Shoulder Plate Depth Gauge
110017561	3.2 mm Measuring Drill Sleeve
110017541	2.0 mm K-Wire Adapter Long
214124000	Ratchet Screwdriver Handle
212000005	Long Plate Bender W/2 Slots
231218020	Torque Limiting Power Adapter
110017572	T15 Tapered Driver Short
110017641	2.0 mm K-Wire Adapter Short
110017635	Shoulder Plate Depth Gauge Hook (Replacement)

### Disposables

Part Number (Non-Sterile)	Description
214227070	2.7 mm x 160 mm Calibrated Drill Bit
110017537	3.2 mm Calibrated Drill Bit
KW20SS	2.0 mm x 152 mm K-Wire (6 in)

### Tray

Part Number	Description
110018101	PHP System Case & Tray

## **INDICATIONS**

The Biomet A.L.P.S. Proximal Humeral Plating System is indicated for fixation of fractures and fracture dislocations, fusions, osteotomies and non-unions of the humerus, particularly in osteopenic bone.

Patient selection factors to be considered include:

1. Need for alignment and stabilization of bone fractures
2. Ability and willingness of the patient to follow postoperative care instructions until healing is complete
3. A good nutritional state of the patient.

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

1. Active infection.
2. Patient conditions including blood supply limitations, and insufficient quantity or quality of bone.
3. Patients with mental or neurologic conditions who are unwilling or incapable of following postoperative care instructions or materials.
4. Foreign body sensitivity. Where material sensitivity is suspected, testing is to be completed prior to implantation of the device.





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