

The Perfect Fusion of Science and Anatomy

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Precontoured plates that follow the shape of the bone

One of the most difficult challenges in the treatment of periarticular fractures is bending the plate to fit the specific profile of the bone. Zimmer's advanced periarticular plates were developed using digital laser bone-scanning technology. The data was used to guide advanced fabricating technologies in the precise manufacture of precontoured implants. The Periarticular Locking Plates closely follow the shape of the bone to create a fit that requires little or no additional bending.

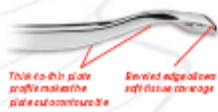


Advanced fabricating techniques are guided by data from a digital laser scanner that helps to determine optimal implant contours.



Low-profile fixation accommodates both patient and surgeon

Zimmer's periarthral plate designs decrease in thickness toward the joint line to reduce the potential for soft-tissue irritation and to simplify any additional contouring. The reduced thickness also allows the implant to "autocontour" as the screws draw the plate toward the bone. The tapered plate shaft design, combined with specialized instrumentation, provides for submuscular passage of the plate and fixation that utilizes a minimally invasive technique.

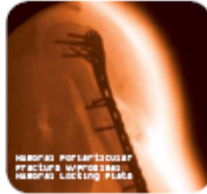


Thin-to-thick plate profile maintains plate autocontouring



Zimmer Periarthral Locking Plate System components:

- Distal and Proximal Plate
- 2.0mm and 3.0mm Proximal/Lateral Tibial Plates
- Distal Medial and Distal Lateral Tibial Plates
- Proximal Humeral Plate
- Distal Femoral Plates:
 - Volar/Lateral Column
 - Volar/Medial Column
 - Dorsal/T
 - Dorsal/Delta
 - Medial Spine/



The latest advancement in fixation: locking screw technology

Zimmer's locking screw technology gives surgeons the ability to create a fixed-angle construct while using familiar plating techniques.

The locking plate design does not require compression between the plate and bone to accommodate loading. Therefore, screw purchase in the bone can be achieved with a thread profile that is shallower than that of traditional screws. In turn, the shallow thread profile allows for screws with a large core diameter to accommodate loading with improved bending and shear strength.



Periarthral Self Tapping Cortical Bone Screw

Conventional Screw



Periarthral 3.0mm Locking Screw

Meeting clinical needs with a wide range of options

The Periarthral Locking Plate System was designed with the input of experienced surgeons to ensure that the components meet current clinical needs and anticipate clinical needs of the future. The plates are available in a variety of lengths, both left and right.