



Ball and Socket Attachment with friction-retentive grip

SIC Ball Anchorage

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The retentive ball anchor

The ball as a perfect geometric shape became established in restorative dentistry 40 years ago in the form of the retentive ball anchor. Its impressive function, easy handling and reasonable price ensure an efficient technique for dentists and dental technicians. The patients, mainly older, are extremely satisfied with the problem-free stabilisation of the restoration.

The system

The new ball and socket system has a few marked improvements compared with existing anchors. The retention mechanism is based on the newly designed friction-retentive grip with a defined withdrawal force.

As this mechanism is achieved using a thermoplastic resin, there is no wear of the ball matrix. Activation and deactivation with springs or lamellae are no longer required with this system. If the inner matrix has to be replaced at a recall, it can be exchanged within a few seconds by a completely new matrix using a specially designed torque key. There are three colour-coded inner matrices available with standardised withdrawal values.

Experience has shown that extremely strong forces are produced using two anchors without extensive support. In this case metal matrices are better indicated than plastic units. Precious metal inner matrices are available for this situation. These can be activated or deactivated using a small instrument.

With existing dentures in which the retentive force of the plastic inner matrix seems too low, the inner matrix can be easily replaced by a precious metal inner matrix, **without** having to exchange the retention cap! This is the advantage of the system.

Withdrawal values (average standard value):

Yellow	=	600 g
Green	=	800 g
Red	=	1200 g
Gold	=	800 g

The easy and quick replacement of the inner matrix helps to save valuable time. The dentist can rely on reproducible withdrawal values without any manual manipulation.



approx. 600 g withdrawal force (light)



approx. 800 g withdrawal force (standard)



approx. 1200 g withdrawal force (strong)

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Initial situation with two anchors

The following steps for fabricating a denture using ball anchorage (patrices) will be explained using a case with two anchors in the regions of tooth 33 and tooth 44. The ball anchors (patrices) are screw-retained on a laboratory analogue.



Using the assembly matrix

The assembly inner matrix (2) is inserted into the retention cap (3) using the torque key (1) and fitted onto the patrix. Assembly inner matrices with blue inserts should **not** be used as final inner matrices in the denture. They are intended only for use in the dental laboratory.



Fitting the matrices

The two matrices are fitted to the same path of insertion as the denture using the paralleling aid in the parallelometer. The undercut is blocked out using wax.



Blocking out

The two assembly matrices are blocked out using wax.



Assembly of the spacer

A cast CrCo strengthener is recommended for reasons of stabilisation. If this version is used, spacers should be fitted on the patrices using the corresponding paralleling aid.



Covering the alveolar ridge

The entire alveolar ridge base is covered with a 0.5 mm thick layer of wax.

Note: This working stage is omitted in the case of dentures without CrCo strengthener.

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Waxing up, CrCo strengthener
Waxed up CrCo strengthener.



Finished CrCo strengthener
Occlusal view of the cast CrCo strengthener.
Caution: The retention caps should not be connected to the CrCo strengthener (laser welded or soldered) but should only be cemented or adhesive retained using attachment adhesive or fixed in position using self-curing acrylic.



Setting up the teeth, flasking and polymerising
Labial view of the finished set-up.
The denture is then flasked and polymerised.



Inserting the inner matrix
After the denture has been finished and polished, the assembly matrix should be unscrewed and replaced by the required, final inner matrix.



Recall - replacing inner matrices
The inner matrices should be replaced at each recall appointment.
The inner matrices can be unscrewed using three turns of the torque key as required and replaced by new matrices.

SIC Ball anchor with replaceable inner matrices

Indication



Partial and hybrid dentures
Implants with a \varnothing 2.25 mm
ball attachment

Contra-indication

Unilateral free-end denture
without transverse
connector

Patrices

Two different patrices
2 mm and 4 mm gingival height

Inner matrices



Four inner matrices with different withdrawal forces.
Inner matrix yellow: low force approx. 600 g
Inner matrix green: standard force approx. 800 g
Inner matrix red: strong force approx. 1200 g
Inner matrix gold approx. 800 g (not illustrated)

Retention cap



Torque Ratchet



Key for matrices with a preset torque of
4 Ncm = approx. 400 g

Materials

Titanium Grade 5

Composition:

Titanium alloy







Melting range:

Ti -90.0%, Al 5.5–6.5%, V 3.5–4.5%






















Hardness, tempered:

1604–1660 °C, 350–385 HV5

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SIC Accessories for Ball and Socket Attachments

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 936001 Inner Assembly Matrix, blue (for model) Material Titanium Grade 5 Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments		 936013 Spacer for Retention Cap, universal Material POM Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments	
 936002 Inner Matrix, gold, suitable for activation Retention force [kg] 0.8 Material AuPt Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments		 936015 Paralleling Tool Material stainless steel for surgical devices Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments	
 936005 Inner Matrix, yellow, light Retention force [kg] 0.6 Material Titanium Grade 5 Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments		 936610 Lab Implant for Ball and Socket Attachments Material stainless steel for surgical devices Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments	
 936004 Inner Matrix, green, standard Retention force [kg] 0.8 Material Titanium Grade 5 Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments		 936010 Polymerisation Aid (PCV ring), 10 pcs. Material PVC Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments	
 936003 Inner Matrix, red, strong Retention force [kg] 1.2 Material Titanium Grade 5 Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments		 936014 Block-Out Aid (distance plate), 2 pcs. Material Zn Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments	
 937040 Activator/Deactivator for Inner Matrix "gold" Material stainless steel for surgical devices Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments			
 936006 Torque Ratchet, 4 Ncm, Matrix Material stainless steel for surgical devices Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments			
 936008 Retention Cap, universal Material Titanium Grade 5 Compatible with SIC Ball and Socket Attachments			



SICace Ø 3,4 mm
SICmax Ø 3,7 mm



SICace Ø 4,0 mm
SICmax Ø 4,2 mm



SICace Ø 4,5 mm
SICmax Ø 4,7 mm



SICace Ø 5,0 mm
SICmax Ø 5,2 mm

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