

# Medial Rotation Knee™

Landmark Operative Technique

Physiological Stability and  
Mobility for the Active Knee  
**Without Compromise**

Forever **Active**

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## Introduction

The Medial Rotation Knee™ was developed using clinical experience gained since the first condylar knee replacement was performed at the Royal London Hospital in 1968<sup>1, 2</sup>. It has been in clinical use since 1994.

The tibiofemoral bearing design is based on the principle of medial rotation, which mimics the function of the normal healthy knee<sup>3, 4</sup>. It comprises a prominent spherical medial condyle, similar to a ball-and-socket joint, which stabilises the medial condyle throughout flexion. The lateral side is a conforming cylinder that permits some laxity and can be thought of as a stabilising 'outrigger'.

The patellofemoral design has been designed with a trochlear groove that aids more normal patellar tracking<sup>5</sup>, positioned lateral to the midline throughout flexion to reflect the natural position of the patella. The deep trochlear groove and smooth single radius allow for increased conformity and stability of the patella throughout flexion.

This combination of asymmetric tibiofemoral and patellofemoral articulations provides optimal knee kinematics, whilst maintaining intrinsic stability throughout the functional flexion range. This superior combination of stability and mobility is associated with improved high-end function<sup>6</sup> and low revision rate<sup>7</sup>.

## Indications

Severely painful and/or disabled joint resulting from osteoarthritis, traumatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis or a failed previous implant.

## Contraindications

Active local or systemic infection, severe osteoporosis or severe neurological, vascular or muscular compromise such that knee replacement is inappropriate.

Severe bone loss or collateral ligament instability.

## References

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4. Monnot et al. (2009) KSSTA; 17: 927-934
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*Step 1*

Expose the knee to obtain full access.



*Step 2*

Remove all osteophytes and release any adhesions.



**Step 3**

Resect the posterior cruciate ligament for better access to the knee and to avoid limited range of motion.



**Step 4**

Assemble the Tibial Cutting Guide with the Tibial Cutting Block and Tibial Stylus and align with the leg.

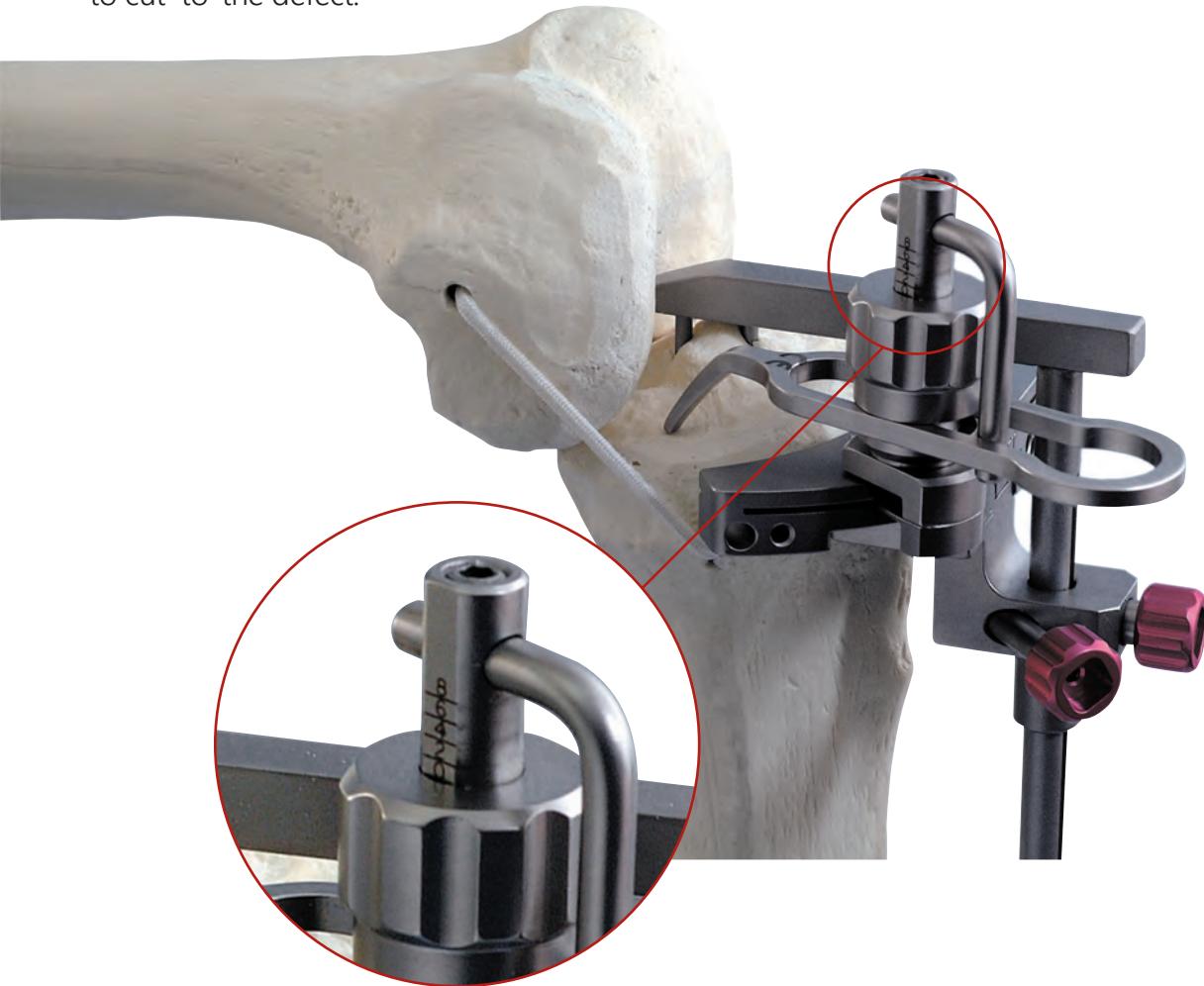
The guide should be centred on the medial side of the tibial tubercle and be parallel to the shaft of the tibia when viewed laterally.

Optionally, the proximal spikes can be used to stabilise the Tibial Cutting Guide whilst the Tibial Cutting Block and Tibial Stylus remain free.



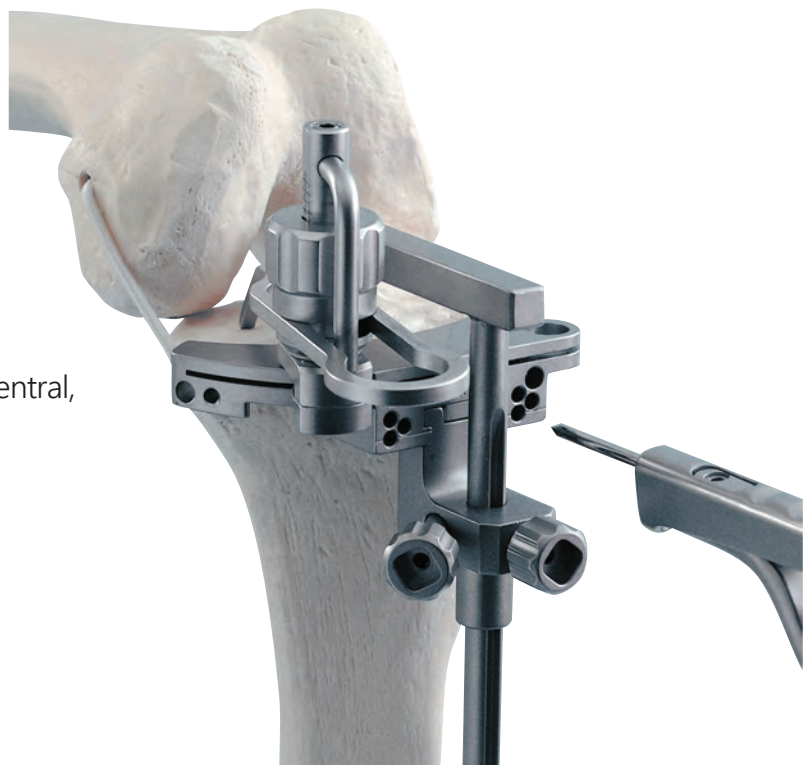
**Step 5**

Set the Tibial Stylus on the defect at 0, in order to cut 'to' the defect.



**Step 6**

Pin the Tibial Cutting Block through the central, bottom two holes.





**Step 7**

Remove the Tibial Cutting Guide using the hook and slap hammer, if required. Position the Tibial Cutting Block, until it touches the tibia, pinning medially to secure.



**Step 8**

Cut the tibia from each side with a 1 mm saw blade. After removing the bone, check that the cut is flat; to do this, the Tibial Cutting Block can be repositioned on the pins and 'sighted' through the slots.





**Step 9**

Punch an Intermedullary (IM) start hole 5-10 mm proximal of the Intercondylar (IC) notch, and 5-10 mm medial of the midline.

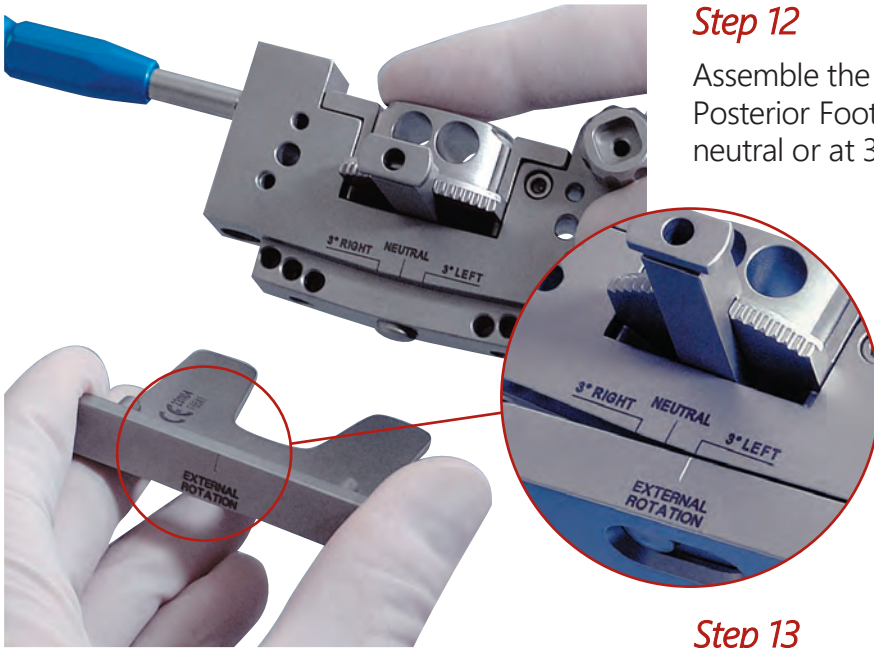
**Step 10**

Fully advance the IM Drill to find the correct path of the femoral shaft.

**Step 11**

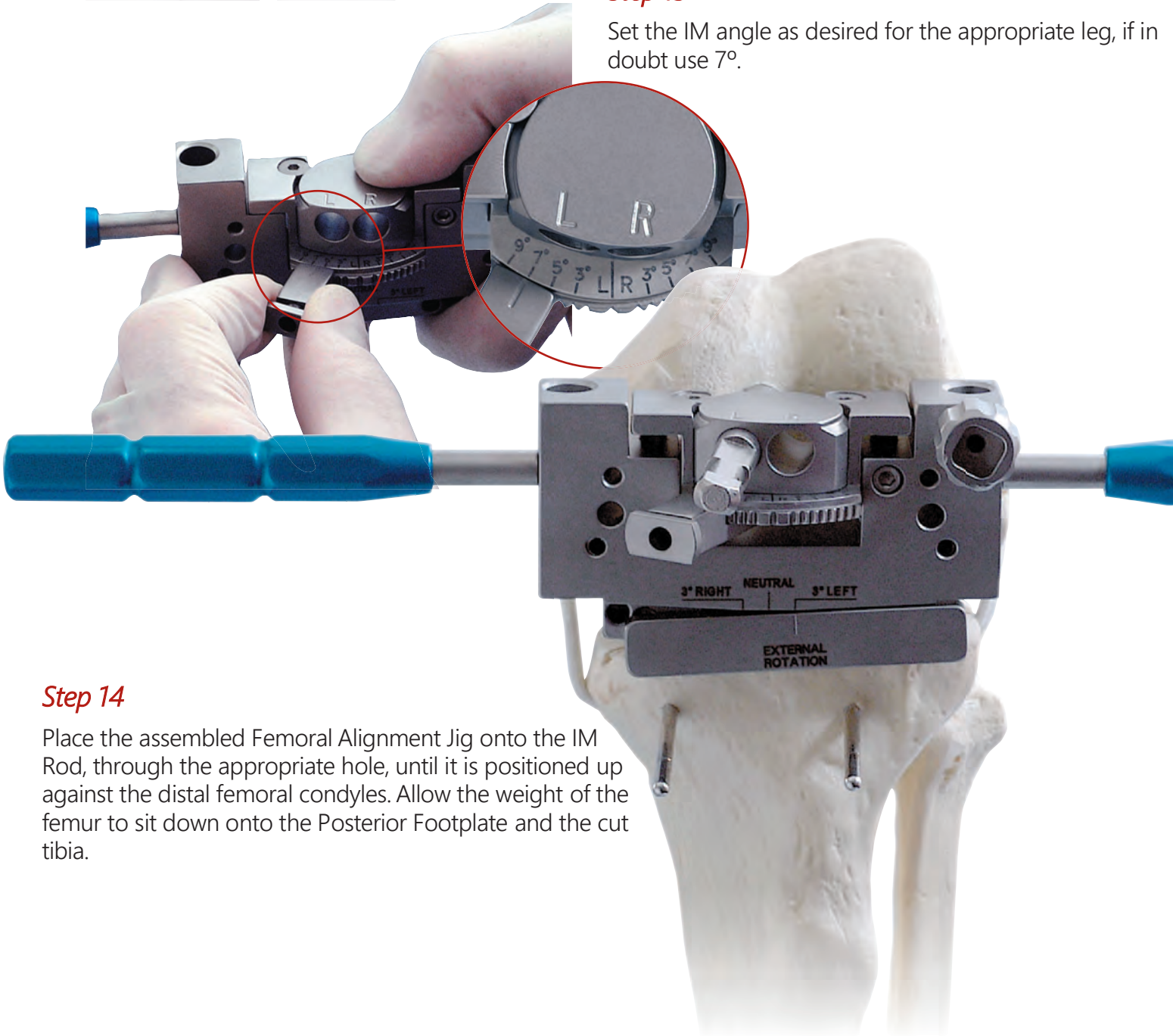
Insert the IM Rod, leaving 50-60 mm protruding from the femur, then remove the handle.





**Step 12**

Assemble the Femoral Alignment Jig. Fit the Posterior Footplate to the desired position, either neutral or at 3° for the correct leg.



**Step 13**

Set the IM angle as desired for the appropriate leg, if in doubt use 7°.

**Step 14**

Place the assembled Femoral Alignment Jig onto the IM Rod, through the appropriate hole, until it is positioned up against the distal femoral condyles. Allow the weight of the femur to sit down onto the Posterior Footplate and the cut tibia.

**Step 15**

Optionally, check for external alignment; change the IM angle with the Small Adjuster if necessary.



**Step 16**

Assemble the Anterior Saw Slot unit with the Anterior Feeler Arm and fit into position to touch the lateral femoral ridge. This will be the exit point for the cut.

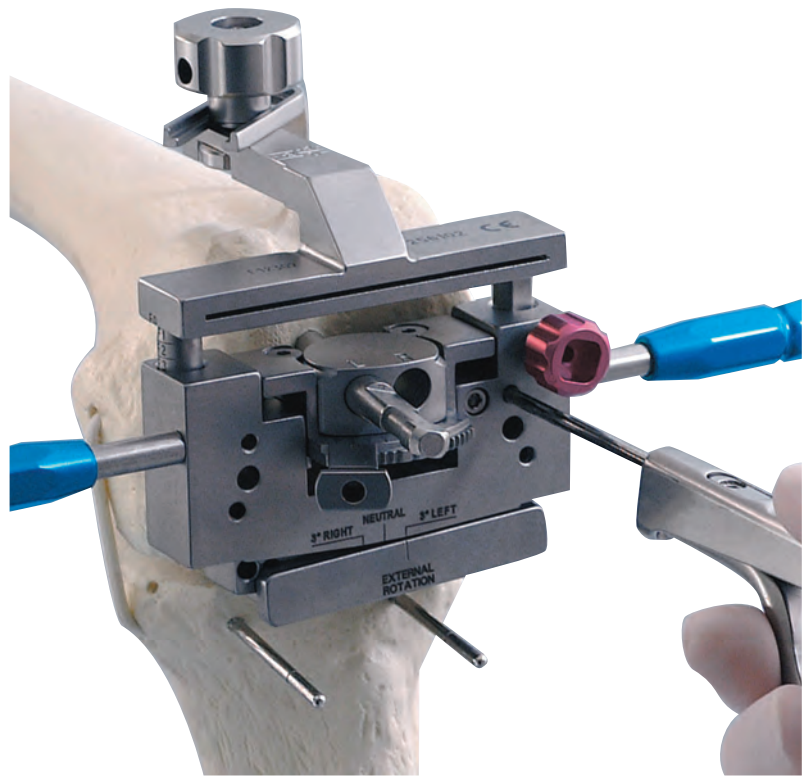
Note the nearest indicated femur size.

When in between two sizes use the larger size.

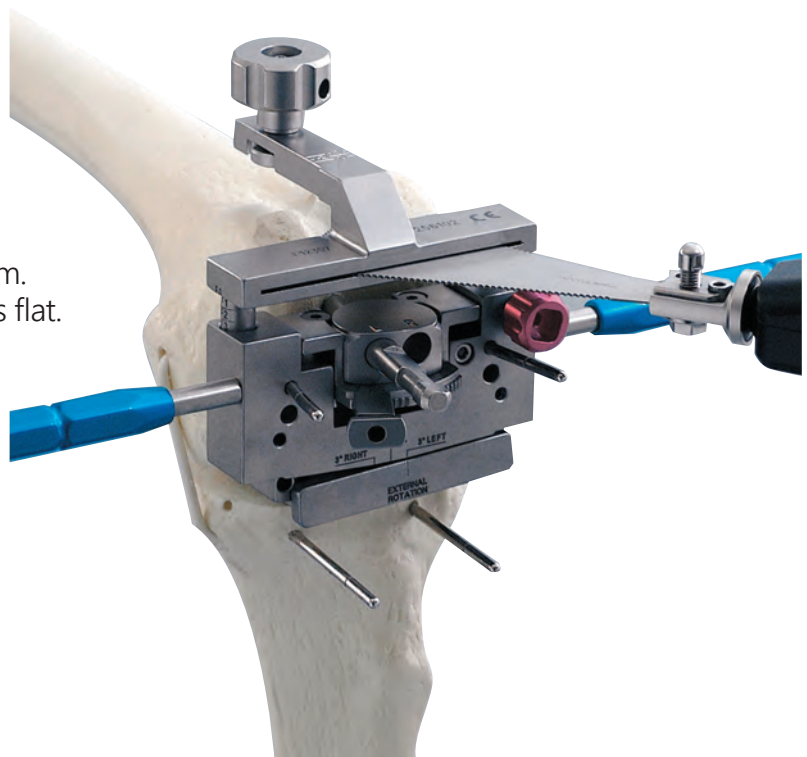


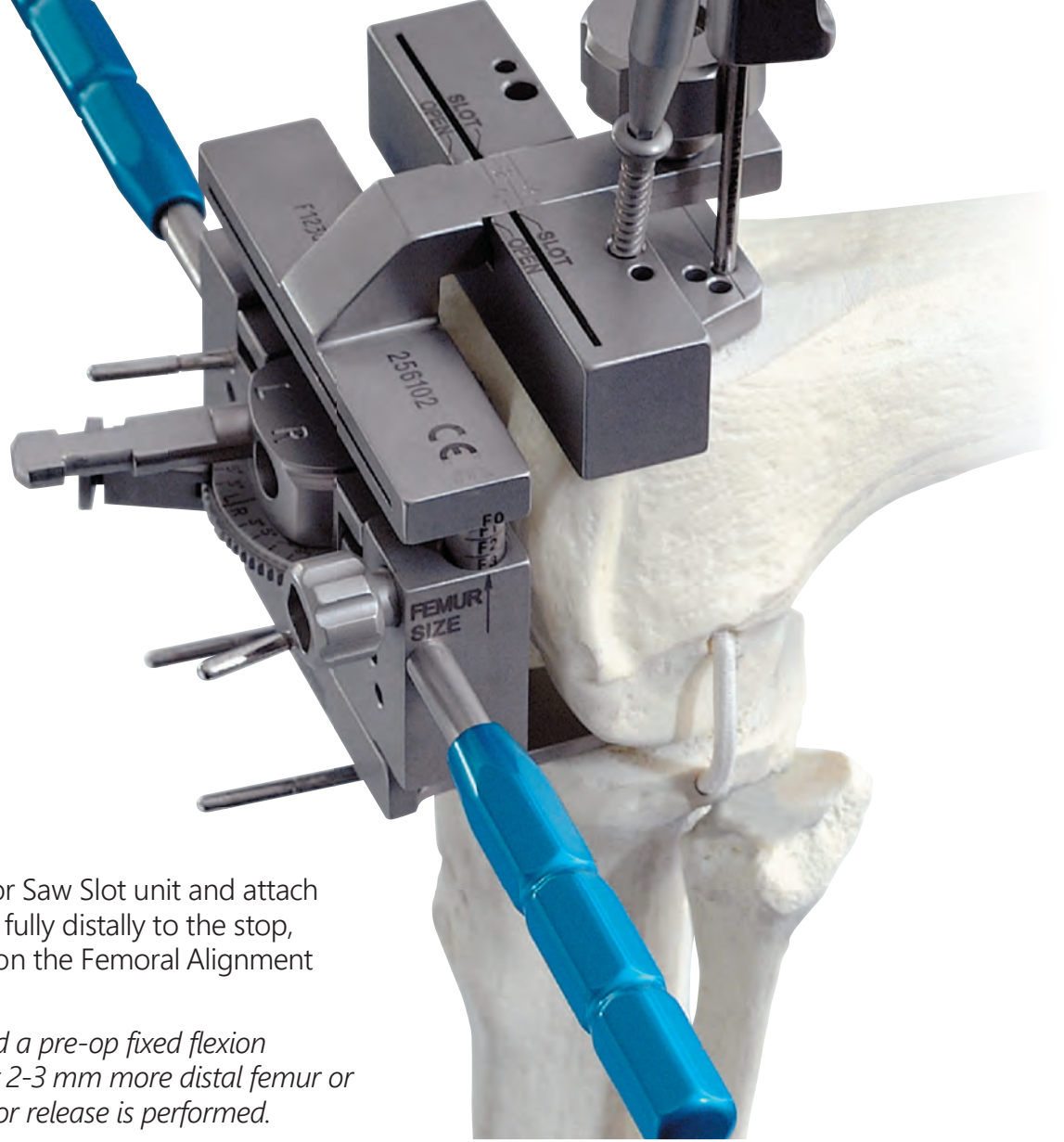
**Step 17**

Lock the Anterior Saw Slot unit firmly into position, ensuring that the Femoral Alignment Jig is touching the distal femur, and pin in two places.

**Step 18**

Optionally, remove the Anterior Feeler Arm. Cut the anterior femur and check that it is flat.





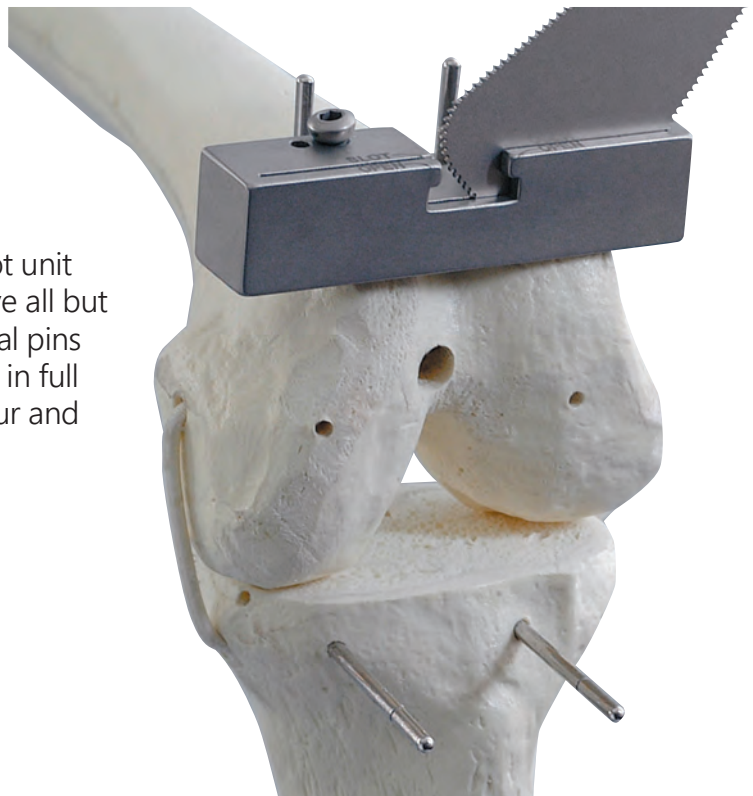
**Step 19**

Remove the Anterior Saw Slot unit and attach the Distal Block, set fully distally to the stop, before replacing it on the Femoral Alignment Jig.

**Note:** If the knee had a pre-op fixed flexion deformity, either cut 2-3 mm more distal femur or ensure a full posterior release is performed.

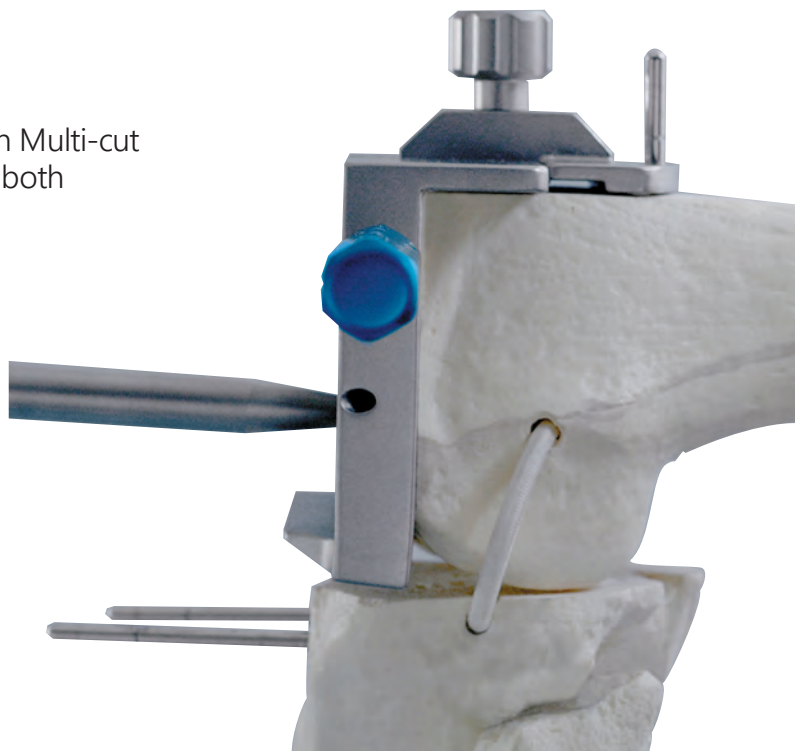
**Step 20**

Remove the IM Rod and Anterior Saw Slot unit Pins. Release the locking screws to remove all but the Distal Block. Add screws and additional pins to ensure that the Distal Block is firm and in full contact with the bone. Cut the distal femur and check that it is flat.

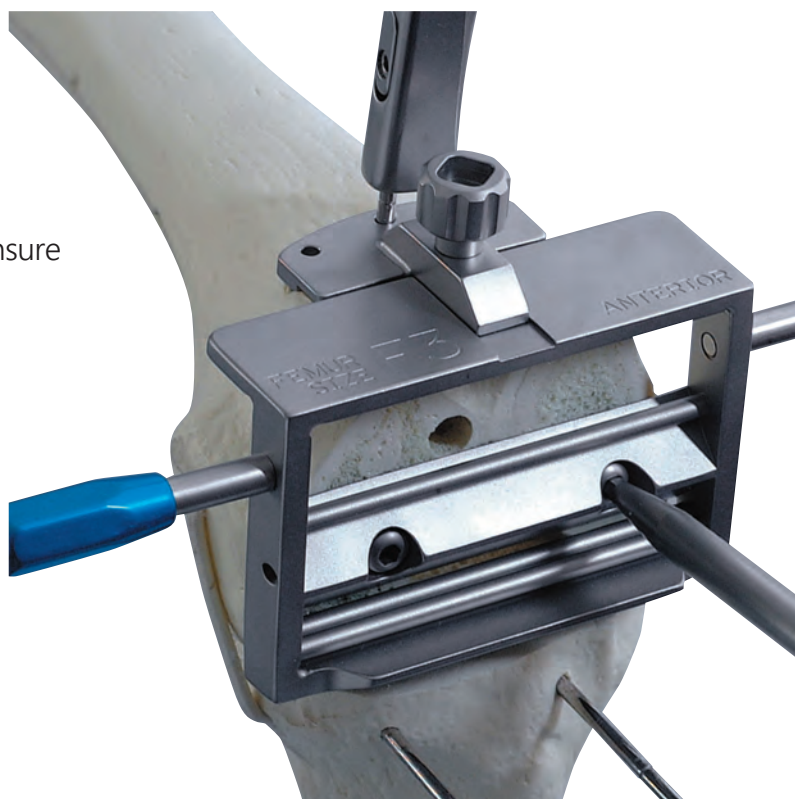


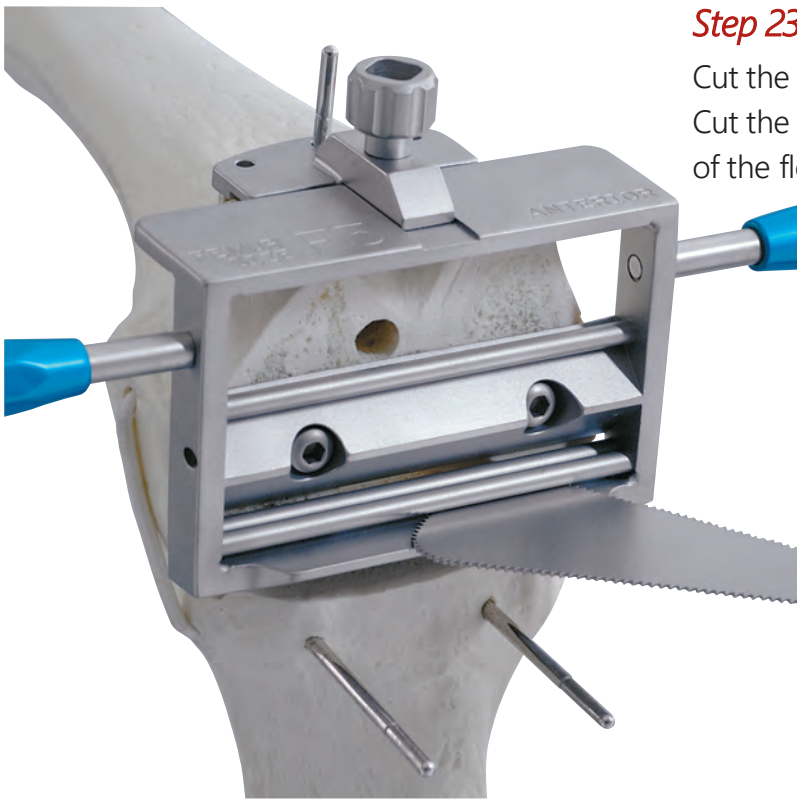
**Step 21**

Remove the Distal Block. Place the chosen Multi-cut Block with its anterior plate sitting flat on both surfaces; trim the bone if it does not.

**Step 22**

Fix with two short screws and pins and ensure that it has not moved.





**Step 23**

Cut the posterior femur.  
Cut the chamfers at this stage only if confident of the flexion and extension spaces being equal.



**Step 24**

With the knee in flexion at 90°, fit the Magic Spacer and tension gently to only just fit. Turn the top knob of the Magic Spacer to find the flexion space shown in the centre of the window. If the indicated space is less than 10.5 mm, take further cuts from the tibia and repeat this step until it is achieved. The measurement indicated in the window is the correct tibia thickness to use and should not be changed.





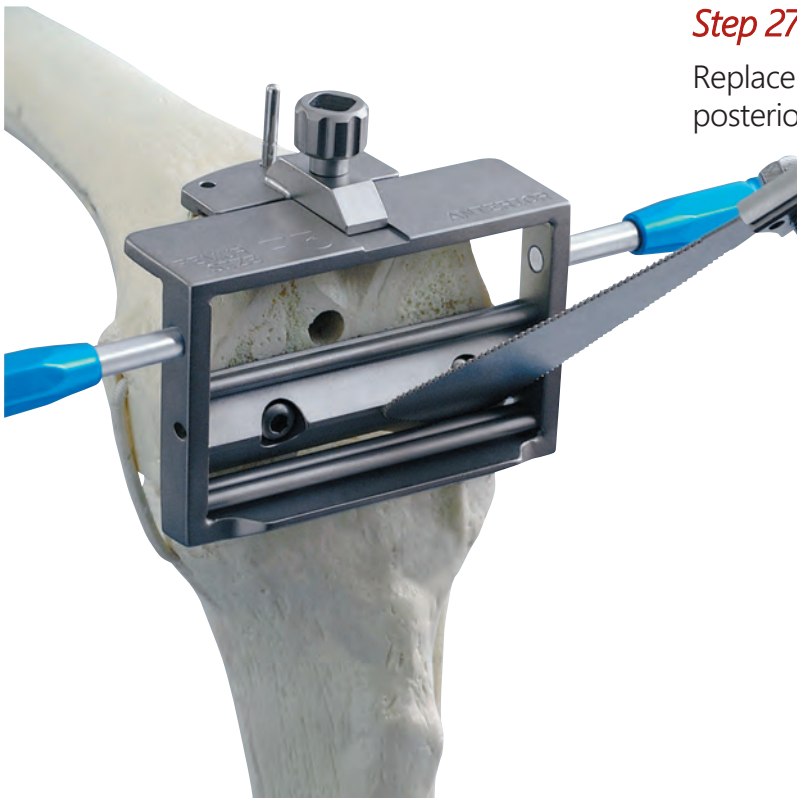
**Step 25**

With the knee in extension, fit and tension the Magic Spacer. Check the alignment with the Magic Spacer Leg Alignment Rod. Stability should be achieved with the correct alignment and may necessitate a soft tissue release on the tight side in order to obtain this. If the space set in extension does not match the tibia thickness already set in flexion, either cut more or pack out the distal femur. This is indicated by the direction and amount of variance shown in the window.

**Step 26**

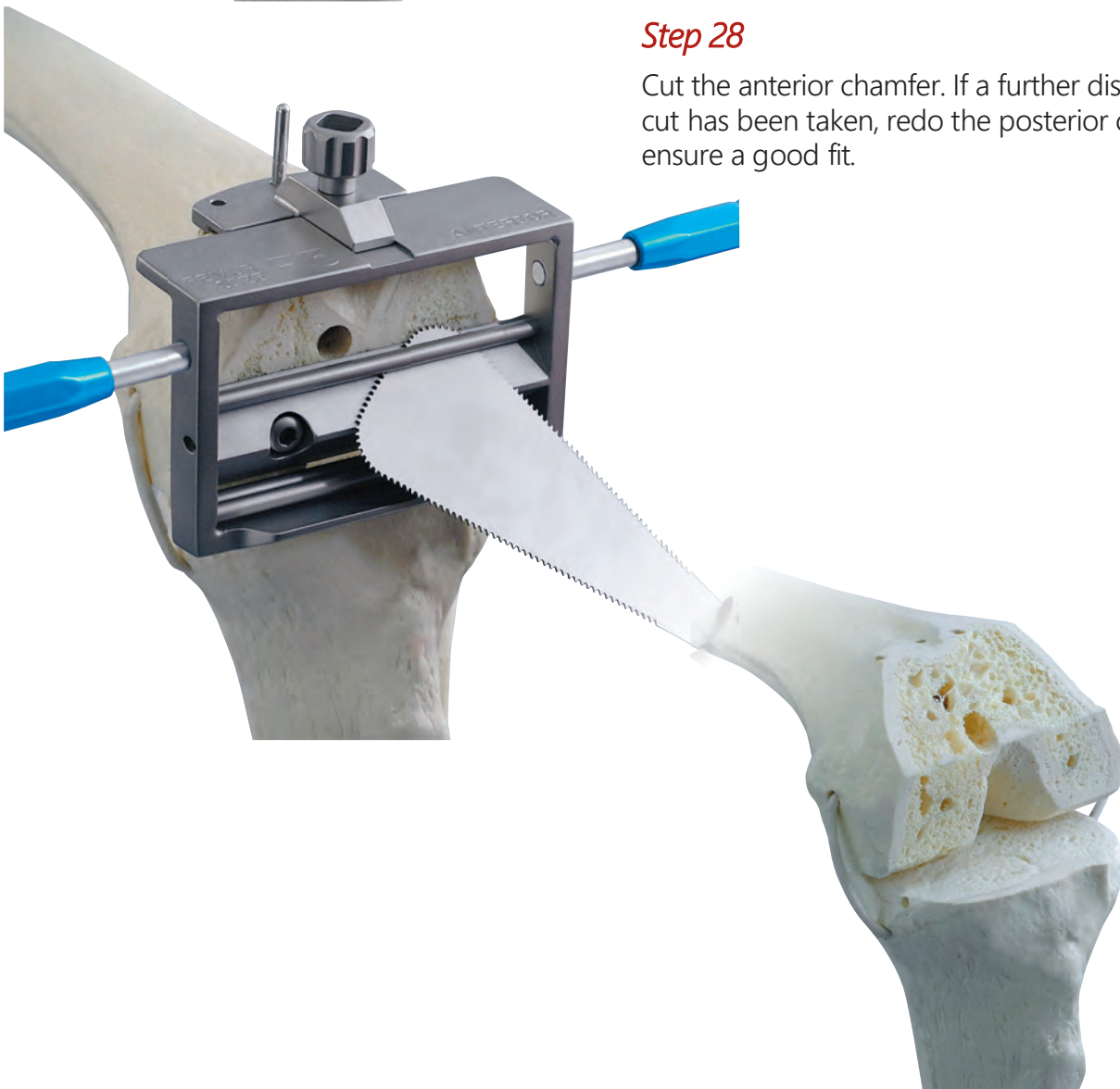
If the distal femur requires further resection, replace the Distal Block on another pair of pinholes to remove another 2 mm, and use a screw pin to secure. Cut and then use the Magic Spacer to recheck the flexion, then extension space. It should indicate the same tibia thickness in flexion and extension and the knee should be stable in both.





**Step 27**

Replace the Multi-cut Block and make the posterior chamfer cut.



**Step 28**

Cut the anterior chamfer. If a further distal femur cut has been taken, redo the posterior cut to ensure a good fit.

**Step 29**

Choose the appropriate Tibial Guide that fits the tibia without overhang. This will be the size used and does not need to match the femur size.



**Step 30**

Fit the correct side and chosen thickness Tibial Trial Insert.



**Step 31**

Using the Femoral Impactor, place the appropriate Femoral Trial. Check the fit and position.

**Step 32**

Test for extension and flexion with the patella reduced. The knee should be stable and have only limited laxity in flexion. The Tibial Trial should find its best fit position on the tibia as a meniscal trial, the Tibial Guide should then be pinned in place through the lugs either side of the centre.

Using a diathermy, make location marks on the femur both medially and laterally of the Femoral Trial. These marks will be used to ensure correct positioning of the pegged Femoral Drill Guide.



**Step 33**

**Pegged Femur**

Drill peg holes to full depth using the drill marked 'Femur Peg'.

**Note:** Do not drill the peg holes if using a Stemmed Femur





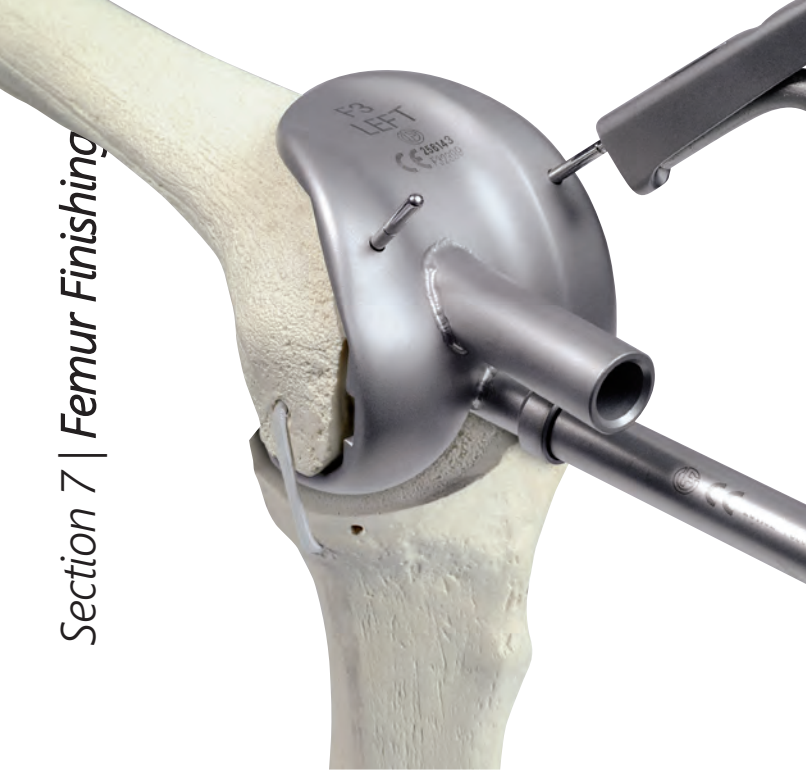
### Step 34

The Femoral Trial and Tibial Trial Insert are now removed. The Tibial Stem Drill Guide is placed and locked onto the Tibial Guide together with the chosen size Tibial Peg Drill Guide.



### Step 35

Drill to full depth the central hole in the Tibial Guide with the appropriate length Tibial Stem Drill. Leave the Stem Drill in place to drill the two peg holes to full depth. Ensure the Tibial Guide remains flat on the tibia.



### Step 36

#### Stemmed Femur

Fit the appropriate side and size Femoral Drill Guide in alignment with the location marks. Check that it fits and pin in place. This operation will fix the medial-lateral position of the Femoral Component.

### Step 37

Drill the stem hole to full depth using the drill marked 'Femur Stem'.

Remove the drill, pins and Femoral Drill Guide, then in a similar way to Step 31 on page 19, use the femoral impactor to position the appropriate Stemmed Femoral Trial.

Trim patella osteophytes and perform a trial reduction with the femur and tibia trials to assess whether patella replacement and/or a soft tissue release is required.

The patella should be completely stable without the need for stay sutures or finger support.

The minimum thickness of patella required to accommodate each patella implant is as follows:

20 - 13.5 mm,

25 - 14.5 mm

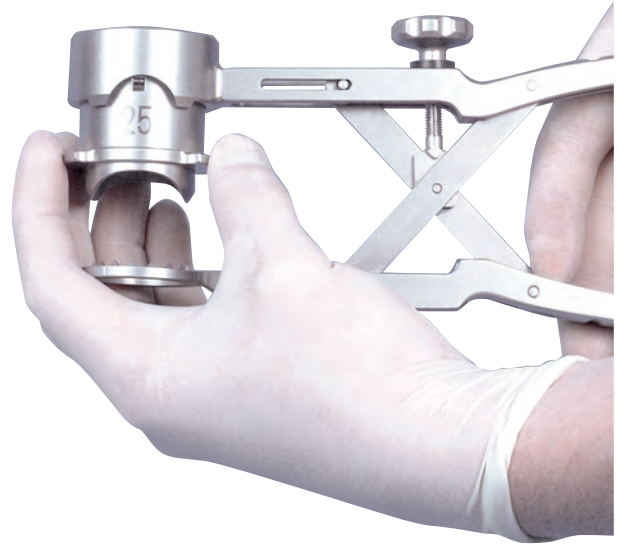
30 - 16.5 mm.



**Step 38**

Prepare Patella Clamp

Select one of three patella diameters (20, 25 or 30 mm), open the Patella Clamp fully and insert the corresponding Patella Insert into the underside of the tube. Turn the Insert until it engages and sits flush against the underside of the tube.

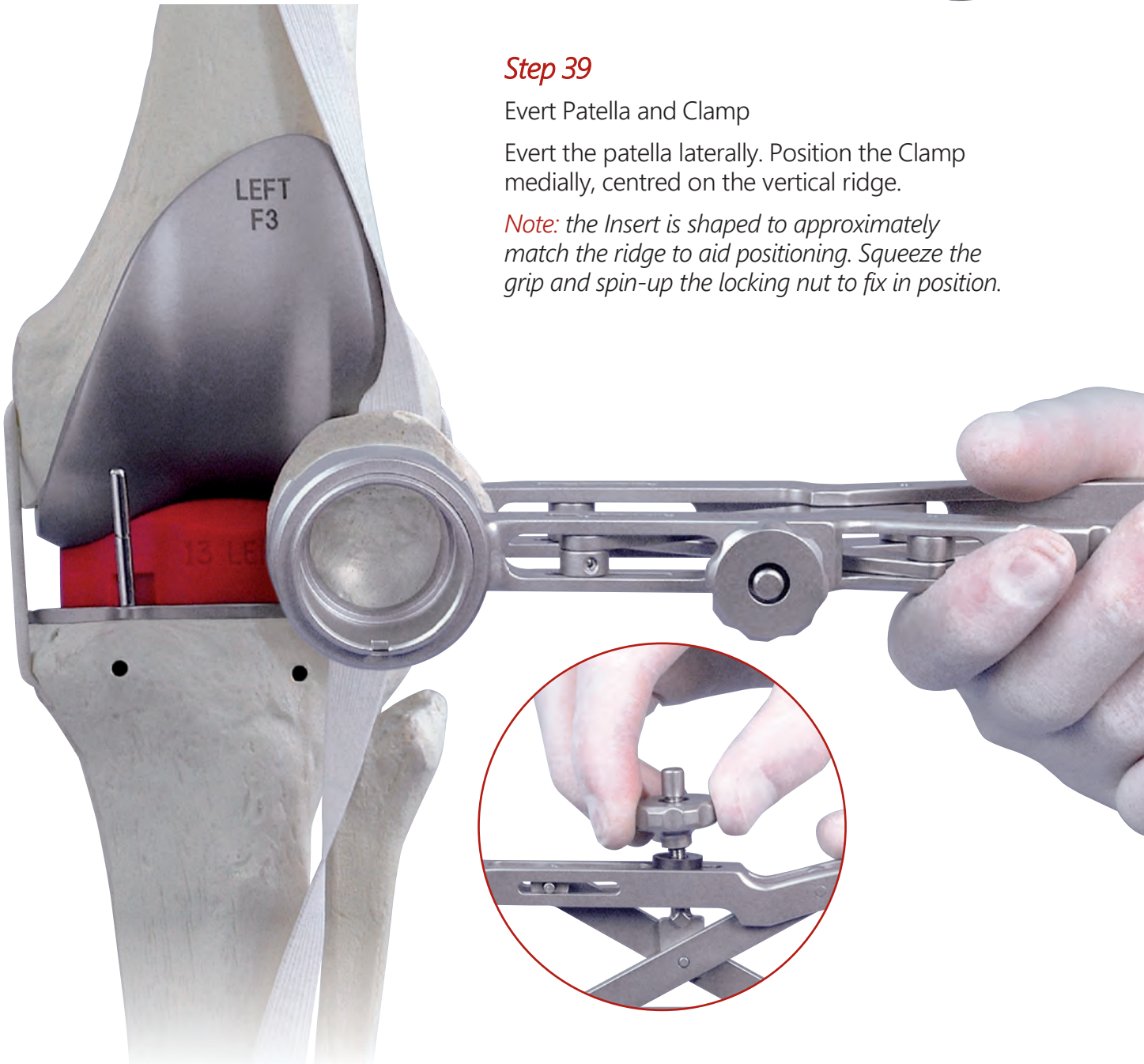


**Step 39**

Evert Patella and Clamp

Evert the patella laterally. Position the Clamp medially, centred on the vertical ridge.

*Note: the Insert is shaped to approximately match the ridge to aid positioning. Squeeze the grip and spin-up the locking nut to fix in position.*



### Step 40

Insert Drill Guide

Insert the Drill Guide and rotate until the anti-rotation pin engages and the collar sits flush with the top of the Insert.

**Note:** The Drill Guide provides a depth stop for the 10.5 mm Peg Drill, referencing the patella surface therefore it is vital that it is inserted correctly.



### Step 41

Drill Central Hole

Insert the 10.5 mm Peg Drill in the Drill Guide and drill to the depth stop, holding the Clamp firmly at all times. Remove the Drill Guide and clear the central hole of all bone debris.

**Note:** the bottom of the drilled hole will act as a depth stop for the counterbore cutters, therefore it is important to remove all debris.



### Step 42

Prepare Counterbore (Hole Cutter)

Select the corresponding size of Hole Cutter and advance until the central peg bottoms in the pre-drilled hole.

**Note:** the counterbore is prepared in two steps to ease cutting effort and reduce heat build-up with hard sclerotic bone.

With softer bone this step can be omitted, jumping straight to step 43.





### Step 43

Prepare Counterbore (Milling Cutter)

Select the corresponding size of Milling Cutter and advance until the central peg bottoms in the pre-drilled hole.



### Step 44

Insert Patella Trial

Remove the Patella Clamp and insert the corresponding size of Patella Trial. Check that the articulating surface of the trial is level with or slightly proud of the bone surface.

**Note:** if the trial is excessively proud, re-clamp the patella making sure the tube is centred over the counter bored hole. Freehand drill the central hole a little deeper. Deepen the counter bore with the Milling Cutter until the central peg bottoms in the deepened hole.

Re-insert the Patella Trial.



**Step 45**

**Trial Reduction**

Perform a full trial reduction with the femur and tibia trials. If necessary trim the patella bone further to match the femur articulation. The patella should be completely stable without the need for stay sutures or finger support.

**Note:** Remove all trial components. Recesses for forceps are provided to aid removal of the Patella Trials.



**Step 46**

Ensure all implants are of the correct side and size as the trials. The colour of the Tibial Component and Tibial Insert labels should be the same. Prepare the Tibial Assembly Clamp by depressing the button and flipping open the top section.



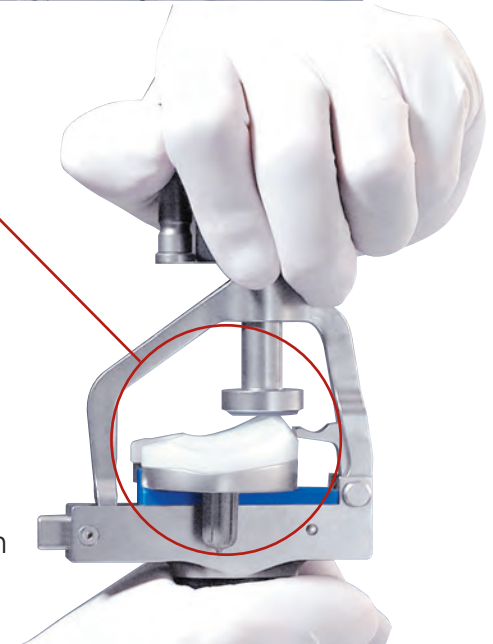
**Step 47**

Insert the Tibial Component with the posterior part nearest the button. Insert the Tibial Insert by placing the posterior feet underneath the posterior undercuts of the Tibial Component and pushing firmly downwards and in a posterior direction.



**Step 48**

Flip over and latch the top section. Screw the plunger down to meet the Tibial Insert using the rapid turning handle.



**Step 49**

Retract this handle and using a secure handgrip, continue turning the screw plunger until the Tibial Insert is fully seated. Check the anterior section and if there is a gap between the components, tighten the handle to a greater extent.

Remove the assembled Tibial components by slackening off the screw plunger, depressing the button and flipping the top section as before. The Tibial Assembly is now ready for implantation.

**Step 50**

Clean the resected bone surfaces with a bone brush or pressurised lavage. Use suction to remove the debris and liquid.

Dry thoroughly.



**Step 51**

Place bone cement on the tibia bone, ideally low viscosity cement applied with a syringe.

The Tibial Plugs may be used to prevent cement seeping into the stem and peg holes.

Insert the Tibial Assembly.

**Step 52**

Impact carefully using the Tibial Impactor. Remove the excess cement fully and carefully.

**Step 53**

Place cement on the Femoral Component and push firmly onto the femur in deep flexion.



**Step 54**

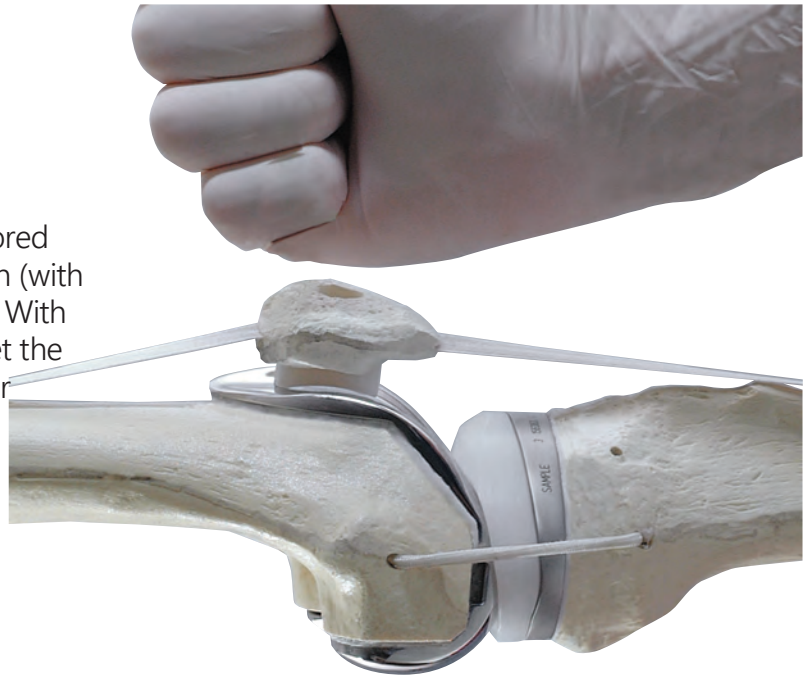
Carefully extend the knee a little way and fully impact the component into place.

Extend the knee carefully to fully seat the component in the cement. Flex to about 90 degrees and remove all excess cement fully and carefully.



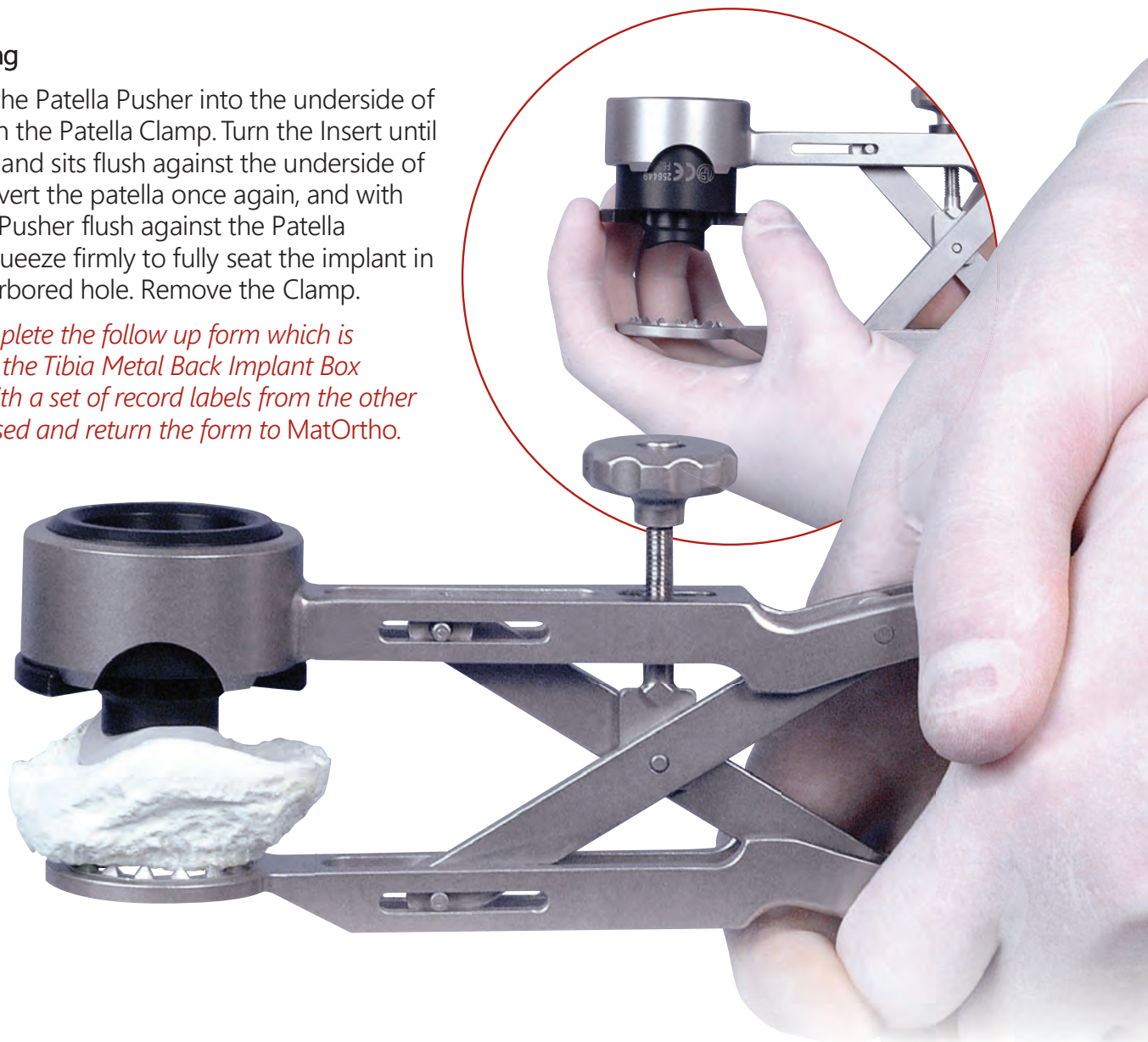
**Step 55****Insert Patella Implant**

Place the Patella Implant in the counterbored hole, in approximately the correct rotation (with the notch in line with the patella tendon). With the patella reduced, strike with a fist to set the rotational position in relation to the femur articulation.

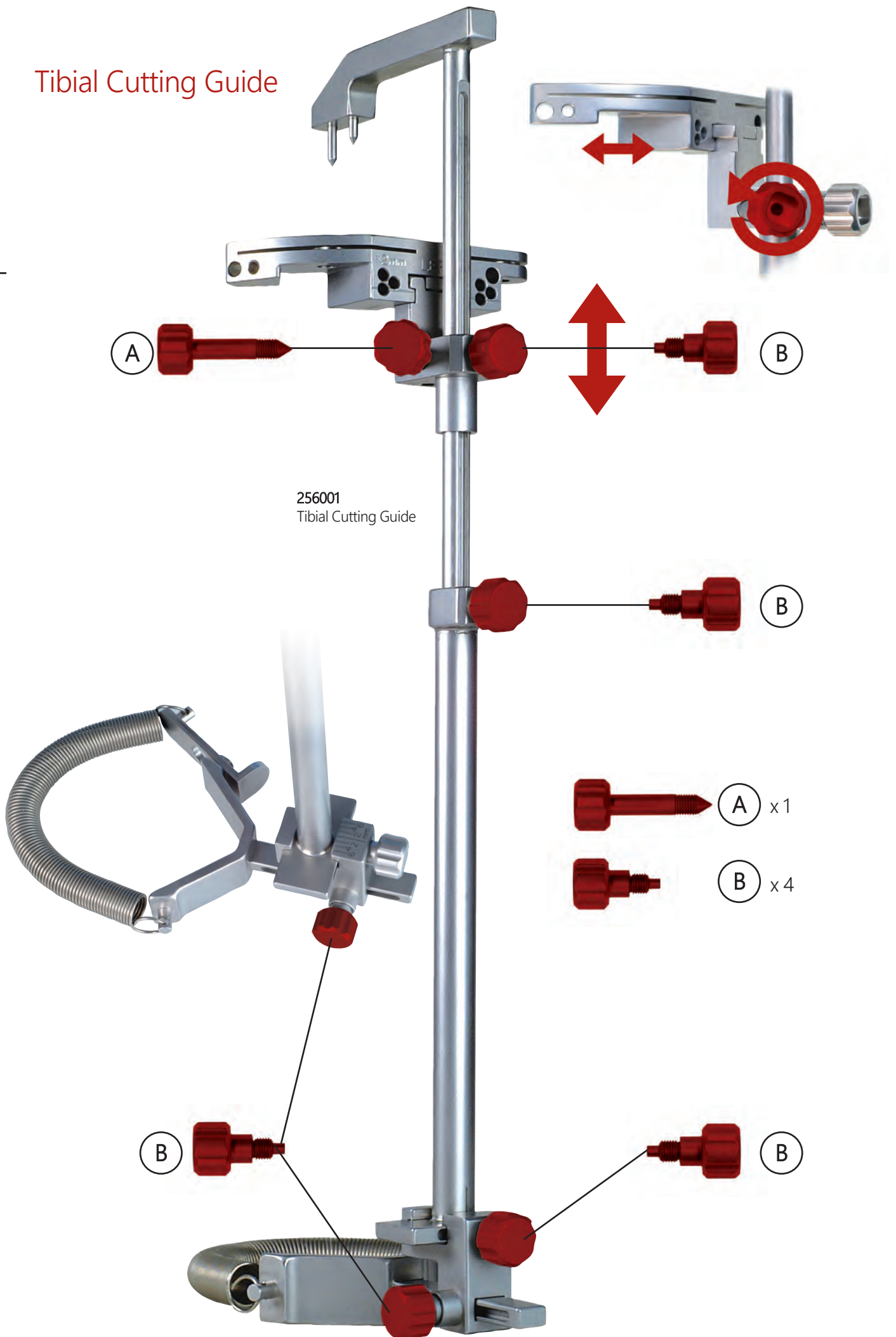
**Step 56****Final Seating**

Assemble the Patella Pusher into the underside of the tube on the Patella Clamp. Turn the Insert until it engages and sits flush against the underside of the tube. Evert the patella once again, and with the plastic Pusher flush against the Patella Implant, squeeze firmly to fully seat the implant in the counterbored hole. Remove the Clamp.

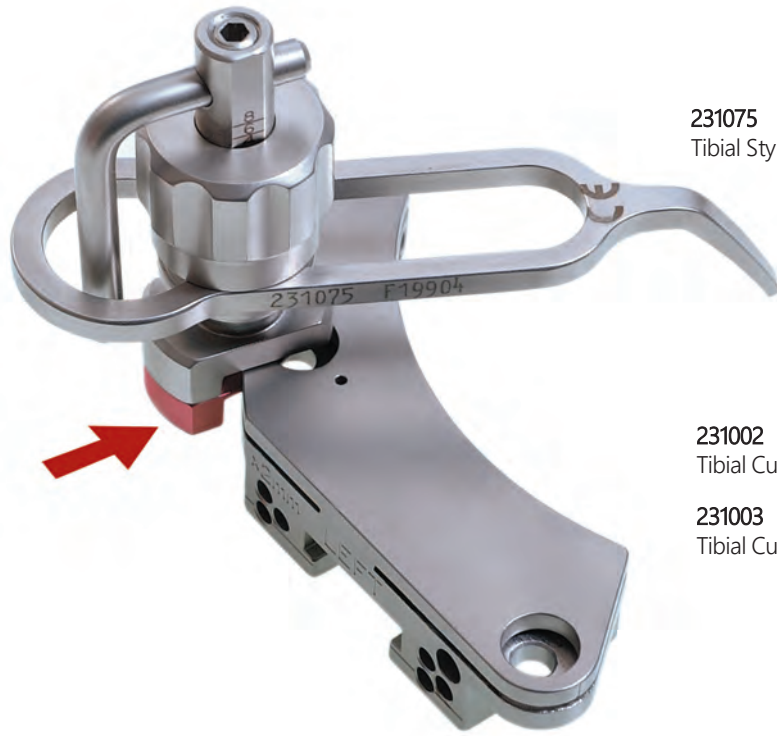
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Tibial Cutting Guide







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Tibial Stylus

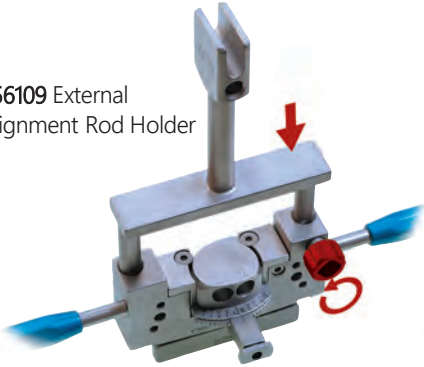
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Tibial Cutting Block Right

231003  
Tibial Cutting Block Left

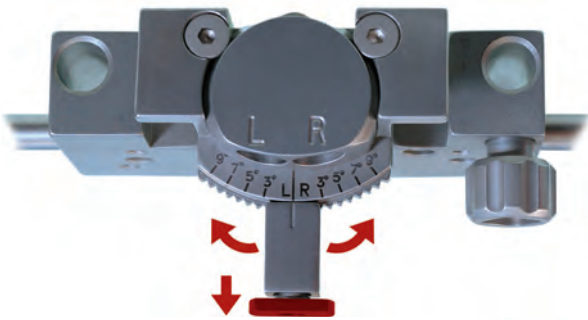
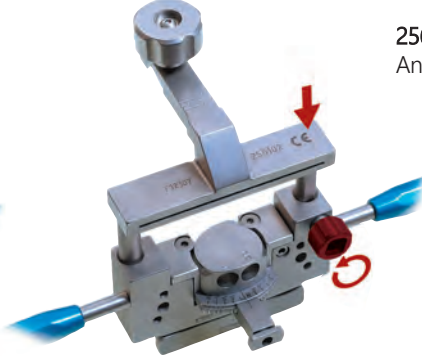


# Femoral Alignment Jig

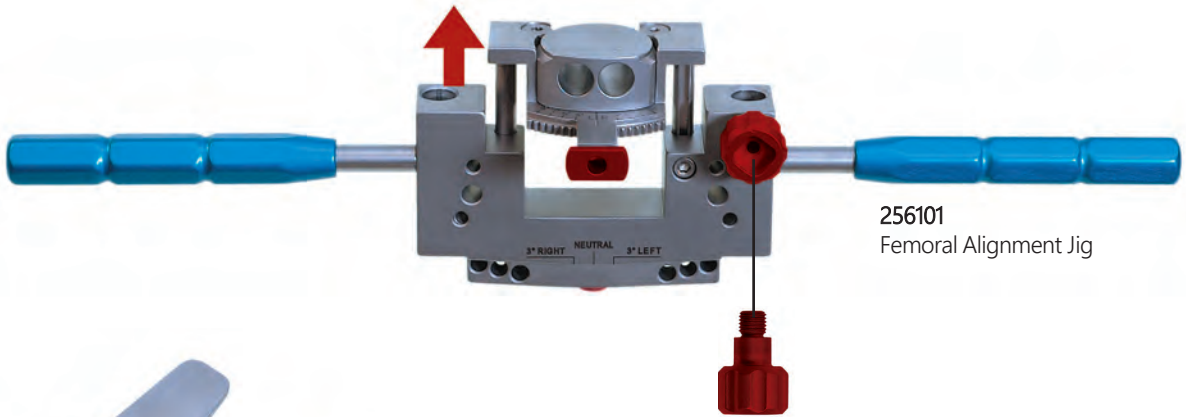
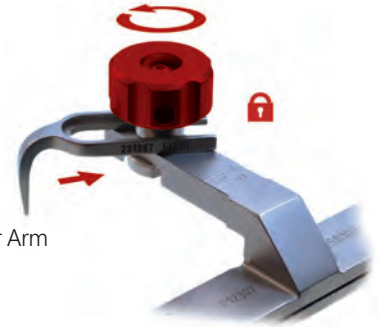
256109 External Alignment Rod Holder



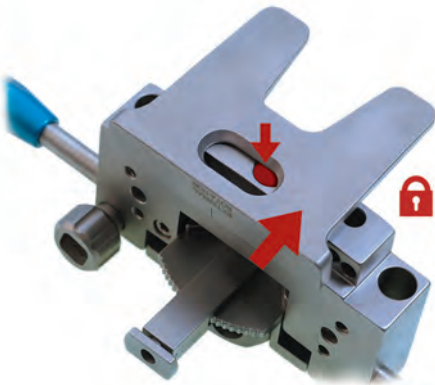
256102 Anterior Saw Slot



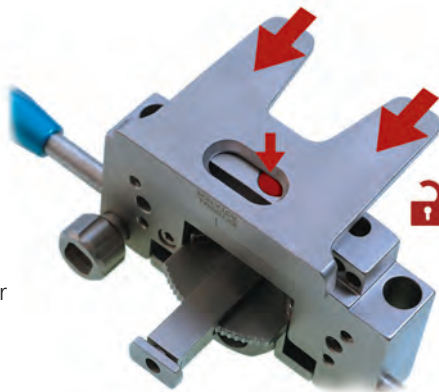
231387 Anterior Feeler Arm



256101 Femoral Alignment Jig



231104 Posterior Footplate





**231002**  
Tibial Cutting Block - Right



**231003**  
Tibial Cutting Block - Left



**231071**  
Tibial Re-Cutting Guide 0 Degree



**231072**  
Tibial Re-Cutting Guide 2 Degree



**231316**  
IM Awl



**231075**  
Tibial Stylus



**231302**  
Power Screw Pin Driver



**231315**  
Knob Tightener



**231311**  
Pins 50 mm (x6)

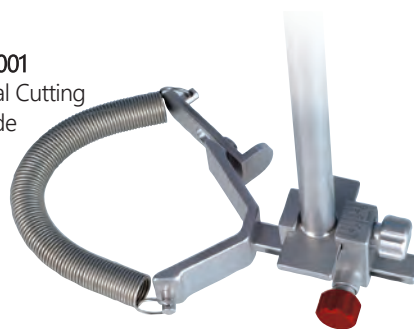
**231313**  
Pins 70 mm (x6)

**231317**  
Screw Pins 25 mm Long (x4)

**231318**  
Screw Pins 45 mm Long (x4)

**231340**  
Screw Pins Block

**256001**  
Tibial Cutting Guide



**231110**  
External Alignment Rod (2 Parts)



**231301**  
Screw Pin Driver



**231304**  
Pin Inserter/  
Extractor



**231107**  
IM Rod



**231108**  
IM Rod Handle  
(x2)



**231106**  
IM Drill



**231303**  
Jacobs / Hudson Adaptor



**256132**  
Pin Drill





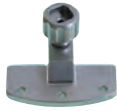
231104 Posterior Footplate



231387 Anterior Feeler Arm



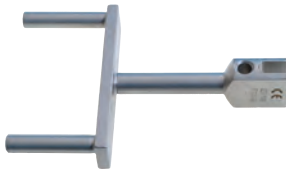
256102 Anterior Saw Slot



231127 Multi-cut Block Top Plate



256105 Distal Block



256109 External Alignment Rod Holder



256133 Femoral Sizer {0-5}



256101 Femoral Alignment Jig



256120 Multi-cut Block Size 0



256121 Multi-cut Block Size 1



256122 Multi-cut Block Size 2



256123 Multi-cut Block Size 3



256124 Multi-cut Block Size 4



256125 Multi-cut Block Size 5

**256160**  
Femoral Trial Left Size 0



**256170**  
Femoral Trial Right Size 0



**256161**  
Femoral Trial Left Size 1



**256171**  
Femoral Trial Right Size 1



**256162**  
Femoral Trial Left Size 2



**256172**  
Femoral Trial Right Size 2



**256163**  
Femoral Trial Left Size 3



**256173**  
Femoral Trial Right Size 3



**256164**  
Femoral Trial Left Size 4



**256174**  
Femoral Trial Right Size 4



**256165**  
Femoral Trial Left Size 5



**256175**  
Femoral Trial Right Size 5



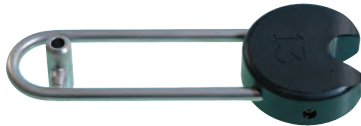
**256136**  
Femoral Peg Drill



256320  
Spacer 8 mm  
Not available in the USA



256321  
Spacer 10.5 mm



256322  
Spacer 13 mm



256323  
Spacer 15.5 mm



256324  
Spacer 18 mm



256137  
Femoral Impactor



231005  
Extractor Hook



231132  
Impaction Handle (x2)



256009  
Tibial Impactor



256131 Femoral Introducer  
Extractor



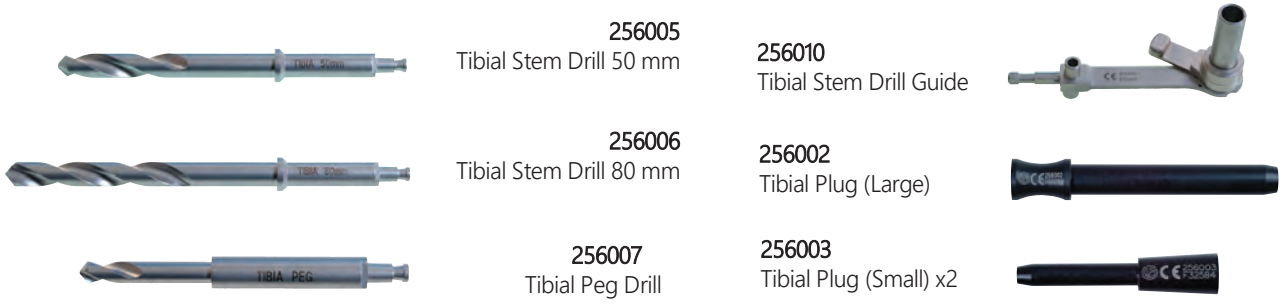
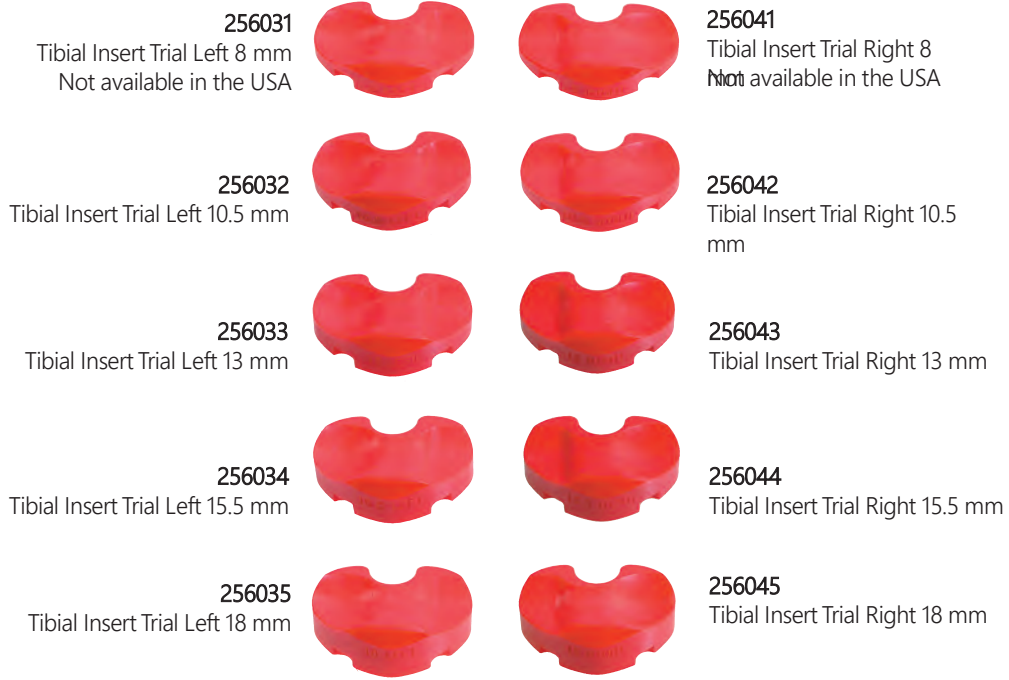
256331  
Magic Spacer Leg  
Alignment Rod



231133  
Slide Hammer



256330  
Magic Spacer





256430  
Patella Peg Drill



256451  
Patella Clamp Insert 20 mm



256452  
Patella Clamp Insert 25 mm



256453  
Patella Clamp Insert 30 mm



256431  
Patella Ring Cutter 20 mm



256432  
Patella Ring Cutter 25 mm



256435  
Patella Ring Cutter 30 mm



256447  
Patella Peg Drill Guide



256449  
Patella Pusher



256433  
Patella Mill Cutter 20 mm



256531  
Patella Trial 20 mm



256434  
Patella Mill Cutter 25 mm



256532  
Patella Trial 25 mm



256436  
Patella Mill Cutter 30 mm



256233  
Patella Trial 30 mm



256445  
AP Patella Clamp



*Additional Instruments for Stemmed Femurs*

**256140**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 0 Left



**256150**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 0 Right



**256141**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 1 Left



**256151**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 1 Right



**256142**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 2 Left



**256152**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 2 Right



**256143**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 3 Left



**256153**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 3 Right



**256144**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 4 Left



**256154**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 4 Right



**256145**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 5 Left



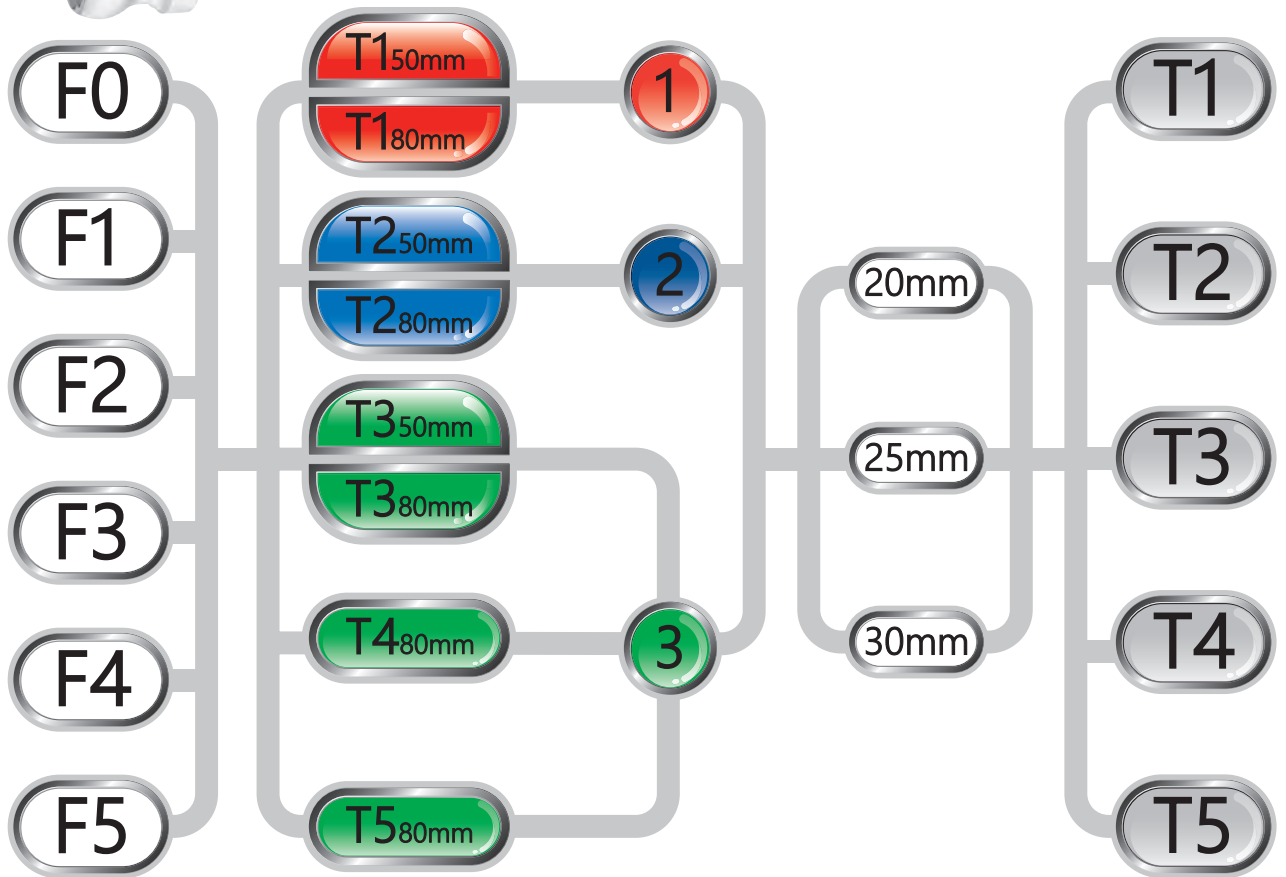
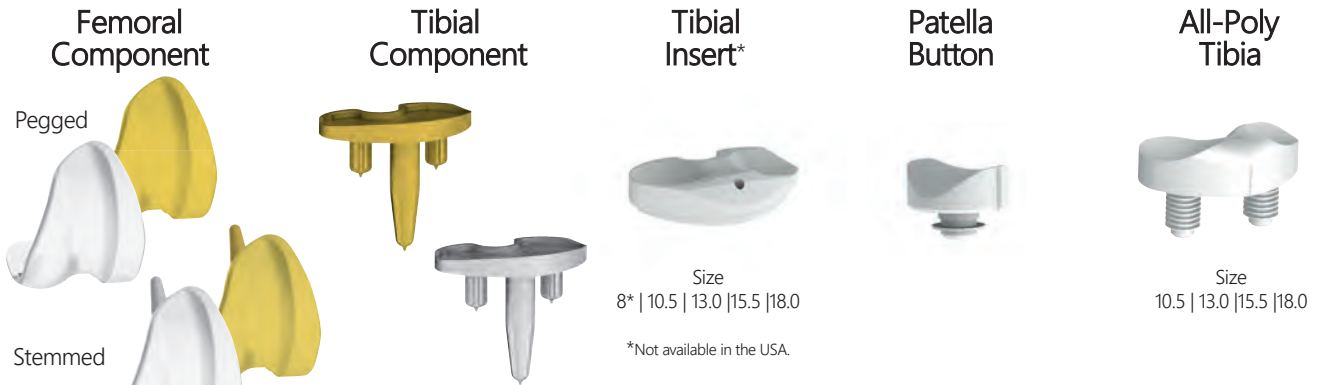
**256155**  
Femoral Drill Guide Size 5 Right



**256134** Femoral Stem Drill



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