

# **Medacta Shoulder** SYSTEM

REVERSE SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY  
SHORT STEM



Surgical Technique

### INTRODUCTION

This surgical technique describes how to perform a reverse total shoulder arthroplasty implanting a short stem and a pegged glenoid baseplate

### CAUTION

Federal law (USA) restricts this device to sale distribution and use by or on the order of physician.

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## 1 INDICATIONS OF USE

### Reverse Shoulder Prosthesis

The Reverse Shoulder Prosthesis is indicated for treatment of humeral fractures and for primary or revision total shoulder replacement in patients with a grossly rotator cuff deficient shoulder joint with severe arthropathy or a previously failed joint replacement with a grossly rotator cuff deficient shoulder joint.

The patient's joint must be anatomically and structurally suited to receive the selected implant(s), and a functional deltoid muscle is necessary to use the device.

The glenoid baseplate is intended for cementless application with the addition of screws for fixation.

### Short Humeral Diaphysis

The Reverse Shoulder Prosthesis- Short Humeral Diaphysis is indicated for primary total shoulder replacement in patients with a grossly rotator cuff deficient shoulder joint with severe arthropathy.

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The glenoid baseplate is intended for cementless application with the addition of screws for fixation.

## 2 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Total joint replacement is contraindicated in cases of:

- Local or systemic infection or sepsis;
- Insufficient bone quality which may hinder the stability of the implant;
- Muscular, neurological, or vascular deficiencies, which compromise the affected extremity;
- Any concomitant disease and dependence that might affect the implanted prosthesis;
- Materials (metals, etc.) sensitivity or allergy;
- Loss of ligamentous structures that will prevent stabilisation and/or function of the device in vivo;
- Non-functional deltoid muscle.

## 3 PRE-OPERATIVE PLANNING

For planning purposes, standard X-rays are used. The recommended views are:

- antero-posterior view in internal rotation;
- antero-posterior view in external rotation;
- axillary view;
- Morrison or Bernageau view.

A CT-Scan with a three dimensional reconstruction is suggested for fracture cases. Further information on bone deficit and on muscle/capsule quality can be gathered with an MRI, recommended in osteoarthritis and osteonecrosis cases.

A neurological investigation could be helpful, for patient conditions assessment, especially in post-traumatic cases such as special cases of disabled shoulder.

Templates are used in all osteoarthritic and osteonecrosis cases; they can also be used in fracture cases but may not be sufficient for thorough planning, depending on the type of fracture.

The X-ray templates have a 115% scale; different magnifications and digital templates are also available on request.

## 4 SURGICAL APPROACH

The patient is usually placed in a beach chair position. Maintain free space for shoulder extension and adduction. Two surgical approaches are most frequently used for reverse shoulder prosthesis: delto-pectoral approach or deltoid split. Both can be used with the standard instrumentation provided, which has been optimized for delto-pectoral approach. The basic steps of the delto-pectoral approach are described below:

- Incision
  - an incision is made following the line of the delto-pectoral groove
  - a 10-15 cm incision is usual, but should be made in accordance with the surgical need and size of the patient
- Superficial dissection
  - the delto-pectoral fascia is encountered first ; the cephalic vein is surrounded by a layer of fat and is used to identify the interval; the cephalic vein can be mobilised either medially or laterally, depending on patient factors and surgeon preference.
  - fibers of the deltoid are retracted laterally and the pectoralis major is retracted medially
- Deep dissection
  - the short head of the biceps and coracobrachialis arise from the coracoid process and are retracted medially. The musculocutaneous nerve enters the biceps 5-8cm distal to the coracoid process; care must be taken when retracting the conjoint tendon.
  - the fascia on the lateral side of the conjoint tendon is incised to reveal the subscapularis; external rotation stretches the subscapularis fibers. The subscapularis may be released from its insertion on the lesser tuberosity through the tendon.
  - the capsule is then incised (as needed) to enter the joint

Exposure of the humeral head can be achieved through extension, external rotation and adduction.

This operating technique is independent of the chosen approach.

## 5 HUMERAL DIAPHYSIS PREPARATION

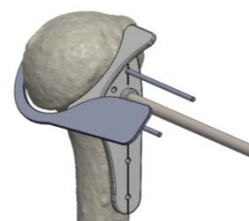
### 5.1 Humeral head resection

Expose the relevant landmarks such as the most medial insertion line of the supraspinatus, the bicipital groove and the estimated original location of the anatomical neck.

Position the EM humeral cutting guide so that the resection is flush with the most medial insertion line of the supraspinatus and the shaft that follows the humeral diaphysis. This will result in an approximate inclination cut of 135°.



Check the cut inclination and retroversion using the Humeral Sickle and the Retroversion Rod. Once the desired position is found, fix the guide with two Ø2mm pins.



Perform the cut using an oscillating saw.

### 5.2 Medullary canal opening

Connect the T-handle to the Medullary Canal Opener and use it to open the humeral canal. Start 8mm posterior to the deepest point of the bicipital groove and close to the medial insertion of the supraspinatus.

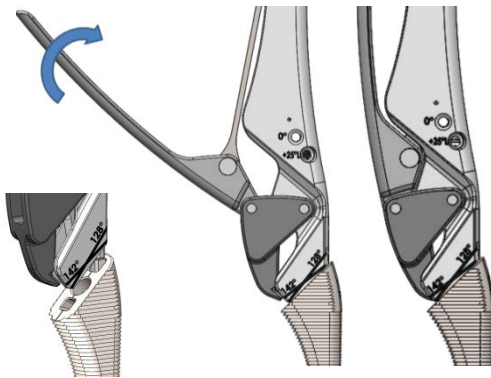


## 5.3 Humeral canal preparation

To avoid undersizing and varus positioning of the stem, remove the proximal metaphyseal cancellous bone using the Metaphyseal Chisel.



Attach the smallest Broach (size 6) to the Humeral Broach Handle: insert the lateral tip of the handle into the dedicated slot of the Broach and close the lever to insert the medial tip and lock the Broach.



Start preparing the canal by lightly hammering on the anvil. Stop hammering when the superior plane of the Broach is aligned with the humeral resection. Continue broaching with incrementally larger sizes.

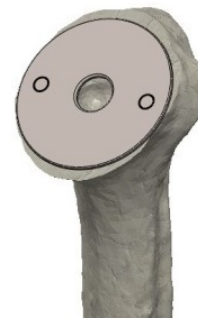
The largest size that fits with its proximal portion fully seated in the canal determines the final stem size.



## 5.4 Cut protection

Remove the Broach.

Place the Cut Protector on the resection plane. Choose the size which offers the best coverage.



# 6 GLENOID PREPARATION AND BASEPLATE IMPLANT

## 6.1 Exposure of the glenoid

Two different options are available to expose the glenoid:

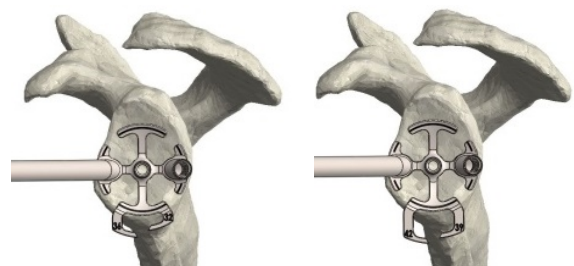
1. External rotation and abduction of the humerus.
2. Alternatively, expose the glenoid trough humeral flexion, internal rotation and slight abduction, aiming at postero-inferior dislocation of the humerus. This implies circumferential capsular resection and release of the coracohumeral ligament.

## 6.2 Definition of glenoid centre, baseplate and glenosphere size

Connect the Glenoid Multi-purpose Handle to the Reverse Glenoid Aiming Device. Position the assembled instrument

on the glenoid vault so that the convex surface is in contact with the bone.

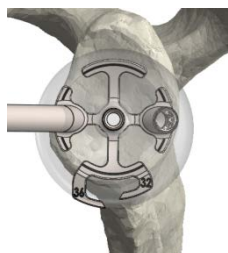
The presence of osteophytes may lead to incorrect positioning. It is highly recommended to remove them prior to positioning the K-wire.



With the aiming device it is possible to evaluate the coverage of the Baseplate and the position of the Glenosphere:

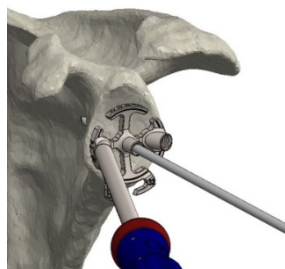


- the black line marked on the circular rim represents the mid-size Baseplate (Ø24.5mm), while the outer and inner borders respectively show the dimension of the Ø27 and Ø22 Baseplates;
- the inferior profile of the available Glenosphere sizes is represented by the lower border of the "inferior legs".



The position of the glenoid centre normally corresponds to the deepest point of the glenoid vault, where the best bone quality is normally found.

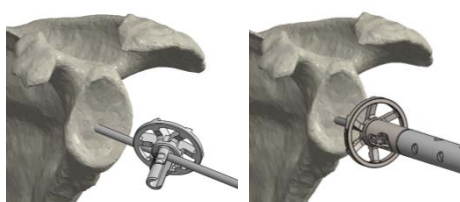
Once the glenoid centre, the baseplate size and the glenosphere size are defined, insert the Ø3mm K-wire through the central hole of the aiming device adjusting the drilling orientation in order to obtain the correct angle as planned.



Remove the reverse aiming device leaving the K-wire in place.

### 6.3 Glenoid baseplate reaming

Select the size of the Glenoid Reamer as previously determined. Slide it on the K-wire and connect it to the Reamer Shaft as shown in the pictures below.



By visually checking the size of the reamer, the final evaluation of the size of the Baseplate to be implanted can be made.

Once the size has been confirmed, use a power tool to ream the glenoid to the desired depth considering that the aim is to normalise the version whilst avoiding excessive thinning of the subchondral bone plate.

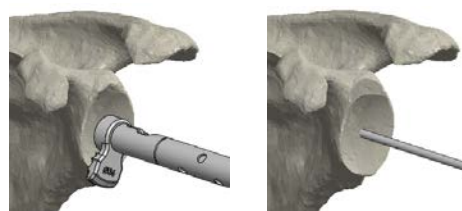


### 6.4 Glenoid glenosphere reaming

If desired, it is possible to temporarily remove the K-wire and place the Trial Glenosphere on the glenoid cavity to confirm the size of the Glenosphere.

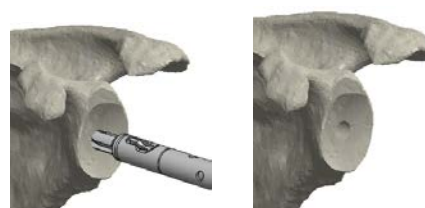
Connect the corresponding size of Reamer for Glenosphere to the Reamer Shaft. Slide the assembled instrument on the k-wire and manually ream the glenoid with the help of a T-handle.

The manual reaming is completed when a flat surface all around the baseplate is obtained and a full mechanical stop is reached.



### 6.5 Central hole drilling

Select the desired length of the Central Peg Reamer for the Baseplate and connect it to the Reamer Shaft. Slide the assembled reamer on the K-wire and ream the central part of the glenoid using a power tool until the mechanical stop is reached. Remove the K-wire.



## 6.6 Glenoid baseplate impaction

Select the size of the Baseplate implant as previously defined.

Connect the Baseplate Impactor Tip of the corresponding size to the Impactor Handle.



Slide the M5 Fixation Rod into the assembled Baseplate impactor.



Secure the Baseplate to the impactor by screwing the rod until fixed.



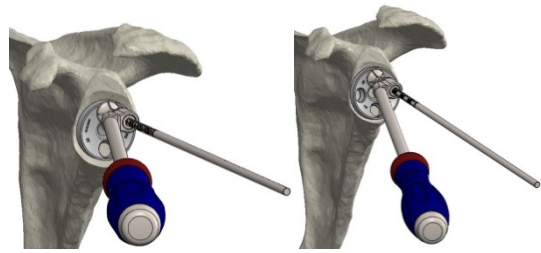
Rotate the Baseplate so that the two screws holes are oriented in the infero-superior direction of the glenoid. The Baseplate Impactor Tip shows the position of the screw holes. Impact the Baseplate to the bone until a full stop is reached.



## 6.7 Screw hole preparation

Connect the Glenoid Multi-purpose Handle to the Drill Guide for Polyaxial Screws.

Insert the Drill Guide for Polyaxial Screws into one of the spherical seats of the Baseplate. The Drill guide is correctly inserted when a snap is felt. Orient the drill guide in the desired direction. Insert the Drill Bit for Polyaxial Screws into the guide and drill a hole to the desired depth using the markings as a reference.



It is also possible to use the Depth Gauge to check the depth of the drilled holes.

Repeat the procedure for every screw used. The superior and the inferior screws are considered mandatory whilst the anterior and the posterior screws are optional.

(NOTE: anterior and posterior screw holes are present in the 27mm baseplate only)

## 6.8 Screw placement and locking

Choose the desired screw length.

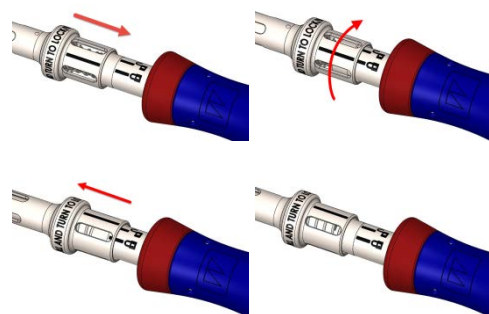
Connect the screw to the Glenoid Polyaxial Screwdriver by sliding the screwdriver sleeve onto the screw head until a snap is felt.



Insert the screw into the bone using the Glenoid polyaxial screwdriver.

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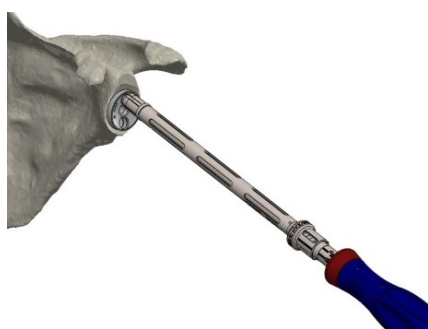
As soon as the screwdriver tip touches the Baseplate, release the sleeve by sliding it back and rotating it clockwise.



Continue to insert the screw until the head fully sits in the baseplate hole.

To lock the screw, insert the 2Nm Torque Limiting Screwdriver into the Glenoid Polyaxial Screwdriver and tighten the inner screw until the Torque Limiter Screwdriver slips. Repeat the procedure for every screw used.

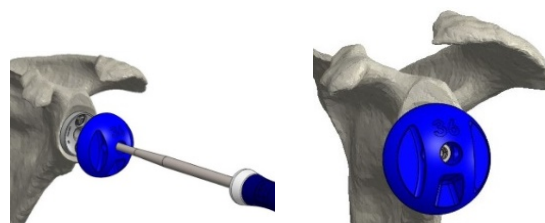




## 6.9 Trial glenosphere insertion

Insert the Trial Glenosphere into the Baseplate and orient it according to the anatomy of the glenoid using forceps.

Select the largest size of the Trial Glenosphere that fits the patient's anatomy. Lock the embedded screw of the Trial Glenosphere to fix its position.

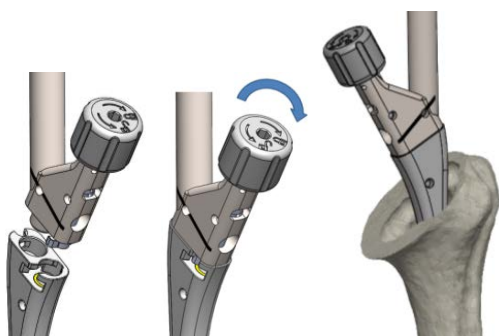


# 7 HUMERAL METAPHYSIS PREPARATION

## 7.1. Trial humeral diaphysis insertion

Remove the Humeral Cut Protector using the Trial Reverse Liner Extractor (if desired).

Take the Trial Humeral Diaphysis of the same size as the last broach used to prepare the canal, connect it to its inserter by rotating the knob clockwise and insert it into the humeral canal until the marked line is flush with the humeral resection.



Unlock and extract the inserter.

## 7.2. Humeral reaming

Connect the Humeral Reaming Guide to the Trial Humeral Diaphysis.

Assemble the Reamer for Reverse Metaphysis to the Reamer Shaft. Slide it over the Reaming Guide and ream the humerus using a power tool until the mechanical stop is reached.



## 7.3. Trial Humeral Reverse Metaphysis insertion

Connect the Trial Humeral Reverse Metaphysis to the Trial Humeral Diaphysis and fix it with the embedded screw.



## CAUTION

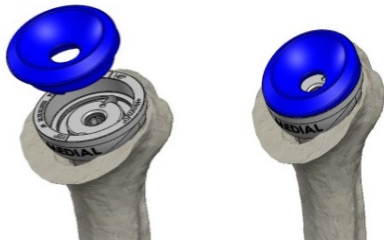
The Trial Humeral Reverse Metaphysis is correctly oriented when the "Medial" mark is in the direction of the calcar region and the indexing pin is lateral.

## 7.4. Trial Humeral Reverse Liner insertion

Insert the Trial Humeral Reverse Liner of the same size of the selected Trial Glenosphere (cf. 6.9) into the Trial Humeral Reverse Metaphysis.

Align the marking on the outer surface of the trial reverse liner with the medial line on the trial reverse metaphysis to obtain an inclination of 155°. Insert the Trial Humeral

Reverse Liner in the opposite orientation (180° rotated) to get an inclination of 145°.



Reduce the joint and test the kinematics, especially stability and mobility.

Make sure that there is no early glenohumeral impingement, "hinging-open" in adduction, extension, internal and external rotation.

Should the shoulder be unstable throughout the whole range of motion, height correction components can be selected. The following table shows the possible height options of both the Reverse Metaphysis and Reverse Liner:

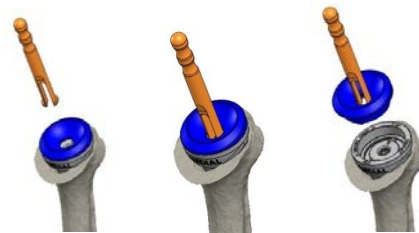
Available Height Options [mm]		Reverse Liner		
		+0	+3	+6
Reverse Metaphysis	+0	+0	+3	+6
	+9	+9	+12	+15

If any retroversion correction is needed, +20°Right/-20°Left and +20°Left/-20°Right options can be used, for both +0mm and +9mm height options.

### 7.5. Record values and remove trials

Record the height and inclination of the trial reverse liner. Record the height and retroversion of the Trial Reverse Metaphysis.

Snap the Trial Reverse Liner Extractor into the Trial Reverse Liner and pull the instrument to remove the trial.



Tighten the M8 Fixation Screw on the Trial Reverse Metaphysis and pull it to remove the trial reverse assembly.



Record the size and the orientation of the Trial glenosphere. Remove the Trial glenosphere from the Baseplate.

## 8 GLENOSPHERE IMPLANT

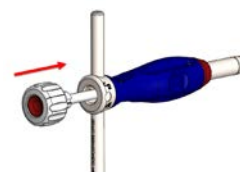
### 8.1 Glenosphere insertion and impaction

Connect the Glenosphere Guide to the retentive tip of the HEX 3.5 screwdriver.

Tighten the Glenosphere Guide onto the Baseplate.

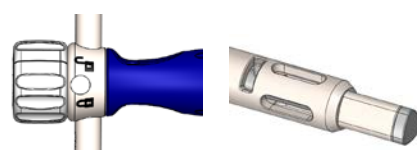


Insert the Glenosphere Impactor Rod into the Glenosphere Impactor.



#### CAUTION

Make sure that the assembled instrument is in the unlocked configuration, allowing for the insertion into the Glenosphere.



The Glenosphere eccentricity is shown by the line marked on its back surface. Keeping the eccentricity downwards, slide the Glenosphere over the tip of the Glenosphere impactor, which must be oriented according to the markings.



Lock them together by rotating the knob on the back of the instrument. Check that the glenosphere is securely attached to the impactor.



Position the glenosphere on the baseplate letting the previously inserted Glenosphere Guide align the two

components. Rotate the Glenosphere until the eccentricity is in the desired direction. Gently impact the Glenosphere.



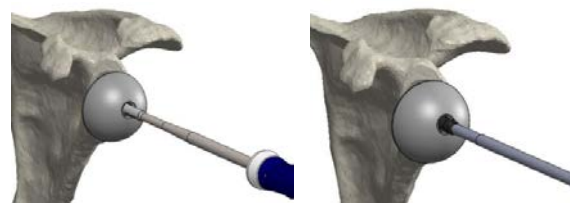
## 8.2 Glenosphere fixation

### WARNING

Remove the Glenosphere Guide from the baseplate.

### WARNING

Connect the Glenosphere screw to the retentive tip of the torque limiting screwdriver T15 3Nm. Slide it into the Glenosphere and tighten it until the screwdriver slips.

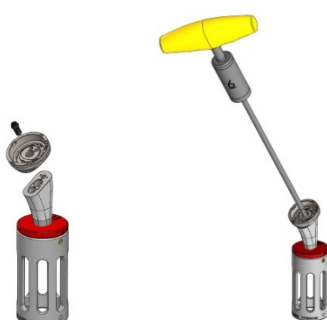


## 9 HUMERAL IMPLANT

### 9.1 Reverse Stem back table assembly

Assemble the Backtable stem adapter of the selected Humeral Diaphysis size with the Backtable Assembly Block, then insert the Humeral Diaphysis into the hole. Position the Reverse Metaphysis of the selected height and retroversion on the Humeral Diaphysis.

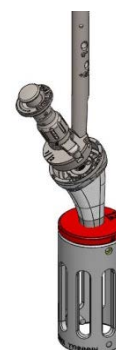
Insert the Reverse Metaphysis Screw and tighten it with the Torque limiting screwdriver T20 6Nm.



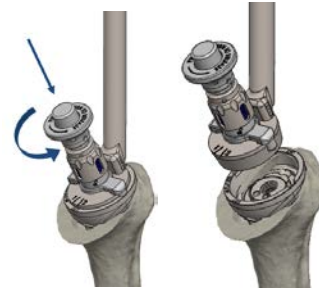
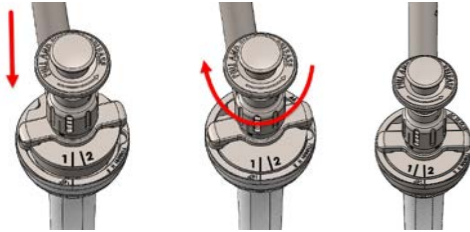
### 9.2 Reverse Stem insertion and impaction

Connect the Reverse Stem Inserter to the assembled reverse stem according to the following procedure.

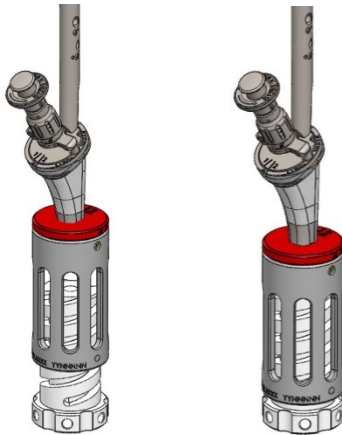
Slide the Reverse Stem Inserter into the Reverse Metaphysis aligning the "1" line of the instrument with the medial line of the implant.



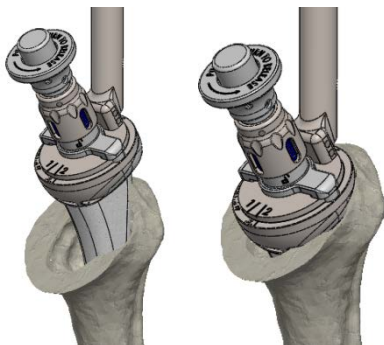
Push the handle down towards the implant and, holding it down, rotate the instrument clockwise aligning the "2" line to the medial line of the implant. The instrument is correctly connected when a snap is felt.



In case it is difficult to remove the stem from its slot, insert the Backtable Assembly Block in the Backtable Stem Removal Device and screw both components. This will push the stem up and release it from the block.



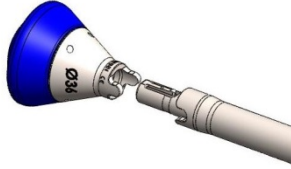
For the humeral diaphysis implantation, gently tap on the instrument handle to fix the position of the selected cementless humeral diaphysis into the humerus.



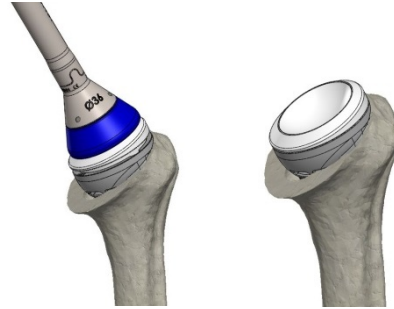
Remove the instrument by pushing the central knob whilst pulling the cap back and rotating it counter clockwise (from position 2 to position 1).

### 9.3 Reverse Liner impaction


Connect the Reverse Liner Impactor Tip to the Impactor Handle.





Position the Reverse Liner as defined in the trialling phase and impact it with the reverse liner impactor.



## 10 IMPLANTS NOMENCLATURE




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04.01.0110	Humeral reverse metaphysis +0mm/0°	
04.01.0111	Humeral reverse metaphysis +9mm/0°	
04.01.0112	Humeral reverse metaphysis +0mm/+20°L	
04.01.0113	Humeral reverse metaphysis +9mm/+20°L	
04.01.0114	Humeral reverse metaphysis +0mm/+20°R	
04.01.0115	Humeral reverse metaphysis +9mm/+20°R	


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(\*) NOTE: UHMWPE implants should be stored for at least three hours at 20° C (+/- 3°C) before the operation



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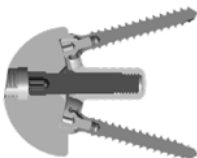
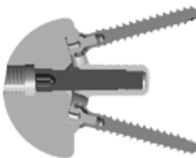

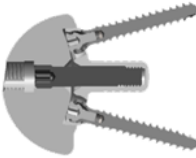

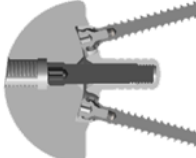
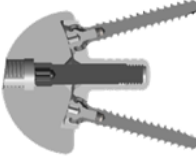
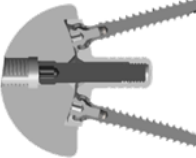

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04.01.0166	Glenoid polyaxial locking screw - L50	

Ref. No.	Description	Picture
04.01.0167	Glenosphere 32xØ22	
04.01.0168	Glenosphere 36xØ22	
04.01.0178	Glenosphere 32xØ24.5	
04.01.0169	Glenosphere 36xØ24.5	
04.01.0170	Glenosphere 39xØ24.5	
04.01.0171	Glenosphere 42xØ24.5	
04.01.0172	Glenosphere 36xØ27	
04.01.0173	Glenosphere 39xØ27	
04.01.0174	Glenosphere 42xØ27	

Ref. No.	Description	Picture
04.01.0176	Reverse metaphysis screw	
04.01.0177	Glenosphere screw	

## 11 COMPATIBILITY TABLE BASEPLATES - GLENOSPHERES

The table below illustrates the possible combinations between the glenoid baseplates and the glenosphere, please follow this table to build your implant construct:

	Ø 32	Ø 36	Ø 39	Ø 42
Baseplate Ø22			×	×
Baseplate Ø24.5				
Baseplate Ø27	×			

## 12 INSTRUMENTS COLOUR CODING INSTRUCTIONS

Colour Coding for Instruments\*:

- Humeral Instruments: all the dedicated humeral instruments have a **yellow** tag
- Glenoid Instruments: all the dedicated glenoid instruments have a **red** tag
- General Instruments: all the multipurpose instruments have a **white** tag

\*= except for torque limiting screwdrivers

## NOTE FOR STERILISATION

The instrumentation is not sterile upon delivery. It must be cleaned before use and sterilised in an autoclave respecting the US regulation, directives where applicable and following the manufacturer instructions for use of the autoclave.

For detailed instructions please refer to the document "Recommendations for cleaning decontamination and sterilization of Medacta® International orthopaedic devices" available at [www.medacta.com](http://www.medacta.com).



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