

TORNIER INSTRUMENTS FOR USE: INSTRUMENTS MaxLock Extreme™ System and Mini MaxLock Extreme™ System MaxTorque™ System and Mini MaxTorque™ System

IMPORTANT: The manufacturer recommends that all personnel responsible for handling and implanting the devices read and understand this information before use. The use of instruments requires knowledge of anatomy, biomechanics and reconstructive surgery of the musculo-skeletal system and may be performed only by a qualified surgeon. The surgeon must operate in accordance with the information on the state of progress and the use of surgery. The patient must be informed of the use of the device and the information contained in the present instructions for use. The user must ensure the adequate condition and function of surgical instrumentation before use.

When the hospital does not own a surgical instrument, it accepts involving and delivers patient in the following cases:
- when the instrument must be destroyed according to sanitary rules
- when the instrumentation has been damaged due to non-respect of Tornier instructions mentioned herein.

1-INSTRUMENTATION

The surgical instrumentation consists of ancillary instruments, packaging trays and a lid. The instrumentation type is inscribed on the packaging tray, or if the instrument is delivered individually, on the packaging. The exact designation of each instrument is given on the instrumentation list supplied, or, if the instrument is delivered individually, on the packaging label.
The use of the instrumentation has been specially designed to facilitate the implantation of Tornier implants and must be used solely for this purpose. It is important to refer to the technical documentation prior to the operation, or contact your Tornier representative for a more detailed description of how to use the instrumentation.
Before using the equipment, the user must ensure that it is in good condition and operational.
Under no circumstances should an instrument be implanted.
The surgical instrumentation is used for surgery for the implantation of orthopedic implants.

Do not modify the instruments.

II. Preparation of instruments: Pre-disinfection, cleaning and sterilization
The hospital is responsible for the pre-disinfection, cleaning and sterilization of the instrumentation prior to use, in accordance with validated methods. The following recommendations do not substitute for the sanitary rules in force: standards, guides, government notices, ministerial letters, etc.
Pre-disinfection and cleaning are imperative before sterilization.
Before any operation, it is necessary to remove wedging foam in the metal containers as well as plastic bags if the instrument is individually packaged.
Instruments made up of removable components must be dismantled before pre-disinfection and cleaning, in accordance with instructions provided in the inventory list. Articulated instruments must be opened in order to allow the cleaning of all interstices. The instructions hereafter must be followed in order to maintain optimal efficiency and safety of instruments.
The use of metal brushes, emery and articles likely to damage the instruments must be avoided.
Chemicals such as chlorine or soda as well as organic or ammoniated acids or solvents (e.g. acetone) which are likely to damage the instruments must not be used for metal containers.
Phosphoric acid should not be used for the neutralization of alkaline residues after the cycle of automated machine cleaning on instrumentation packaging trays and on instruments made up of polymer pieces (non-polymer handle).
Note: Orthopedic procedures are not considered at risk in relation to NCTA (Non-Conventional Transmissible Agents). A patient with suspected or confirmed TSE (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) must be treated as if he/she is not at risk. Instruments that have been used on a patient with suspected or confirmed TSE (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) before the invasive procedure.

1.Pre-disinfection:
The pre-disinfection aims at reducing the micro-organisms population and to make the subsequent cleaning easier. It is also intended to protect staff while handling instruments and avoid contamination of the environment. All reusable devices are carefully rinsed in order to avoid any problem of interference between the decontaminating pre-disinfecting and cleaning solutions. It is necessary to refer to the instructions provided by the manufacturer of these products.
CAUTION: Packaging trays must not be in contact with decontaminating solutions for a long time. Clean dirty areas and rinse thoroughly.

Implants and instruments used for initial fixation should not be pre-disinfected.

2.Cleaning:
The instrument is then thoroughly cleaned out of the container (the efficiency of parts cleaned inside their loading container is not ensured), after disassembly if necessary. A cleaning process done out of qualification ranges can lead to sterility or toxicity issue. Cleaning eliminates contamination of the material. It must be performed in a washer-disinfector with a neutral or slightly alkaline detergent used at a maximum of 60°C. The detergent shall be selected for medical applications and present no known residual toxicity for the patient. The use of a mechanical action through manual of ultra-sonic means is recommended.

In the case the process cannot be done automatically, a manual process of cleaning must be used by reproducing the conditions described in the cleaning recommendations. The cleaning cycle must include a final rinse with a controlled water. Time, water flow and rinsing volumes must be sufficient to produce a low level of cleaning agent residues left on the product surface. Instruments should be carefully dried up to room temperature. A thermal decontamination at 93°C is recommended. The correct operation of each instrument must be inspected thereafter for the specific product documentation.

The cleaning conditions validated by Tornier can be found in this document.
In the case of patients with suspected or confirmed TSE, the cleaning procedure for the washer-disinfector must be done after a decontamination process conform to the instruction DGS/R13/2011/449 and 29CFR1910.1030.

The use of lubricants to optimize the use of the instruments is authorized. The products used shall be selected specifically for a medical use.

3. STERILIZATION: Instruments, packaging trays and baskets are adapted for steam sterilization at a temperature not exceeding 140°C. Sterilization is mandatory for Tornier instruments, disinfection is not sufficient. The use of plastic containers wrapped per the ANSI AAMI ST 79 Fig. 6. The instruments function shall be controlled before the sterilization.

Instruments must be sterilized in the usual way, but some instruments, which are made of disassemblable components, must be taken apart before cleaning and pre-disinfection if instructions for assembly and disassembly are supplied with the inventory list. After sterilization, the wrapped trays shall be handled with care to the point of use to prevent disruption of the sterile barrier. The sterilization conditions validated by Tornier can be found in this document.

STERILIZATION PARAMETERS RECOMMENDED IN FRANCE 1,2,3,4,7

Instruments may be sterilized in the container.
In order to avoid residual water in the container after sterilization we advise that a folded paper or non woven sheet is placed on the back of the container before sterilization, to improve vaporization during final drying.
Torner recommends to sterilize through this method: (tab.3)

STERILIZATION PARAMETERS RECOMMENDED IN THE USA 5,7
The sterilization may be performed using the following method.
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The heaviest containers must be placed at the bottom of the autoclave.
In order to avoid residual water in containers after sterilization we advise that a folded paper or non woven sheet is placed on the back of the container before sterilization, to improve vaporization during final drying.
Torner recommends to sterilize through this method: (tab.6)

After use:
Instruments may be sterilized in the container.
In order to avoid residual water in the container after sterilization we advise that a folded paper or non woven sheet is placed on the back of the container before sterilization, to improve vaporization during final drying.
Torner recommends to sterilize through this method: (tab.6)

Storage and handling of instruments:
Instruments must be handled and stored with care. The instruments must be stored in an appropriate, dry and clean location. Instruments must not be exposed to direct sunlight, ionising radiation, extreme temperatures nor particulate contamination. Instruments must not be stored in contact with or near products which may be corrosive.
Laboratory cleaning, disinfection and labelling instruments should be done to facilitate tracing within the health institution is prohibited. Any instrument or packaging tray that is damaged in this way may be changed.

NOTES
1- French note DGS/R13/2011/449 of December 31, 2011 updating recommendations to reduce the risk of transmitting non-conventional transmissible agents during invasive procedures and French Circular DGS/DSDC/DHOS/2005/435 of 23 September 2005 regarding recommendations for treatment of medical devices having received labile blood products and infectious sufficing to the transmission of prion diseases (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)).
2- Good Pharmaceutical Practice – 22 June 2001 French regulation.
3- IFS 98-131: April 2005 – Guide for the sterilization of medical devices – Treatments applied to reusable medical devices.
4- IFS 98-131: April 2005 – Sterilization of medical devices – Information to be provided by the manufacturer for the processor of reusable medical devices.
5- Recommended practices for sterilization in perioperative practice settings – In Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guidelines (Denver: AORN, Inc 2007) 673 – 677.
6- Recommended practices for sterilization in perioperative practice settings – In Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guidelines (Denver: AORN, Inc 2007) 673 – 677.
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AMBI TR30: A compendium of processes, materials, test methods, and acceptance criteria for cleaning reusable devices.
6- "Health Technical Memorandum 2010 – Part 2: design considerations – Sterilization – London: HMS – NHS Estates
7- NF EN ISO 17665-1: Sterilization of products made of plastic – Chaleur humide – Partie 1: Exigences pour le développement, la validation et le contrôle d'un procédé de stérilisation des dispositifs médicaux.

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