Smallest dimensional attachment system designed to be compatible with all implants

Rhein’83 OT Equator has a reduced vertical profile of 2.1 mm and diameter of 4.4 mm

Rhein’83, a global producer of precision attachments on removable prosthesis, describes its OT Equator as the smallest dimensional attachment system on the market. It has a reduced vertical profile of 2.1 mm and diameter of 4.4 mm (metal housing included). It is compatible with any implant brand.

Because of its shape, Equator provides superior stability when compared with traditional attachments, according to the company. It corrects divergence of up to 25 degrees, the company reports. Functionality is guaranteed by coupling of attachment and cap.

Caps are available in four colors, based on levels of retention — from a minimum of 0.6 kg to a maximum of 2.7 kg. Caps should always be used with metal housing.

To learn more about OT Equator, you can contact the company by email at info@rhein83usa.it or by telephone at (877) 778-8383. You can visit the company online at www.rhein83usa.com to learn more about all of its products and services, including the OT Equator.

(Source: Rhein’83)

Double your benefits with better mixing

Many dental products are used only once, including mixing tips used to prepare cements, impression materials and temporary crown-and-bridge (C&B) material. Following application, the mixer and any material left inside is discarded. To help dentists work more efficiently and sustainably, Switzerland’s Sulzer Mixpac has enhanced its tried-and-tested mixers: The new T-MIXER™ is significantly shorter, so material can be mixed even more quickly.

For example, the new blue model saves about 0.4 ml of material per C&B application compared with its predecessor. If a dentist performs an average of four C&B sessions per day, this adds up to 360 ml of savings every year, which is equivalent to seven 50 ml C&B cartridges. Assuming average costs of $100 per temporary C&B material cartridge, the new T-MIXER helps cut annual material costs by approximately $700. And the mixing result is even better.

A T-MIXER’s endorsement by The Dental Advisor affirms its clinical evaluation. This product enables dentists to not only improve the health and well-being of their patients, but also make their business more efficient, according to the company.

Learn more about Sulzer’s T-MIXER product family from your specialty retailers and by viewing a short film at bit.ly/T-Mixer.

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(Source: Sulzer Mixpac)
Digital radiography in the dental practice has significantly saved time and provided the dental professional with more accurate diagnoses due to superior image quality over argentie film. One of the digital radiography options, phosphorus plate devices, gives the dental practice the ability to go digital in a way that is similar to film, but without the need for harmful chemicals or development time.

To use a phosphor plate scanner, the dental professional shoots an individual or series of X-rays and then leaves the room to run the digital plates through the scanner, placing the images into the electronic patient profile. This does save significant time over film; however, there can still be drawbacks. It can still be time consuming, images are sometimes placed in incorrect patient files and time is spent away from the patient. What has been missing is a true chairside solution for phosphorus plate systems.

For this reason, ACTEON has developed the first personal scanner, the PSPIX. The PSPIX is a phosphor plate system that is three times smaller than any other scanner on the market and is ideal to place in every operatory. The dental practitioner can shoot an X-ray and run the plate through the scanner in front of the patient, generating an image in under nine seconds. Immediate images lead to a quick diagnosis and the ability to educate the patient with a high-quality image. Workflow is improved, as is patient satisfaction and the practice’s revenue.

The PSPIX’s exclusive features provide each clinician with an efficient, affordable, compact and intuitive imaging solution. The efficiency of the device is evident in the automated process when inserting the film. The PSPIX automatically accesses the plate, detects the size, scans, optimizes the image and ejects the erased plate in a matter of seconds. Also, because of the large touchscreen controls, it takes very little time to teach the office staff how to operate the device.

With phosphor plate systems, it is obvious that a high-quality imaging plate (IP) is necessary to provide an excellent image. ACTEON provides imaging plates in a variety of sizes from a size 0 for pediatric offices all the way to a size 4 for occlusal X-rays. The imaging plates are very flexible and are positioned like film, making them more comfortable for the patient. They are perfect for those who are unable to tolerate larger and more rigid digital sensors — such as patients with strong gag reflexes or smaller mouths. These plates, regardless of size, provide sharp and accurate images for a reliable diagnosis.

Like all of us in dentistry and medicine, ACTEON is concerned about infection control. For this reason, the PSPIX has removable parts that comply with the latest disinfection standards. The areas of the PSPIX that are most likely to come in contact with contaminated hygiene bags and plates can be removed and placed in a thermal-washer disinfector, which drastically reduces the risk of infection. The office also has the option to purchase autoclavable parts if it feels the disinfector is not enough.

To truly be easy to use, the scanner must easily integrate into an office’s existing imaging software. The PSPIX will work in most imaging software in both Windows and Mac environments. If the office does not have imaging software, ACTEON will provide that free of charge.

The PSPIX has been a welcome addition to my dental practice. It has been an investment that has paid for itself over and over again by increasing workflow and patient education. I would recommend having this device in every office.

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Health-care businesses are one of the most common sites of employee fraud

Your staff members are essential to the smooth functioning of your practice, and you rely on them to keep things going. But according to a 2014 report by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), health-care businesses are likely to be victims of fraud, with yearly losses averaging $175,000 per practice. The same study also found that small businesses are disproportionately affected — and under protected — from fraud and employee theft.

Three major types of employee theft plague health-care practices, according to the Medical Group Management Association. Here are the top three ways employees steal, along with tips for prevention:

• Removing cash from the daily deposit. If your practice accepts cash for copayments and other charges, an employee could take some of this cash and hope not to be detected. Warning signs that this might be happening generally come in the form of patient complaints when they’re being billed for something they’ve already paid for. You can help prevent this type of theft by blocking staff access to any means that could allow them to delete accounts, appointment records or payments. It may also help if the person accepting the cash payments isn’t the same person who fields patient complaints. Consider using software that records and reconciles payments, as well as video surveillance.

• Paying personal bills from company funds. Giving your employees access to checks and/or credit cards from your practice puts you at risk for internal theft. To help prevent this, you or a third-party firm should regularly examine outgoing funds, including credit card statements, bank statements and check records.

• Falsifying payroll records. The person in charge of your payroll can adjust hours and/or pay rates beyond what you’ve authorized. Per the ACFE, this is generally the longest-lasting form of fraud, which means it has the potential to do great harm to your practice. It also occurs almost twice as often in small businesses as large ones. Your best protection is keeping a close eye on things. Personally review payroll payments regularly — and let your workers know this is part of your practice. The best way to combat fraud and employee theft is to prevent it before it happens.

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(Source: PNC Financial Services Group)
Extract with confidence

Ergonomics meet Scandinavian design and functionality

LM Dental’s extraction instruments uniquely combine ergonomics, Scandinavian design and functionality for atraumatic tooth extraction. They feature comfortable, non-slip ErgoTouch handles and are well-balanced and lightweight, according to the company.

The instrument blades are made with DuraGradeMax supersteel, the same material LM uses for its periodontal cutters and cutting instruments. Blades stay sharp long and are very durable, according to the company.

TwistOut
The company describes the LM-TwistOut elevators (red) as being ideal for tooth extractions in situations where strong force, leverage or torque is needed.

LiftOut
LM-LiftOut luxating instruments (blue) are designed to perform typical extractions gently back and forth. Of the root as the instrument is moved slowly back and forth.

SLimLIFT
LM-SlimLift slim-design luxating instruments (purple) are created for the most atraumatic extractions. The slim profile results in less tissue trauma during the luxation procedure, ensuring faster healing. The company describes the Slim-Lifts as being ideal for implant preparations.

Luxating instruments are supplied in convenient autoclavable casettes that protect both the instrument and the handler during the maintenance cycles.

You can visit booth No. 2003 (LM/Planmeca) in the ADA 2015 exhibit hall to learn more and to feel the comfortable, non-slip ErgoTouch handle technology.

(Source: LM-Dental)

Facts, figures from the companies

The proposed transaction will create the world’s largest manufacturer of professional dental products and technologies with scale and breadth across all major geographies and offerings in each of the major dental categories. Benefits include:

- Increased scale and product breadth:
  The combination will result in a company with net revenue of approximately $3.8 billion and adjusted EBITDA of more than $900 million, excluding the incremental benefit of synergies. The combined company will have the industry’s largest sales and service infrastructure.

- Total solutions provider: With consumables, equipment and technology under one roof, the new company will be able to deliver digital technologies and integrated solutions and workflows to enhance efficiency and patient care for general practitioners and specialists.

- Strong commitment to innovation: The combined company expects an enhanced commitment to innovation in consumables, equipment and technology backed by both companies’ R&D capabilities, DENTSPLY’s materials science expertise and Sirona’s technology platform, the broadened product offering will support continued innovation in the dental market. DENTSPLY SIRONA will have more than 600 scientists and R&D staff.

- Experienced management team: The combined company will be led by the one of most experienced management teams all over the world and advance patient care. With a strong financial profile, comprehensive product offerings and integrated solutions, DENTSPLY SIRONA will be uniquely positioned to deliver attractive returns to our shareholders and make dentistry better, faster and safer around the world. I look forward to working with Jeff and the combined management team to deliver on this mission.

Upon closing of the transaction, Jeffrey T. Slavin, who is currently the president and CEO of Sirona, will be CEO of the combined company and a member of the board of directors. Bret W. Wise, who is currently the chairman and CEO of DENTSPLY, will be executive chairman of the combined company. The executive chairman will work in collaboration with the CEO to execute corporate strategy and integrate the companies and cultures. From DENTSPLY, Christopher T. Clark will be president and chief operating officer, technologies, and James G. Mosch will be president and chief operating officer, dental and healthcare consumables. From Sirona, Ulrich Michel will be executive vice president and chief financial officer. The board will have 11 members, six (including Wise) are current DENTSPLY directors and five (including Slavin) are current Sirona directors.

Additional senior leadership positions will be named at a later date.

The transaction, which is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016, is subject to the receipt of certain regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions and approvals.

(Source: DENTSPLY and Sirona)
NovaPro™ Flow

THE FIRST NANOFIBER
Reinforced Nano-Hybrid Restorative Composite

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The newly released NovaPro™ Flow has superior performance due to the incorporation of calcium phosphate nanofibers in conjunction with nanoparticle technology, according to Nanova Biomaterials. Most flowable composites on the market use nanoparticles to improve only porosity, while maintaining strength. Nano-hybrid technology is best described as having a box of basketballs, tennis balls and golf balls to achieve a higher fill percentage. NovaPro Flow is the first and only composite to add the patented nanofiber technology to the current nano-hybrid composite, significantly improving the mechanical performance, according to the company.

Nanova Biomaterials Inc., established in 2005 and headquarted in Mo., de-veloped and manufactures this revolu-tionary nanofiber technology used in the flowable composite. According to the company, these innovative fibers signifi-cantly improved the currently avail-able composite. Simply described, nanofibers are fibers that are less than 100 nanometers in diam-eter, which is approximately 1,000 times smaller than a hu-man hair. This small size gives the fibers their strength by reducing the possibility of defects in a cross-section. In addition, fibers reinforce composites by adding to the tensile, bending and shear strength of the composite. By utilizing nano-fibers with nanoparticles, the material is reinforced, similar to rebar in concrete, providing a stronger, longer-lasting com-pound with low shrinkage. NovaPro Flow was designed to have optimal handling and finishing properties, and it doesn’t require any special polishing tools to perfect the desired finish and look expected from a flowable.

NovaProTM flow is FDA cleared for all Classes (I, II, III, IV, and V) of restoration. Other cleared uses include: • Base/liner for Class I or II • Minimally invasive procedures • Pit and fissure sealants

Hahn Tapered Implant: A legacy and partnership

Since placing his first implant nearly 45 years ago, Dr. Jack Hahn has spent much of his career as a clinician and innovator thinking of ways to make implant therapy more efficient as well as the patient. From his conception of the first tapered implant to his design of the recently launched Hahn™ Tapered Implant System, Hahn’s efforts have been driven by the desire to continually improve products and procedures in order to make treatment simpler and more predictable.

To produce what he considers his best design yet, Hahn elected to work with a team of trusted implant experts at Glidewell Laboratories — comprising individuals with whom he had successfully collaborated in past efforts, such as with the popular NobelReplace® implant (Nobel Biocare, Yorba Linda, Calif). In Glidewell Laboratories President and CEO Jim Glidewell, CDT, whose own career track record includes numerous innovations within the dental industry, Hahn found a partner equally commit-ted to enhancing the quality of treatment while reducing the cost of care.

After meeting with Jim, it was clear that we shared the same goal of expanding the availability of high-quality treatment to more patients. We both wanted to do some-thing that would give back to an industry that has given us so much,” Hahn said of the partnership that has brought his idea for a better, more predictable implant to life.

“Jim didn’t want me to take a product on the market unless the quality was up to my standards,” Hahn said. “That’s what I found at the Glidewell plant manufacturing center in Irvine, Calif. Hahn convinced me that Jim was serious about this venture. He had spared no expense in developing a world-class facility and assembling a team of engineers that was more than capable of carrying out my vision.”

Hahn couldn’t be happier with the results of this partnership, which has coupled his expertise on the surgical aspect of implant design with Jim Glidewell’s history of excellence in restorative dentistry. “Working with Glidewell Laboratories has allowed me to develop an advanced implant that improves the quality of treatment,” Hahn said. “Its engineering team has the technology and know-how to bring design concepts to life with astonish-ing speed and precision, and their expertise on the prosthetic side of implant dentistry has been invaluable in creating an implant that is as simple to restore as it is to place.

“We were able to fine-tune a design that accounts for every-thing I’ve learned since the original tapered implant came out nearly 50 years ago. They translated my concep-tual drawings into prototypes and then into implants that could be placed with great efficiency, zeroing in on the ex-act thread design and drilling protocol needed to keep the implant engaged with a maximum amount of bone.”

Hahn Tapered Implants allow for swift insertion to maximize clinical efficiency, precise control during place-ment to optimize positioning in challenging situations and exceptional primary stability to facilitate immedi-ate loading where indicated. From tight anterior spaces to molar extraction sockets, the implant is ideally suited to the ever-growing demands of modern implant dentistry. Engineered and manufactured in an ISO-certified facility, Hahn Tapered Implants are com-patible with popular surgical instrumentation already used in many implant practices. A simplified surgical pro-cess includes implant-specific drills that precisely con-trol both the diameter and depth of the osteotomy. The system also includes a complete assortment of prosthetic components to support the full range of traditional and custom restorative protocols.

With a career that speaks volumes on the importance of continual innovation, Hahn is proud to have his name as-soiated with an implant that contributes to the forward progression of implant dentistry while reducing the cost of treatment. “The better we make implant design, the more accessible we can make implant dentistry to doctors so they can improve their practices and the quality of life of their patients,” Hahn said.

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ADA C.E. courses in the exhibit hall

Among the comprehensive offering of C.E. courses are three being presented by the ADA Foundation in its exhibit hall booth, No. 123, which will be next to the ADA Welcome Center. The three courses:

- Elements of financial planning for medical professionals” will be presented from 3:30-5 p.m. on Nov. 7. Speakers will include Mary McGrath of Coady Financial Services, Jane Hays of The Downey Group and a member of the foundation’s investment subcommittee.

- “New developments in oral health research” will be from 3:30-5 p.m. on Nov. 7. The course will include a review of the developments and research at the Dr. An-thony Volpe Research Center, presented by Drs. Thomas Hart, Diane Bienek and Jeffrey Kim.

- “Go global: Rejuvenating your com-passion for dentistry” will be held from 8:30-10 a.m. on Nov. 8. Dr. Brian Hol-lander, Nancy Kelly, Brian Penninston and ADA’s 2013 Humanitarian Award recipi-ent Dr. Frank Serio will teach the course, which will provide personal perspectives on international volunteering, interna-tional oral health programs and strate-gies to improve oral health in developing nations. Serio has been doing volunteer dentistry for more than 25 years. Hol-lander, a dental practitioner in Anchor-age, Alaska, spent 30 years as a practitio-ner in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The ADA booth will also feature four shorter presentations at various times.

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