



## SURGICAL TECHNIQUE GUIDE

Lapidus Arthrodesis

**Gorilla**<sup>®</sup> Lapidus Plating System

**GORILLA**<sup>®</sup>  
R3CON PLATING SYSTEM

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Paragon 28® Gorilla Lapidus Plating System was designed to provide surgeons versatility in plate selection and precise crossing screw placement for Lapidus Arthrodesis procedures. The system has 20 plating options including standard, graft-spanning and medial wall step-off plates. The plates embody several features including a medial position with a plantar arm, a ramped edge proximally to avoid tendon irritation and anatomic curvature to provide a bent plate technique. The 4 hole standard, graft-spanning, and medial wall step-off plates all feature a patented plantar locking hole to help reduce plantar gapping. All Gorilla® Lapidus plate holes accommodate Gorilla® R3CON 2.7, 3.5 and 4.2 mm locking and non-locking screws.

The instrumentation provided in the Gorilla® Lapidus Plating System allows for placement of a crossing screw across the arthrodesis while avoiding on-axis locking and non-locking plate screws within the construct. The patented Precision® Guide provides four trajectories of guide wire paths to allow for insertion of a 3.5 mm or 4.0 mm cannulated Mini-Monster® crossing screw or a 4.5 mm cannulated Monster® crossing screw.

### PLATE OFFERING

#### Standard Plates

- Left and Right Side Specific

- 1.3 mm thickness
- Compression slot present on all plates

3 Hole Standard



4 Hole Standard



#### Graft-Spanning Plate

- Left and Right Side Specific

- 1.6 mm thickness
- For use with Paragon 28® PRESERVE™ Grafts
  - Small Plate - 5 mm PRESERVE™ Lapidus Graft (offers compression slot)
  - Medium Plate - 8 mm and 10 mm PRESERVE™ Lapidus Graft
  - Large Plate - 12 mm and 14 mm PRESERVE™ Lapidus Graft

Small



Medium



Large



#### Medial Wall Step-Off Plates

- Left and Right Side Specific

- 1.4 mm thickness
- Size options include 1 mm step-off increments from 1-5 mm
- Compression slot present on all plates



1 mm

2 mm

3 mm

4 mm

5 mm

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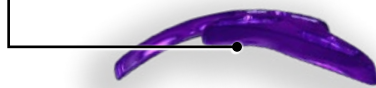
### PLATE FEATURES

#### Anatomic Contour



Supports the 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal in a corrected position and reduces the adductory force on the 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal with plate fixation during screw insertion, allowing for a "bent plate" technique.

#### Medial Wall Curvature



The plate fits the curved medial wall of the 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal and medial cuneiform.

#### Plantar Locking Screw Hole



Provides a stable construct and helps to protect against plantar gapping. This creates a tension band allowing for possible early weightbearing at the surgeon's discretion.

### FEATURED INSTRUMENTS

1.2 x 150 mm K-wire



1.2 mm Precision Guide K-wire Sleeve



1.4 mm Precision Guide K-wire Sleeve



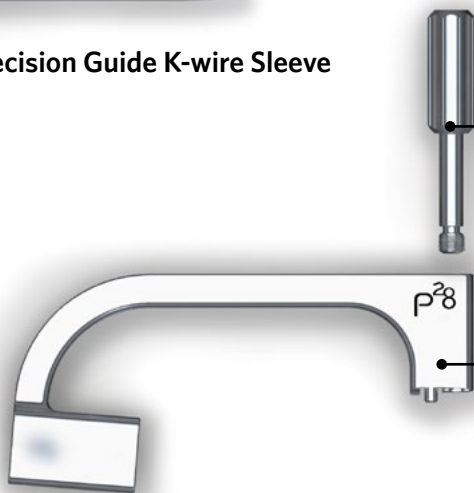
Mini-Monster® 3.5 mm screw



Mini-Monster® 4.0 mm screw



Monster® 4.5 mm screw



Precision Guide Set Screw

Precision Guide Arm

- Patented
- Allows a lag screw to cross the joint and avoid the on-axis locking and non-locking plate screws in the construct

### ANCILLARY IMPLANTS AND INSTRUMENTATION

#### PRESERVE™ Lapidus Angular Length Restoring Graft

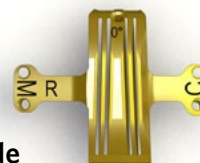
- Can help to restore length for a patient with a short 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal, in a case with over-shortening or for revision procedures
- Anatomically shaped to the joint and features biplanar correction to plantar-flex and abduct the 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal
- Available in 5 mm x 5°, 8 mm x 8°, 10 mm x 10°, 12 mm x 12° and 14 mm Universal sizes



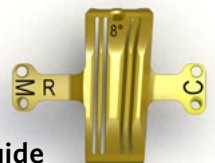
#### Lapidus Cut Guide System

- A patented instrumentation option for joint preparation, enabling surgeons to make congruent cuts while minimizing resection at the 1<sup>st</sup> TMT joint
- Available in 0° and 8-20° options to achieve appropriate amount of transverse plane correction
- Left and Right side specific

0° Cut Guide



8° Cut Guide





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### INCISION/EXPOSURE

The procedure described can be performed on its own or combined with resection of the medial eminence and lateral release. Supine patient positioning with fluoroscopy available is recommended for this procedure. A dorsomedial or medial incision is recommended when using this plate. Soft tissue dissection is continued to expose the 1<sup>st</sup> TMTJ.



Medial Incision



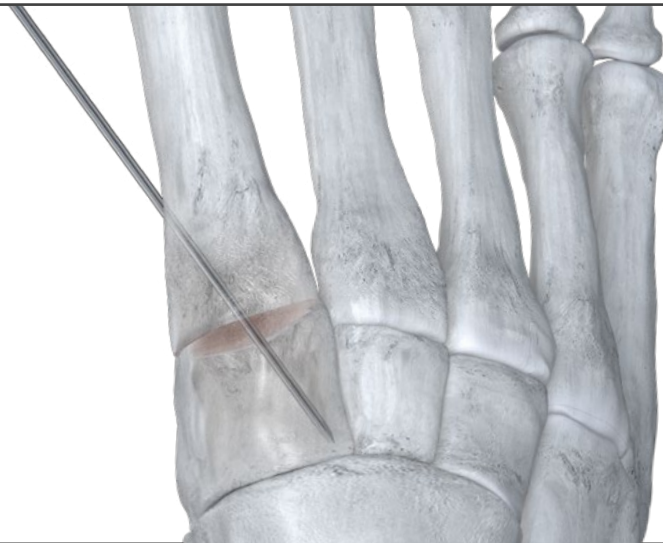
Dorsomedial Incision

### JOINT PREPARATION

After exposure of the joint surfaces at the 1<sup>st</sup> TMTJ, the method of cartilage resection is according to surgeon preference. Paragon 28 Lapidus Cut Guides can be used for this step, preferably through a dorsomedial incision. Subchondral bone preparation is recommended following joint resection using the Paragon 28 subchondral drill or surgeon's preferred technique. If used, bone grafting material or a PRESERVE Lapidus Length Restoring Wedge can be inserted at this time.

### TEMPORARY FIXATION

The correct alignment of the 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsal is achieved per surgeon preference. A K-wire is recommended to be inserted from plantar medial distal to dorsal lateral proximal to avoid future plate and screw placement. A second K-wire can be used if additional stabilization is desired.



### PLATE SELECTION

An appropriately sized "Left" or "Right" Lapidus arthrodesis plate is selected at this time. Position the plate along the long axis of the 1<sup>st</sup> ray in the sagittal plane.

**TIP:** If a thicker plate is desired for a patient that may have difficulty with restricted weight-bearing following the procedure, a small graft spanning plate (thickness 1.6 mm) may be used in lieu of a standard plate (thickness 1.3 mm).



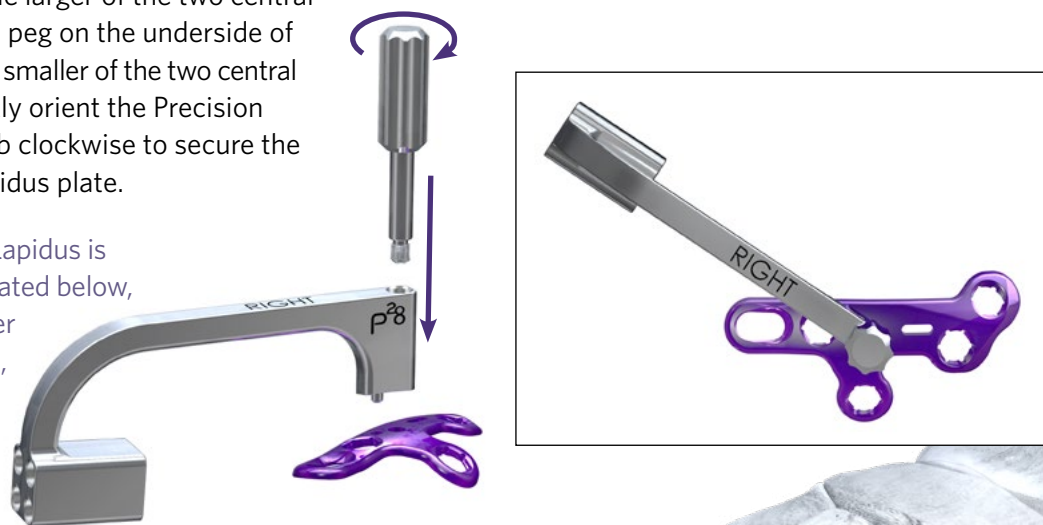
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### PERMANENT FIXATION

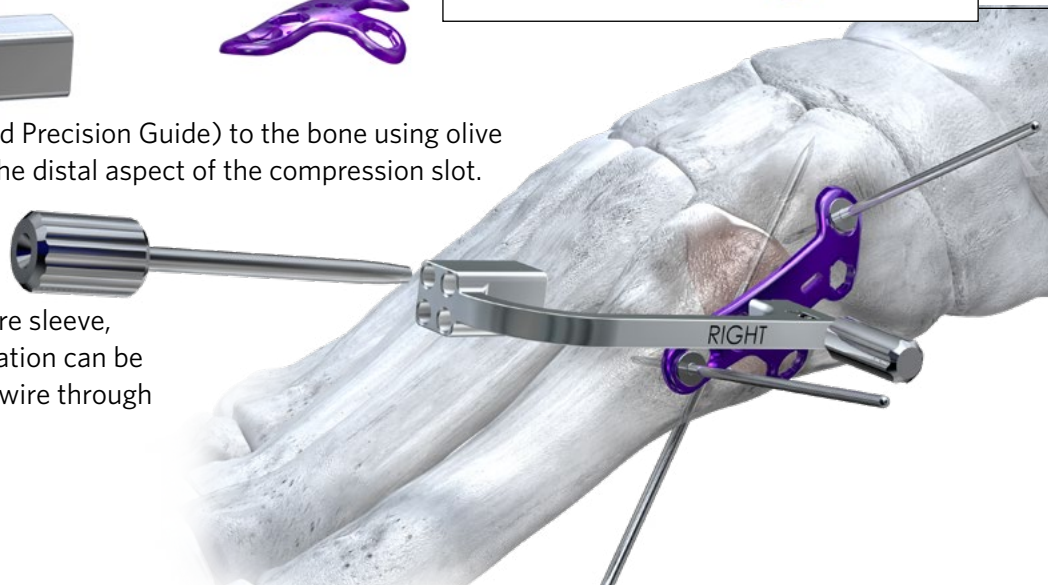
Insert the Precision Guide set screw into the "Right" or "Left" Precision Guide Arm, aligned with the larger of the two central holes of the Lapidus plate. The small peg on the underside of the Precision Guide will mate with the smaller of the two central holes on the Lapidus plate to correctly orient the Precision Guide with the plate. Rotate the knob clockwise to secure the Precision Guide set screw to the Lapidus plate.

**NOTE:** Use of the Precision Guide Lapidus is optional. It may be used as demonstrated below, or it may be attached to the plate after plate screw fixation. In the latter case, a fully threaded crossing screw is recommended.

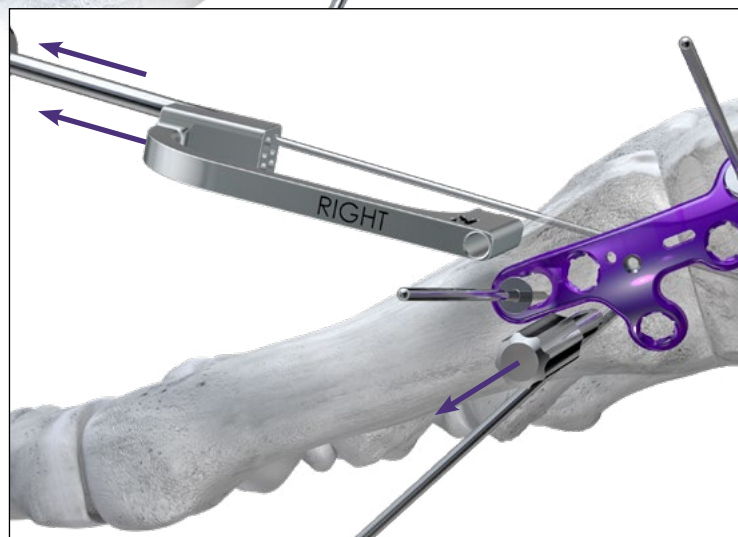


Secure the Lapidus plate (with the attached Precision Guide) to the bone using olive wires. One olive wire should be placed in the distal aspect of the compression slot.

Insert the guide wire sleeve for the selected screw size into the Precision Guide Arm. If soft tissue dissection is not performed around the area of the guide wire sleeve, a stab incision with blunt soft tissue separation can be made in the skin prior to driving the guide wire through the arthrodesis site.



Insert the guide wire for the selected crossing screw size into the guide wire sleeve such that it crosses the arthrodesis site at the desired location. The position and length of the guide wire is confirmed using fluoroscopy.



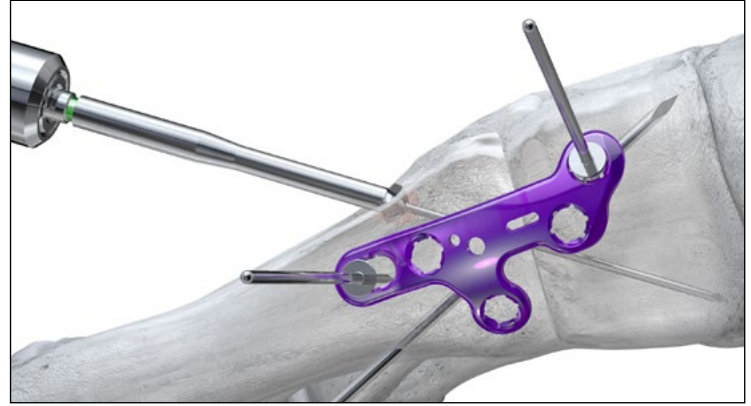
When the guide wire position is correct, remove the Precision Guide from the plate by rotating the set screw in a counter-clockwise manner and slide the Precision Guide Arm off the K-wire of the guide wire.



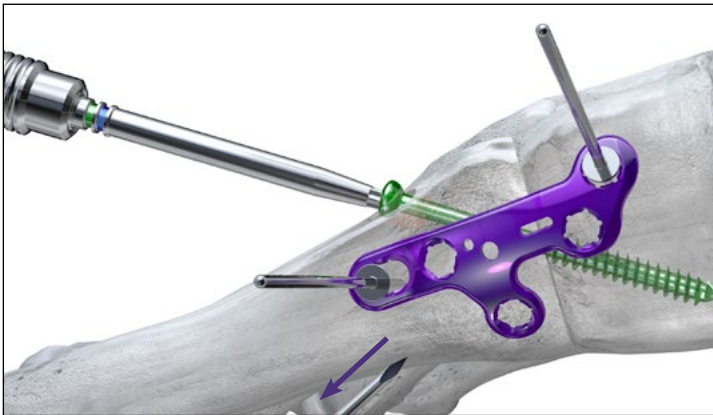
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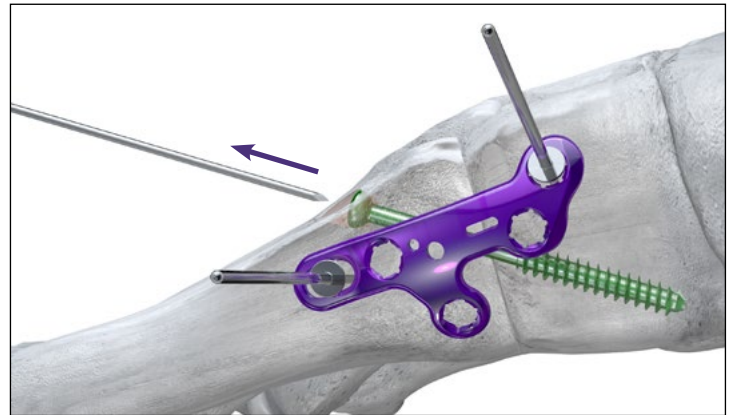
The drill and drill guide for the selected crossing screw diameter are slid over the guide wire and drilling is performed.



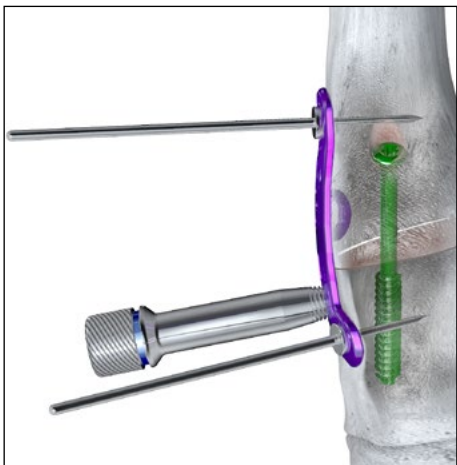
Countersinking for the headed screw is performed. If using a headless screw, countersink after measuring. The depth gauge is used to determine screw length.



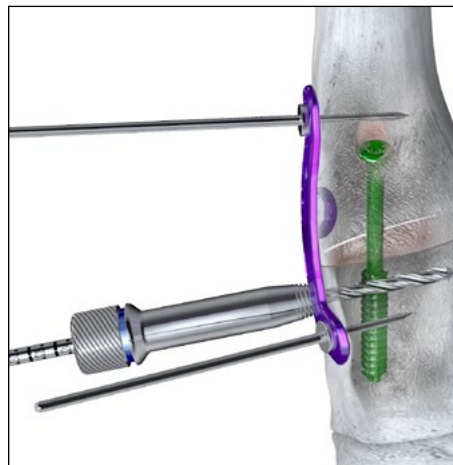
The selected screw is inserted over the guide wire across the arthrodesis site. Remove temporary fixation prior to fully seating the screw.



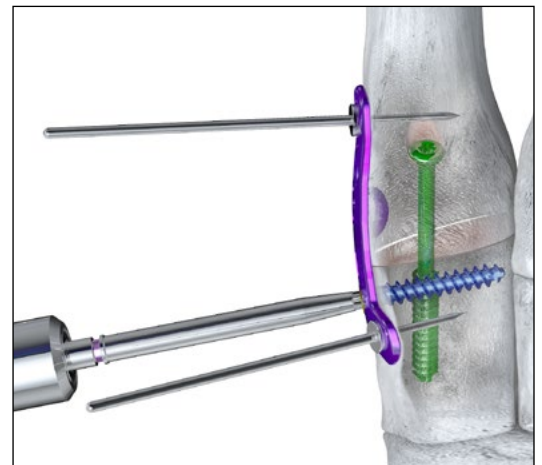
Remove the K-wire serving as temporary fixation just prior to fully seating the lag screw. Complete screw insertion. Remove the guide wire.



Insert a threaded drill tower into one of the proximal screw holes corresponding to desired plate screw diameter.



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



Screw length can be measured using the provided depth gauge or by measuring off the drill using the drill guide. Insert the plate screw using the provided driver. Continue to fill the plate holes with locking screws while removing the olive wires, according to surgeon preference.

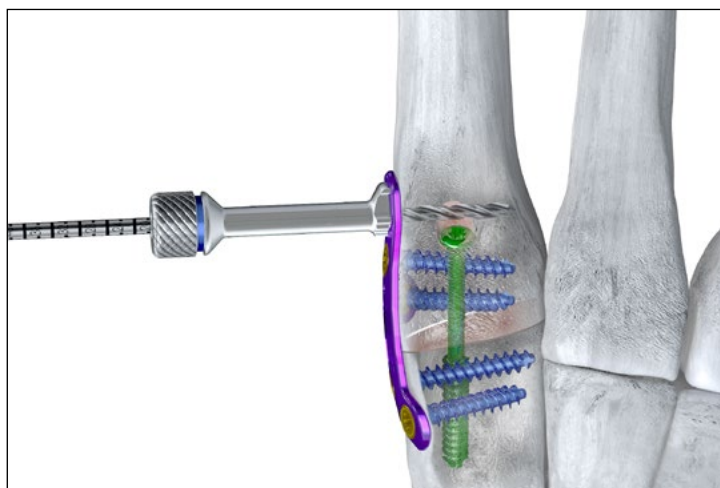
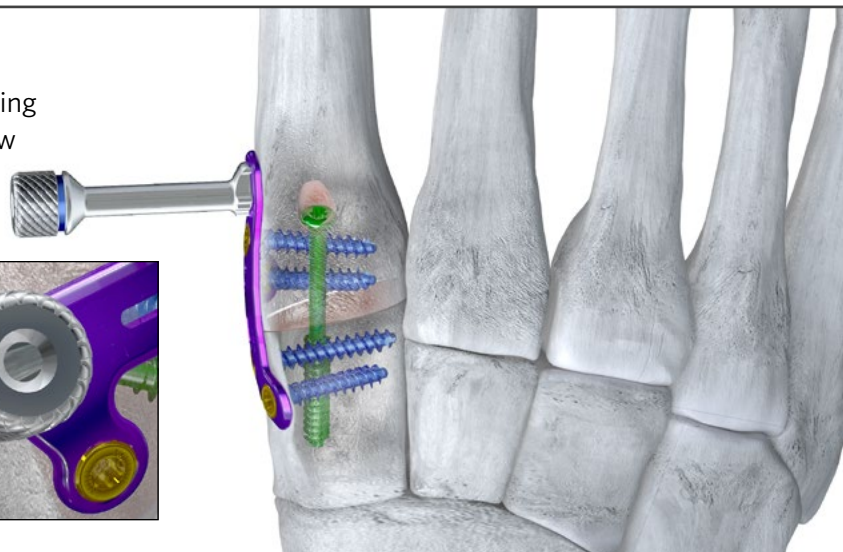
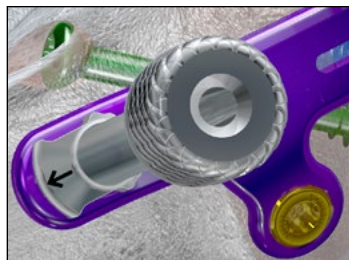
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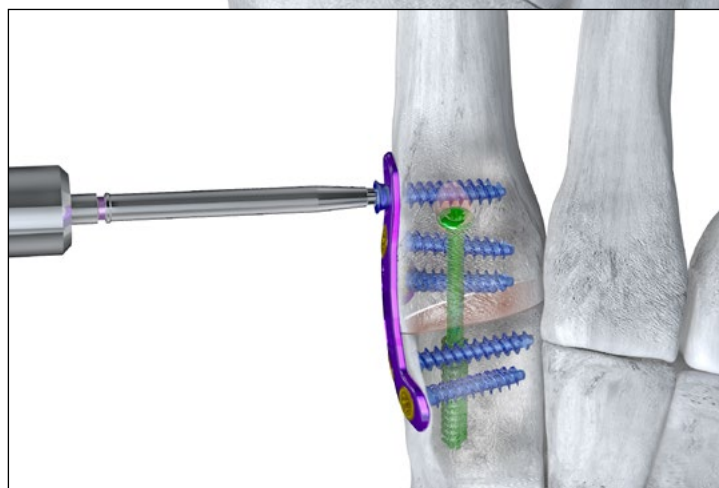
### PERMANENT FIXATION

Insert an oblong drill guide into the plate compression slot. The oblong drill guide can be reversed, with the arrow pointing away from the joint (as shown) to insert a non-locking screw into the compression slot without creating compression.

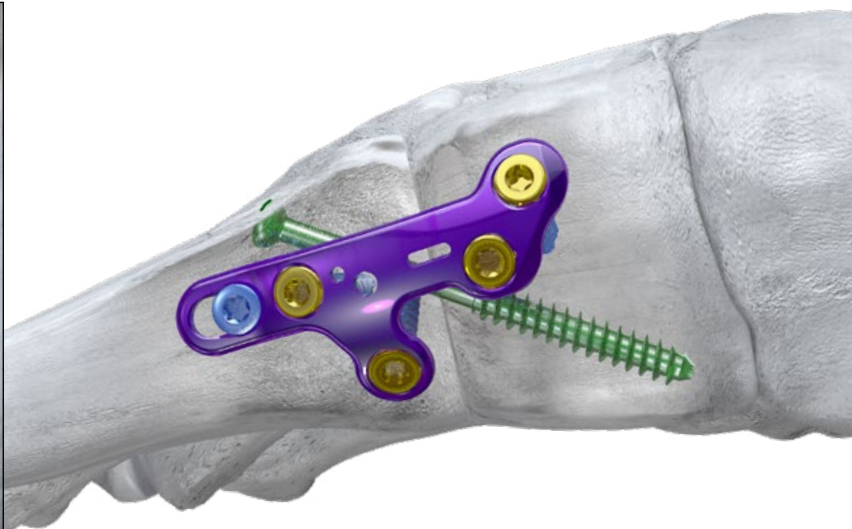
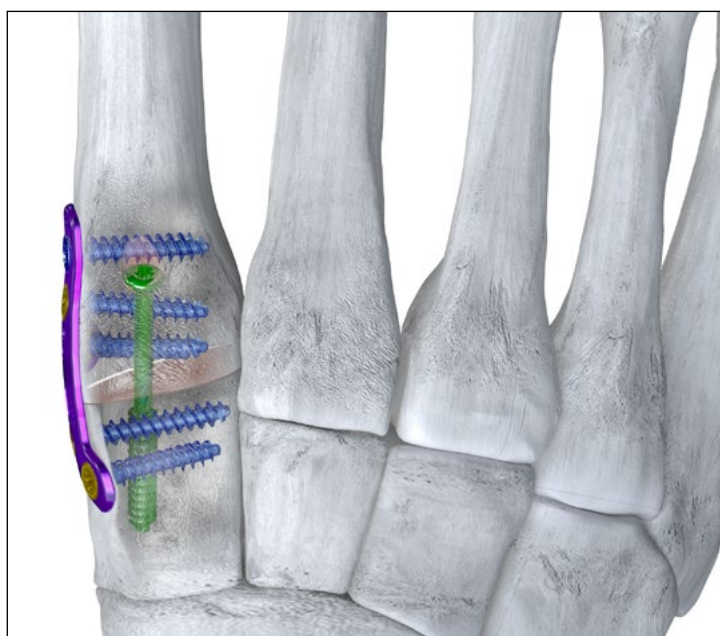
**TIP:** If the surgeon prefers to create compression via the compression slot, insert proximal plate screw(s) first. Use the compression drill guide with the arrow pointing towards the joint to eccentrically drill. Place a non-locking screw to achieve compression. The crossing screw would be placed last in this scenario.



Drill using the drill corresponding to the desired screw diameter.



Insert the screw using the driver provided.



Insert screws in the remaining screw holes, as desired. Confirm final screw length and placement using fluoroscopy.

### CLOSURE

Proceed to incision closure or concomitant procedures at this time.



# GORILLA® LAPIDUS PLATING CADDY

## Gorilla® Lapidus Plating Caddy

The Gorilla® Lapidus Plating Caddy includes 20 varieties of Gorilla® Lapidus plates with the Precision® Guide Lapidus for use with the plates.



## Gorilla® R3CON Instrument 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.

## Additional Gorilla® Caddies

The Gorilla® Case has room for additional Gorilla® Plate Caddies or PRESERVE™ Allograft caddies that may be needed for additional procedures performed in addition to a Lapidus Arthrodesis case.



## Mini-Monster® Screw Caddy

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



## Gorilla® Case



## Gorilla® R3CON Screw Optionality

The Gorilla® R3CON 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	

## Gorilla® R3CON Instruments

The Casper Compression/Distractor 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.



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## INDICATIONS FOR USE: BABY GORILLA®/GORILLA® PLATING SYSTEM

The bone plates and bone screws of the Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System are indicated for use in stabilization and fixation of fractures or osteotomies; intra and extra articular fractures, joint depression, and multi-fragmentary fractures; revision procedures, joint fusion and reconstruction of small bones of the toes, feet and ankles including the distal tibia, distal fibula, talus, and calcaneus. The system can be used in both adult and pediatric patients.

In addition, the non-locking, titanium alloy (Ti6Al4V ELI) screws and washers are indicated for use in bone reconstruction, osteotomy, arthrodesis, joint fusion, fracture repair and fracture fixation of the foot and ankle, including the tibia, fibula, tarsus, metatarsals, and phalanges, appropriate for the size of the device.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

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

All applications that are not defined by the indications are contraindicated. In addition, surgical success can be adversely affected by:

- 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

## POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS AND ADVERSE REACTIONS

In any surgical procedure, the potential for complications and adverse reactions exist. The risks and complications with these implants include:

- Loosening, deformation or fracture of the implant
- Acute post-operative wound infections and late infections with possible sepsis
- Migration, subluxation of the implant with resulting reduction in range of movement
- Fractures resulting from unilateral joint loading
- Thrombosis and embolism
- Wound hematoma and delayed wound healing
- Temporary and protracted functional neurological perturbation
- Tissue reactions as the result of allergy or foreign body reaction to dislodged particles
- Corrosion with localized tissue reaction and pain
- Pain, a feeling of malaise or abnormal sensations due to the implant used
- Bone loss due to stress shielding

All possible complications listed here are not typical of Paragon 28®, Inc. products but are in principle observed with any implant. Promptly inform Paragon 28®, Inc. as soon as complications occur in connection with the implants or surgical instruments used. In the event of premature failure of an implant in which a causal relationship with its geometry, surface quality or mechanical stability is suspected, please provide Paragon 28®, Inc. with the explant(s) in a cleaned, disinfected and sterile condition. Paragon 28®, Inc. cannot accept any other returns of used implants. The surgeon is held liable for complications associated with inadequate asepsis, inadequate preparation of the osseous implant bed in the case of implants, incorrect indication or surgical technique or incorrect patient information and consequent incorrect patient behavior.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Re-operation to remove or replace implants may be required at any time due to medical reasons or device failure. If corrective action is not taken, complications may occur.
- Use of an undersized plate or screw in areas of high functional stresses may lead to implant fracture and failure.
- Plates and screws, wires, or other appliances of dissimilar metals should not be used together in or near the implant site.
- The implants and guide wires are intended for single use only.
- Instruments, guide wires and screws are to be treated as sharps.
- Patient risk as a result of the Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System in the MR environment has been minimized.
- **Do not use other manufacturer's instruments or implants in conjunction with the Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System.**
- **Do not implant the instruments.**

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## MRI SAFETY INFORMATION



A person with the Paragon 28® Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System may be safely scanned under the following conditions. Failure to follow these conditions may result in injury.

Name/Identification of Device	Paragon 28® Baby Gorilla®/Gorilla® Plating System
Nominal value(s) of Static Magnetic Field [T]	1.5 T or 3 T
Maximum Spatial Field Gradient [T/m and gauss/cm]	30 T/m (3000 gauss/cm)
RF Excitation	Circularly Polarized (CP)
RF Transmit Coil Type	Whole body transmit coil, Head RF transmit-receive coil
Operating Mode	Normal Operating Mode
Maximum Whole Body SAW [W/kg]	2.0 W/kg (Normal Operating Mode)
Limits on Scan Duration	2.0 W/kg whole body average SAR for 60 minutes of continuous RF (a sequence or back to back series/scan without breaks)
MR Image Artifact	The presence of this implant may produce an image artifact.



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The Monster® Screw System is indicated for use in bone reconstruction, osteotomy, arthrodesis, joint fusion, ligament fixation, fracture repair and fracture fixation of the foot and ankle, including the tibia, fibula, tarsus, metatarsals, and phalanges and the joints and ligaments coupling said bones, appropriate for the size of the device.

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RF Excitation	Circularly Polarized (CP)
RF Transmit Coil Type	Whole body transmit coil, Head RF transmit-receive coil
Maximum Whole Body SAW [W/kg]	2.0 W/kg (Normal Operating Mode)
Limits on Scan Duration	All anatomic regions can be safely scanned under the following conditions: 2.0 W/kg whole body average SAR for 5 minutes of continuous RF (a sequence or back to back series/scan without breaks) with a 20 minute cooling period between scans for an hour long scanning session
	Scanning of the knees and all anatomy superior to the knees can be safely scanned under the following conditions: 2.0 W/kg whole body average SAR for 60 minutes of continuous RF (a sequence or back to back series/scan without breaks)
MR Image Artifact	The presence of this implant may produce an image artifact of 20mm
If information about a specific parameter is not included, there are no conditions associated with that parameter.	











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