ATEC NAVIGATION DISC PREP INSTRUMENTS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

GENERAL INFORMATION:
The ATEC Navigation Disc Prep Instruments are intended for use in surgical procedures. These instruments are non-sterile or sterile packaged, re-usable or single-use instruments designed to function with the Medtronic® StealthStation™ System and NavLock™ Tracker. The instruments are made of stainless steel and aluminum alloy. ATEC Navigation Disc Prep instruments are compatible with the S7 and S8 version of the Medtronic StealthStation and the following Medtronic Interbody System tool cards: Clydesdale Trials, Capstone Trials, Lateral Disc Prep, Posterior Disc Prep, Dilator, MAST, Dilator, DLIF. If using the LIF Nav Primary Dilator Stimulating, refer to the SafeOp™ Accessories (Recommended for Steam Sterilization) instructions for use manual for additional instructions. The ATEC Navigation Disc Prep Instruments consist of the following subsystems: ATEC Posterior Navigation Disc Prep Instruments and ATEC Lateral Navigation Disc Prep Instruments.

INDICATIONS FOR USE:
The ATEC Navigation Disc Prep Instruments are intended to facilitate discectomy, boney resection, implant selection, and access during spinal surgery. Navigated instruments are specifically designed for use with the Medtronic® StealthStation™ System, which is indicated for any medical condition in which the use of stereotactic surgery may be appropriate and where reference to a rigid anatomical structure, such as vertebra, can be identified relative to a CT or MR based model, fluoroscopy images, or digitized landmarks of the anatomy. The Stimulating Initial Dilator may also be utilized in spine surgical procedures to assist in location of the nerves during or after preparation and placement of implants (intervertebral fusion cages and pedicle screw fixation devices) in open and percutaneous minimally invasive approaches.

WARNINGS/CAUTIONS/PRECAUTIONS:
1. To avoid potential navigation inaccuracy, exercise caution to prevent the application of force on the tracker that could bias the navigated instrument.
2. Device components should be received and accepted only in packages that have not been damaged. Damaged or worn instruments should not be used. Components must be carefully handled and stored in a manner that prevents scratches, damage, and corrosion.
3. The instruments of the system, except for sterile packaged instruments, are provided non-sterile and must be cleaned and sterilized prior to use. Refer to the CLEANING and STERILIZATION sections. Instruments marked single use are disposable devices, designed for single use and should not be reused or reprocessed. Reprocessing of single use instruments may lead to instrument damage and possible improper function.
4. The following statements apply to single use sterile instruments:
    a. Inspect the packaging for signs of damage. Do not use devices if package is opened, damaged, or past the expiry date.
    b. Do not re-sterilize instruments.
    c. Do not use scratched or damaged devices.
5. To prevent possible nerve damage and associated disorders, extreme caution should be taken to avoid the spinal cord and nerve roots at all times.
6. During navigation, it is important to frequently confirm navigational accuracy by touching the tip of the navigated disc prep instrument on known anatomical points, including accuracy checkpoints, and comparing the position to the instrument tip in the image with its physical location.

7. Exercise caution during discectomy to avoid excessive force that could displace the anatomy relative to the reference frame, resulting in navigational inaccuracy. Be sure to confirm navigational accuracy following discectomy.
8. Do not use the SafeOp Stimulating Clip while the NavLock Array is connected to the Dilator.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

There are no specific contraindications associated with the ATEC Navigation Disc Prep Instruments.

PREOPERATIVE/INTRAOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT:

1. Inspect all instruments before use. If visibly damaged, do not use the instrument.
2. The Alphatec Navigation Disc Prep Instruments are designed to be used with the Navlock Instrument Set and StealthStation Spine Referencing Set. Other sets and disposables can be utilized at the discretion of the surgeon and should follow the manufacturer's instructions for use accordingly.
3. Instruments designed for use with the StealthStation System have a precise instrument geometry and LED/sphere configuration. The specific geometry of each instrument is stored in a file to which the computer refers to determine where the tip of the instrument is located in relation to the instrument LEDs or spheres. Before beginning navigation, the computer must be told which instrument has been chosen.
4. When selecting the instrument from the list in the application software, the system will expect verification that the chosen instrument is not bent or otherwise damaged. To do this, place the tip of the instrument into a metal divot on the reference frame (e.g., StealthAiR™ Spine Frame). The camera and computer will then confirm that the instrument in use matches the specifications for the instrument selected in the software.
5. Users must complete verification steps as required per the Medtronic StealthStation System Manual and/or Navigation Operative Technique.
6. To maintain accuracy, the system must continuously track the position of the anatomy during registration and navigation. This is necessary because anatomy or the localizer may accidentally or unavoidably be moved after patient registration or image acquisition. If the system did not track the position of the anatomy via the patient reference frame, any movement of the patient or localizer after registration or image acquisition would result in inaccurate navigation.
7. During surgery, the system tracks the position of specialized surgical instruments in or on the patient anatomy and continuously updates the instrument position on these images.
8. The system continuously re-computes the relative spatial positions of the patient reference frame and instrument in the navigation field and relates this information to the patient registration data in order to identify the location of the instrument on the operative images.
9. In the event of a registration failure or suspected inaccuracy, the instrument should not be used with the Navigation System and the instrument should be inspected for damage before continuing with a replacement instrument or non-navigated procedure.

REPROCESSING OF REUSABLE INSTRUMENTS

General Information for all Reusable Instruments:

- **Point-of-Use Processing:** To facilitate cleaning, instruments should be cleaned initially directly after use in order to facilitate more effective subsequent cleaning steps. Place instruments in a tray and cover with a wet towel to prevent drying.
- The cleaning process is the first step in effectively reprocessing reusable instruments. Adequate sterilization depends on thoroughness of cleaning. All reusable instruments that have been taken into a sterile surgical field must be decontaminated and cleaned using

established hospital methods before sterilization and reintroduction into the sterile surgical field.

- The cleaning and sterilization processes in this IFU have been validated and demonstrate that soil and contaminants have been removed leaving the devices effectively free of viable microorganisms.
- It is recommended that all new relevant clinical practice guidelines be followed as per the CDC guidance, “Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008.”
- It is recommended to rinse the device components with water that meets specifications for *AAMI TIR34 “Water for the reprocessing of medical devices, 2014”* for example, DI/RO water.
- The validated cleaning and sterilization reprocessing steps provided in these instructions are considered recommended guidelines. The user is ultimately responsible for verifying adequate cleanliness of the devices. Any reprocessing methods used aside from those recommended for Alphatec Spine devices should be validated by the user prior to implementation.
- Equipment, materials, and personnel differ between hospitals; therefore, validation and routine monitoring of the process are normally required at a reprocessing facility.

Instrument Preparation and Disassembly:

- Cleaning, inspection, and sterilization must be performed by hospital personnel trained in the general procedures involving contaminant removal.
- Instruments must be cleaned prior to sterilization.

Cleaning of Instruments, Containers, and Trays:

- Instruments provided in a set must be removed from the set and cleaned prior to sterilization. Instrument trays, containers, and lids must be thoroughly cleaned separately until visually clean.
- Cleaning, maintenance, and mechanical inspection must be performed by hospital personnel trained in the general procedures involving contaminant removal.
- Visually inspect each instrument for deterioration such as corrosion and worn components; ensure that the laser markings are legible and verify that all actuating parts move freely. Visual inspection must be performed at each cleaning to determine if an instrument is acceptable for use. If an instrument is not acceptable for use, return to the manufacturer.
- Clean the instruments, trays and inserts using only recommended cleaning solutions. Use of caustic solutions (caustic soda) will damage the instruments.
- All solutions for cleaning must be prepared per the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Use of water with high mineral content should be avoided.
- Complex instruments, such as those with, cannulas, hinges, retractable features, mated surfaces, and textured surface finishes, require special attention during cleaning. Brush tight tolerance areas with an appropriately sized brush and flush using a water jet or syringe where debris could become trapped.
- Ensure instruments are in the fully extended, open position throughout cleaning. Disconnect Quick Connect handles/knobs from the shafted instruments prior to cleaning.
- Ensure all moving parts of instruments are cleaned at both extents of travel. Handle all products with care. Mishandling may lead to damage and possible improper function.

Visually inspect the instrument after each cleaning step to ensure the instrument is clean. If not clean, repeat the step until clean.

Manual Cleaning (Required)

Step 1	Rinse devices in ambient temperature tap water to remove visible soil.
Step 2	Prepare enzymatic solution per manufacturer's recommendations and submerge device in enzyme solution. Actuate the device while it is submerged and soak for a minimum of 10 minutes.
Step 3	Actuate and scrub the device using an appropriately sized soft bristled brush to brush any lumens for a minimum of 2 minutes. If present, actuate at actuating locations to access all surfaces. Use of a syringe (minimum of 50 ml) or water jet is recommended for the hard-to-reach areas and repeat 3 times.
Step 4	Rinse devices in Deionized / Reverse Osmosis (DI/RO) water for a minimum of 1 minute. If needed, actuate at actuating locations to access all surfaces. Use a syringe (minimum of 50 ml) or water jet to flush hard-to-reach areas (e.g., lumens) from each end of the devices. Ensure to flush out lumens, blind holes, cracks, or cavities while rinsing.
Step 5	Prepare pH neutral or alkaline cleaning solution per manufacturer's recommendations and submerge and actuate devices in cleaning solution and sonicate for a minimum of 10 minutes.
Step 6	Thoroughly rinse devices with DI/RO water to remove all detergent residues. If present, actuate at actuating locations to access all surfaces. Use a syringe (minimum of 50 ml) or water jet to flush hard-to-reach areas (e.g., lumens) from each end of the devices and repeat 3 times. Ensure to flush out lumens, blind holes, cracks, or cavities while rinsing.
Step 7	Dry devices with a clean, lint free cloth or filtered compressed air.

Automatic Washer Cleaning

It is recommended based on validations to conduct all manual cleaning steps before automated cleaning steps when using alkaline detergent.

Step 1	Rinse devices in ambient temperature tap water to remove visible soil.
Step 2	Prepare enzymatic solution per manufacturer's recommendations and submerge device in enzyme solution. Actuate the device while it is submerged and soak for a minimum of 10 minutes.
Step 3	Actuate and scrub the device using an appropriately sized soft bristled brush to brush any lumens for a minimum of 2 minutes. If present, actuate at actuating locations to access all surfaces. Use of a syringe (minimum of 50 ml) or water jet is recommended for the hard-to-reach areas and repeat 3 times.
Step 4	Rinse devices in Deionized / Reverse Osmosis (DI/RO) water for a minimum of 1 minute. If needed, actuate at actuating locations to access all surfaces. Use a syringe (minimum of 50 ml) or water jet to flush hard-to-reach areas (e.g., lumens) from each end of the devices and repeat 3 times. Ensure to flush out lumens, blind holes, cracks, or cavities while rinsing.
Step 5	Complex instruments, such as those with cannulations, lumens, hinges, retractable features, mated surfaces, and textured surface finishes, require special attention during cleaning. Brush tight tolerance areas with an appropriately sized brush and flush using a water jet or syringe with ambient temperature tap water where debris could become

	trapped. Place them into the Washer/Disinfector and process through a standard surgical instrument cycle.
Step 6	Prewash with cold tap water for 2 minutes.
Step 7	Enzyme wash using cleaner per manufacturer's recommendations, hot tap water (66°C/150°F minimum), for a minimum of 1 minute.
Step 8	Detergent wash using pH neutral or alkaline detergent per manufacturer's recommendations, hot tap water (66°C/150°F minimum), for a minimum 2 minutes.
Step 9	Rinse 2 times, hot tap water (66°C/150°F minimum), for a minimum 2 minutes.
Step 10	Purified water rinse, hot (66°C/150°F minimum), for a minimum 2 minutes.
Step 11	Hot air dry (115°C/239°F minimum), for a minimum of 10 minutes.
Step 12	Dry devices with a clean, lint free cloth or filtered compressed air.

INSPECTION:

- Inspect each instrument, container, and tray to ensure that all visible contamination has been removed. If contamination is noted, repeat the cleaning/disinfection process.
- Check the action of moving parts (e.g., hinges, box-locks, connectors, sliding parts, etc.) to ensure smooth operation throughout the intended range of motion.
- Check instruments with long slender features (particularly rotating instruments) for distortion.
- Cutting instruments should be inspected after processing.
- Visually inspected for unacceptable deterioration such as corrosion, discoloration, pitting, cracked seals, and worn components,
- Ensure that the laser markings are legible and,
- Verify that all actuating parts move freely.
- When necessary, dispose of products in accordance with national regulations and approved hospital practices for surgical instrument disposal.

STERILIZATION AND RESTERILIZATION:

- All reusable instruments are provided non-sterile and must be steam sterilized prior to use using validated cycle parameters in the table below. Each facility should ensure its processing system can effectively apply validated cycle parameters such that equivalent sterility assurance levels are achieved. It is the responsibility of the healthcare facility to qualify their sterilizers' maximum load capacity and determine what effect the loading pattern of the sterilizer has on the sterilization of the devices.
- Alphatec perforated trays have been validated to achieve a sterility assurance level (SAL) of 10^{-6} using FDA cleared sterilization accessories (containers and filters). FDA-cleared reusable or paper filters should be used to achieve and maintain sterility after processing.
- Alphatec perforated container/tray configurations have also been validated to a sterility assurance level (SAL) of 10^{-6} using FDA-cleared sterilization wrap. Perforated container/tray configurations must be double wrapped to allow steam to penetrate and make direct contact with all surfaces.
- Do not stack trays during sterilization.
- Sets have been validated in standard configurations. No additional items should be added to the set for sterilization.

- Certain devices are packaged non-sterile as a single device to be steam sterilized by the end user. Without stacking, place the device in a container basket or use hospital-provided FDA-cleared sterilizers and accessories (e.g., sterilization wraps, sterilization pouches, sterilization trays). Confirm the container basket or sterilizer/accessories are acceptable for use with the ATEC device by referring to the specifications outlined in basket/sterilizer/accessory instructions for use. Verify sterilization can be achieved following the recommended sterilization cycle specifications (time and temperature).
- It is the end user's responsibility to use only sterilizers and accessories (such as sterilization wraps, sterilization pouches, chemical indicators, biological indicators, and sterilization cassettes) that have been cleared by the FDA for the selected sterilization cycle specifications (time and temperature). Recommended sterilization parameters are provided below.

Sterilization Parameters

Set Type	Cycle Type	Temperature	Exposure Time	Minimum Drying Time	Minimum Cool Down Time
Instrument Only Set	Pre-vacuum	132°C (270°F)	4 Minutes	45 Minutes	75 Minutes

Sterilization Notes:

- These parameters are consistent with the appropriate version of *ANSI/AAMI ST79 "Comprehensive guide to steam sterilization and sterility assurance in health care facilities."*

RETURNING INSTRUMENTS TO ALPHATEC SPINE:

All used products returning to Alphatec Spine must undergo all steps of cleaning, inspection, and terminal sterilization before being returned to Alphatec Spine. Documentation of decontamination should be included.

UDI CONSTRUCTION

To compile a unique device identifier (UDI) for reusable, reprocessed devices, the device identifier (GTIN) may be ascertained by searching for the part number in the FDA GUDID at https://accessgudid.nlm.nih.gov/. The production identifier(s) (e.g., lot number, serial number) may be found directly marked on the device.

COMPLAINT HANDLING / REPORTING:

All product complaints relating to safety, efficacy or performance of the product should be reported immediately to Alphatec Spine by telephone, e-mail, or letter per contact information below. All complaints should be accompanied by name, part number, and lot numbers. The person formulating the complaint should provide their name, address, and as many details as possible. You may contact Customer Service directly at: customerservice@atecspine.com.

For Surgical Technique Guides or additional information regarding the products, please contact Alphatec Spine, Inc. Customer Service directly at customerservice@atecspine.com.

Caution: Federal law (USA) restricts these devices to sale by or on the order of a physician.

For a listing of Symbols and Explanations, see **atecspine.com/eifu**

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