

# TECHNIQUE

## LOCATOR® IMPLANT ATTACHMENT SYSTEM

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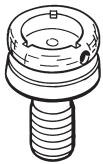
Universal hinge, resilient attachment for endosseous implants.

### ATTACHMENT COMPONENT ORDER NUMBERS

Product numbers of Locator Implant Abutments vary with implant type, implant diameter, and tissue cuff height. It is necessary to have this information available to place your order.

### PARTS IDENTIFICATION

#### Implant Abutment



Titanium alloy with  
TiN coating

#### Processing Cap Male/Pkg. No. 8519



Titanium Cap with  
black Low Density  
Polyethylene Male,  
Block Out Spacer,  
and Nylon Repl.  
Males (clear, pink, blue)

#### Block Out Spacer No. 8514



Teflon (white)

#### 5.0 lb. Repl. Male No. 8524



Nylon (clear)

#### 3.0 lb. Light Retention Repl. Male No. 8527



Nylon (pink)

#### 1.5 lb. Extra Light Retention Repl. Male No. 8529



Nylon (blue)

#### 4.0 lb Extended Range Repl. Male No. 8547



Nylon (green)

#### 2.0 lb Extended Range Repl. Male No. 8915



Nylon (orange)

#### 1.0 lb Extended Range Extra Light Retention Repl. Male No. 8548



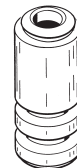
Nylon (red)

#### Impression Coping No. 8505



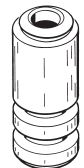
Aluminum housing  
with black Low Density  
Polyethylene Male

#### Female Analog (4mm) No. 8530



Aluminum

#### Female Analog (5mm) No. 8516



Aluminum

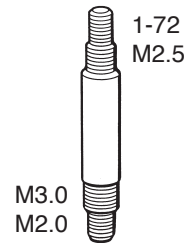
**Locator Core Tool  
No. 8393 (Male Removal  
Tool, Male Seating Tool, and  
Abutment Driver)**



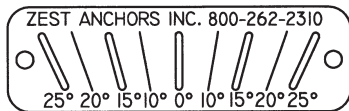
**30N-cm Torque Wrench Kit  
No. 9020 (30N-cm Torque  
Wrench, Square Drive  
Insert, Thumb Knob)**



**Alignment Pin  
No. 9531**



**Angle Measurement Guide  
No. 9530**



**Parallel Post  
No. 8517**



Low Density  
Polyethylene

**Square Drive Torque  
Wrench Driver  
(15mm) No. 8926**



**Square Drive Torque  
Wrench Driver  
(21mm) No. 8927**



## INDICATIONS

The Locator Implant Attachment System is designed for use with overdentures or partial dentures retained in whole or in part by endosseous implants in the mandible or maxilla.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

Not appropriate where a totally rigid connection is required. Use on a single implant with divergence of greater than 20 degrees is not recommended.

## CAUTION

Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed dentist.

## STERILIZATION

All components and instruments are supplied **NON-STERILE**. Implant abutments and metal instruments may be sterilized following standard clinical procedures, prior to use.

## FEATURES

1. **LOWEST VERTICAL HEIGHT:** The total height of the Locator Attachment (abutment plus male) is only 3.17mm on an externally hexed implant, and 2.5mm on a non-hexed implant.
2. **LOCATING DESIGN:** Self-locating design allows a patient to easily seat their overdenture without the need for accurate alignment of the attachment components.

3. **RETENTION INSIDE AND OUT:** The patented *Dual Retention* innovation provides the Locator Attachment with greater retention surface area than ever before available with other attachments. A combination of inside and outside retention ensures the longest lasting performance.
4. **ROTATIONAL PIVOTING ACTION:** The design of the pivoting Locator Male allows a resilient connection for the prosthesis without any resulting loss of retention. The retentive nylon male remains completely in contact with the abutment socket while its titanium denture cap has a full range of rotational movement over the male.
5. **USE WITH NON-PARALLEL IMPLANTS:** The Locator Replacement Males can be used to restore an implant with up to 10 degrees of divergence (20 degrees between implants). The Locator Extended Range Replacement Males can accommodate a divergent implant between 10 and 20 degrees (40 degrees between implants).

## A. PLACEMENT OF THE LOCATOR IMPLANT ABUTMENT

1. To select the proper Locator Implant Abutment, determine the type of implant and the diameter being used. Then measure the tissue thickness from the apical rim of the implant body to the crest of the gingiva at the highest side of the implant site. Choose the corresponding abutment tissue cuff height that exactly equals the tissue measurement, or is the next closest higher size available. The exact tissue cuff height of Locator abutment will position the proper 1.5mm of working attachment above the surrounding gingival level (**which should not be submerged below the tissue**).
2. After the secondary gingival healing period is complete, remove the healing cuff according to instructions provided by the manufacturer of the implant system being used.
3. It is imperative that all bone and soft tissue be removed from the superior aspect of the implant body to guarantee complete seating of the Locator Implant Abutment.
4. A special gold plated Abutment Driver (contained in Locator Core Tool, Zest order #8393) is designed to engage the inside diameter of the Locator Abutment and thread it into the implant. (Fig. 1)
5. Final torque tightening of the Locator Abutment to prevent screw loosening is achieved using the 30N-cm Torque Wrench Kit (Zest order #9020, Fig. 2). The 15mm length Square Drive Torque Wrench Driver is used when interocclusal space is limited, and the 21mm length is used when interference is caused by an adjacent tooth.

NOTE: Various connection types of Locator Torque Wrench Drivers are available that fit into commonly used implant torque wrenches to allow direct torque tightening of the Locator Implant Abutment. In addition, the use of any Torque Wrench with a .050 (1.25mm) Hex Torque Wrench Driver Tip will fit into the backside of the Locator Abutment Driver. Use your own Torque Wrench with either of these options to achieve the minimum seating force of 30N-cm that will help prevent screw loosening of the locator Implant Abutment.

**Abutment Driver/  
Locator Core  
Tool #8393**



Fig. 1

**30N-cm Torque  
Wrench #9020**

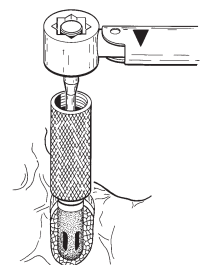


Fig. 2

## B. ANGLE MEASUREMENT OF A DIVERGENT IMPLANT

### Angle Measurement Guide #9530

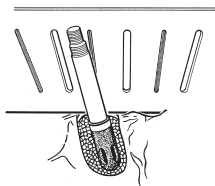


Fig. 3

### Alignment Pin #9531

1. Choose one of the four threads on the titanium Alignment Pin (Zest order #9531) which matches the type of implant being used.
2. Thread the Alignment Pin by hand directly into the divergent implant (or implant analog on a stone model) being careful not to cross-thread the pin. Place the stainless steel Angle Measurement Guide (Zest order #9530) behind the Alignment Pin, level with the path of prosthesis insertion, to determine the divergence in degrees. ( Fig. 3) An additional Alignment Pin can be placed into an adjacent non-divergent implant to determine the difference in the angle between it and the divergent implant.

**WARNING: IF THE ALIGNMENT PIN DOES NOT EASILY THREAD INTO AN IMPLANT, DO NOT FORCE THE INSERTION.**

**NOTE:** An alternative method of determining the angulation of an implant is to first place the Locator abutment into the implant, and then snap a Locator Parallel Post (Zest order #8517) onto it. Use the Angle Measurement Guide behind the Parallel Post to determine the angle of the implant.

3. Choose the final Locator nylon male retention liner based upon the determined angle measurement of each implant. If the divergence of an implant is less than 10 degrees, use one of the Locator Replacement Males (clear = 5 lbs., pink = 3 lbs., and blue = 1.5 lbs.). If the divergence of any implant is between 10 degrees and 20 degrees, then use one of the Extended Range Replacement Males (green = 4 lbs., orange = 2 lbs. and red = 1 lbs.) which can accommodate a divergent implant up to 20 degrees (40 degrees between implants).
4. Follow the steps in Section C, LOCATOR MALE PLACEMENT BY THE DENTIST for chairside placement of the Locator Male, or the steps in Section D, LOCATOR MALE PLACEMENT BY THE LABORATORY for indirect placement of the Locator Male.

## C. LOCATOR MALE PLACEMENT BY THE DENTIST

### White Block-out Spacer #8519

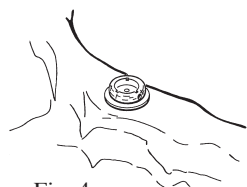


Fig. 4

1. Insertion of the proper Locator Implant Abutment at tissue level must be completed (see Section A-1) before beginning the procedure for placement of the Locator Male.
2. Place a White Block-Out Spacer (Zest order #8519 Package) over the head of each Locator Abutment. (Fig. 4) The spacer is used to block out the area immediately surrounding the abutment. The space created will allow the full resilient function of the pivoting metal denture cap over the Locator Male.

**NOTE: If the White Block-Out Spacer does not completely fill the space between the tissue and the metal denture cap, it is necessary to block out any remaining undercuts to prevent the added acrylic resin from locking the denture onto the abutment. This can be accomplished by stacking more Block-Out Spacers.**

### Processing Cap Male #8519



Fig. 5

3. Insert a Locator Cap with Black Processing Male (Zest order #8519 Package) into each Locator Implant Abutment, leaving the White Block-Out spacer beneath it. (Fig. 5) The Black Processing Male will maintain the overdenture in the upper limit of its vertical resiliency during the processing procedure.
4. Prepare a recess in the denture to accommodate the protruding Locator Male. There must be no contact between the denture and the titanium cap. If the denture rests on the metal cap, excess pressure on the implant will result.

5. Use the Chairside Lightcure Acrylic Resin Syringe Kit (Zest order #9403) to light cure bond the Locator Denture Cap Male into the denture (Fig.6 and 7), or mix a permanent self-curing acrylic and place a small amount in the recess of the denture and around the metal cap of the Processing Cap Male.

**Acrylic Resin Syringe Kit #9403**



Fig. 6

6. Insert the denture into position in the oral cavity. Guide the patient into occlusion, maintaining a proper relationship with the opposing arch. **Maintain the denture in a passive condition, without compression of the soft tissue, while the acrylic sets. Excessive occlusal pressure during the setting time may cause tissue recoil against the denture base and could contribute to dislodging and wear of the nylon males.**



Fig. 7

7. After the acrylic resin has cured, remove the denture and discard the white spacer. Use a bur to remove excess acrylic, and polish the denture base before changing to the final male.

8. Use the Locator Male Removal Tool (attached to the Locator Core Tool, Zest order #8393) to remove the Black Processing Male from the metal denture cap. The sharp circular edge on the end of the removal tool should be wedged tightly down into the very bottom of the plastic male so that it will catch the inside of the black plastic insert and pull it at an angle out of the metal housing. (Fig. 8) To discard the nylon male from the new tip on the Core Tool, point the tool down and away from you and tighten the new Male Removal Tool clockwise back onto the Core Tool. This will activate the removal pin and dislodge the nylon male from the tip end of the Male Removal Tool.

**Male Removal Tool/Locator Core Tool #8393**

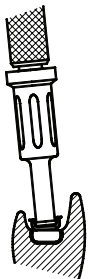


Fig. 8

9. The Locator Male Seating Tool (contained in Locator Core Tool, Zest order #8393) is used to firmly push a Locator Replacement Male into the metal Denture Cap. (Fig. 9) The replacement male must seat securely into place, level with the rim of the cap. (Fig. 10)

**Male Seating Tool/ Locator Core Tool #8393**

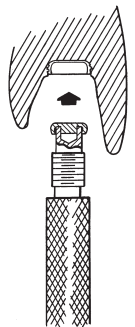


Fig. 9

**NOTE: The Replacement Male will not stay on the tool when it is turned upside down due to the varying sizes of males available. It is best to hold the denture with the base side down and snap the male into the metal denture cap.**

10. Instruct the patient in the path of insertion. Have the patient insert and remove the appliance several times.

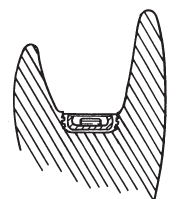


Fig. 10

**D. LOCATOR MALE PLACEMENT BY THE LABORATORY**

In the Operatory:

1. Insertion of the proper Locator Implant Abutment at tissue level must be completed (see Section A-1) before beginning the following impression procedure.
2. Place a Locator Impression Coping with Black Processing Male (Zest order # 8505) onto each Locator Abutment. (Fig. 11)
3. **Take an impression using a firm body impression material, exercising caution not to compress the soft tissue.** The Locator Impression Coping is designed with minimum retention to be picked up with the impression material.
4. Snap a Locator Female Analog (Zest order # 8530-4mm or #8516-5mm) onto each Impression Coping in the impression. The analog female must not fall off when turned upside-down with vibration. (Fig. 12)

NOTE: An alternative reline impression technique using the patient's prosthesis is possible with use of the Locator Black Processing Cap Male (Zest order # 8519

**Impression Coping #8505**

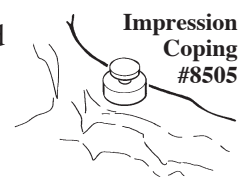
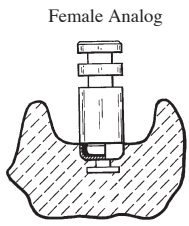
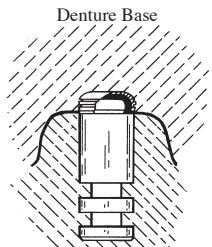


Fig. 11



Impression  
Fig. 12



Processing Model  
Fig. 13

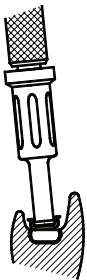


Fig. 14

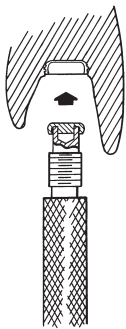


Fig. 15

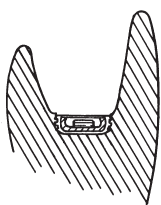


Fig. 16

Package). When the impression is withdrawn, the Processing Cap Male will remain on the abutment. Remove the Processing Cap Male from each abutment and snap it onto a Locator Female Analog. Reposition this assembly back into the impression making sure it is fully seated.

5. Pour the master cast. Upon separation, the Locator Female Analog is a part of the master cast replicating the position of the Locator Implant Abutment in the oral cavity.
6. Before waxing and processing the appliance, place a Locator Cap with Black Processing Male into each Female Analog in the master cast (Fig. 13). Make sure the male is fully seated.
7. Set the teeth and wax the appliance. Proceed with the processing technique of your choice through the boil-out step.
8. After the boil-out, remove the Processing Cap Male. Place a White Block-Out Spacer over the head of each Female Analog. The spacer is used to block out the immediate area surrounding the Locator Implant Abutment. The space created will allow the full resilient function of the pivoting metal denture cap over the Locator Male.
9. Re-insert the Locator Black Processing Cap Male into each Female Analog, leaving the White Block-Out Spacer beneath it. The Black Processing Male will maintain the overdenture in the upper limit of its vertical resiliency during the processing procedure.
10. Complete the processing and discard the white spacer. Avoid damage to the final male by polishing the denture base before changing to the final male.
11. Use the Locator Male Removal Tool attached to the Locator Core Tool to remove the Black Processing Male from the metal denture cap. The sharp circular edge on the end of the removal tool should be wedged tightly down into the very bottom of the plastic insert so that it will catch the inside of the black plastic insert and pull it at an angle out of the metal housing. (Fig. 14)
12. The Locator Male Seating Tool is used to firmly push a Locator Replacement Male into the empty metal denture cap. (Fig. 15) The replacement male must seat securely into place, level with the rim of the cap. (Fig. 16)

**NOTE: The Replacement Male will not stay on the tool when it is turned upside down due to the varying sizes of males available. It is best to hold the denture with the base side down and snap the male into the metal denture cap.**

## E. HOW TO CHANGE THE LOCATOR MALE

1. The Locator Core Tool (Zest order #8393), which contains a Locator Male Removal Tool and Locator Male Seating Tool, is used to remove the nylon male from the metal denture cap and replace it with another Locator Replacement Male.
2. Use the Male Removal Tool attached to the Locator Core Tool to remove the nylon male from the metal denture cap. The sharp circular edge on the end of the removal tool should be wedged tightly down into the very bottom of the plastic male so that it will catch the inside of the plastic insert and pull it at an angle out of the metal housing.
3. The Male Seating Tool is used to firmly push a Locator Replacement Male into the empty metal denture cap. The replacement male must seat securely into place, level with the rim of the cap. Use of multiple Locator attachments (3 or more) in the same dental arch may require use of the 3.0 lbs. (light retention) pink colored Replacement Male No. 8527 or 1.5 lbs. (extra light retention) blue colored Replacement Male No. 8529, for easier removal of the prosthesis by the patient.

**NOTE: The Replacement Male will not stay on the tool when it is turned upside down due to the varying sizes of males available. It is best to hold the denture with the base side down and snap the male into the metal denture cap.**

## **F. RELINE AND REBASE**

1. Remove each existing nylon male from its metal denture cap following the steps in HOW TO CHANGE THE LOCATOR MALE (Section E). Replace them with Black Processing Replacement Males (Zest order #8515). The built-in spacer of the Black Processing Male will maintain the overdenture in its upper level of vertical resiliency during the reline process.
2. Take a reline impression using the existing overdenture as a tray. The Black Processing Males will engage the Locator Implant Abutments and hold the prosthesis in place while the impression material sets.
3. When the impression is withdrawn, the Black Processing Replacement Males will remain in the metal denture caps.
4. Snap a Locator Female Analog (Zest order #8530 - 4mm or #8516 - 5mm) onto each Black Processing Cap Male and pour a master model.
5. After processing the reline and polishing the denture base, replace the Black Processing Males with the final Locator Replacement Males.

## **G. PATIENT CARE**

Good oral hygiene is vital to implant success. The Locator Implant Abutments must be thoroughly cleaned daily. The use of a soft nylon bristle or end-tufted toothbrush, and superfloss to polish the abutments should be taught. A non-abrasive gel toothpaste, and an irrigation system is recommended to keep the socket of the Locator Abutment clean.

Patients should maintain a three to four month recall for cleaning and implant evaluation. The sulcus area around the implant abutment is the primary area of concern. Use plastic instruments for scaling the abutments. Do not use metal instruments which may create scratches on the abutment surface. Examine patients for signs of inflammation around the implant abutments, and for implant mobility. Use the gold plated Abutment Driver (contained in the Locator Core Tool, Zest order #8393) to make sure the Locator Implant Abutment is tight before dismissal.

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Check with your Distributor for their policy on returns.

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