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Standard Specification for Articulating Total Wrist Implants¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification describes total wrist implants, including solid ceramic implants, used to provide functioning articulation by employing radial carpal components.

1.2 This specification excludes those implants with ceramic-coated or porous-coated surfaces, one piece elastomeric implants (with or without grommets), and those devices used for custom applications.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are standard. The English values in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F 67 Specification for Unalloyed Titanium, for Surgical Implant Applications, (UNS R50250, UNS R50550, UNS R50700)

F 75 Specification for Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloy Castings and Casting Alloy for Surgical Implants (UNS R30075)

F 86 Practice for Surface Preparation and Marking of Metallic Surgical Implants

F 90 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-20Chromium-15Tungsten-10Nickel Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30605)

F 136 Specification for Wrought Titanium-6Aluminum-4Vanadium ELI (Extra Low Interstitial) Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R56401)

F 562 Specification for Wrought 35Cobalt-35Nickel-20Chromium-10Molybdenum Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30035)

F 563 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-20Nickel-20Chromium-3.5Molybdenum-3.5Tungsten-5Iron Alloy

for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30563)

F 601 Practice for Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection of Metallic Surgical Implants

F 603 Specification for High-Purity Dense Aluminum Oxide for Medical Application

F 629 Practice for Radiography of Cast Metallic Surgical Implants

F 648 Specification for Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethylene Powder and Fabricated Form for Surgical Implants

F 748 Practice for Selecting Generic Biological Test Methods for Materials and Devices

F 799 Specification for Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloy Forgings for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, R31538, R31539)

F 981 Practice for Assessment of Compatibility of Biomaterials for Surgical Implants with Respect to Effect of Materials on Muscle and Bone

F 983 Practice for Permanent Marking of Orthopaedic Implant Components

F 1108 Specification for Titanium-6Aluminum-4Vanadium Alloy Castings for Surgical Implants (UNS R56406)

F 1537 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloys for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, UNS R31538, and UNS R31539)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *carpal component*—articulating member inserted into or through the carpal bones.

3.1.2 *radial component*—articulating member inserted into the radius for articulation with the carpal component.

3.1.3 *total wrist replacement*—prosthetic parts substituted for the native opposing radial and carpal articulating surfaces.

4. Classification

4.1 *Constrained*—A constrained joint prosthesis is used for joint replacement and prevents dislocation of the prosthesis in more than one anatomical plane and consists of either a single, flexible, across-the-joint component, or more than one component linked together or affixed.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

4.2 *Partially Constrained*—A semi-constrained joint prosthesis is used for partial or total joint replacement and limits translation and rotation of the prosthesis in one or more planes via the geometry of its articulating surfaces. It has no across-the-joint linkages.

4.3 *Unconstrained*—An unconstrained joint prosthesis is used for partial or total joint replacement and restricts minimally prosthesis movement in one or more planes. Its components have no across-the-joint linkages.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Proper material selection is necessary, but insufficient to ensure suitable function of a device.

5.2 All metal implant components shall conform to one of the following specifications for implant materials: Specification F 67, F 75, F 90, F 136, F 562, F 563 (nonbearing use only), F 799, F 1108, or F 1537.

5.3 All polymeric components shall conform to the following specification for implant materials: Specification F 648.

5.4 All solid ceramic components shall conform to Specification F 603 for implant materials.

5.5 *Biocompatibility*—Articulating implants shall be manufactured from the materials listed in 5.2-5.4. Before implants can be manufactured from other materials, their biocompatibility will be considered suitable only if they produce an acceptable response after testing in accordance with Practice F 981.

5.6 When required for metallic implants, fluorescent penetrant inspection shall be performed in accordance with Practice F 601.

5.7 When required for cast metallic implants, radiography shall be performed in accordance with Practice F 629.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 *Polymeric Creep (Cold Flow)*—Ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene in implant form must conform to the requirements detailed in Specification F 648. When creep occurs, it must not impair the function or stability of the interface.

6.2 *Wear of Alternative Materials*—It is important to understand the wear performance for articulating surfaces. Any new or different material couple should not exceed the wear rates of the following material couple when tested under physiological conditions. The current wear couple is CoCrMo alloy (Specification F 75) against ultra high molecular weight polyethylene. This is an industry wide referenced wear couple and is considered by some to be the minimum. It has been proven to provide clinically acceptable results.

NOTE 1—In situations where the pin-on-flat test may not be considered appropriate, other test methods may be considered.

6.3 *Range of Motion of the Device Before Implantation*—The implant shall be evaluated to determine the maximum dorsiflexion, palmar flexion, radial deviation, and ulnar deviation possible before subluxation occurs or the motion is arrested by the implant. These results shall be reported in the product labeling.

6.4 *Guidelines for In-Vitro Laboratory Testing*—No ASTM standards for testing articulating wrist implants have not been

developed. Laboratory testing that simulates the conditions of use is desirable to compare materials and designs and to provide an indication of clinical performance. Implant testing shall be done in keeping with the implants intended function, that is, implants intended to partially stabilize or stabilize a joint shall be subjected to the maximum destabilizing force anticipated in clinical application during flexural testing.

7. Dimensions

7.1 Dimensions of wrist joint replacement components shall be as designated in Figs. 1 and 2.

8. Finish and Marking

8.1 Items conforming to this specification shall be finished and marked in accordance with Practice F 86 where applicable.

8.2 *Metallic Bearing Surface*—Articulate surfaces shall be finished to an average roughness of 0.125 μm .

8.3 *Polymeric Bearing Surface Finish*— shall conform to manufacturer’s documented standards concerning concentricity, sphericity, and surface roughness, when applicable.

8.4 Items conforming to this specification shall be marked in accordance with Practices F 86 and F 983. Radial and carpal component marking shall include, as possible, the items below in the following order of importance:

- 8.4.1 Manufacturer,
- 8.4.2 Size,
- 8.4.3 Catalog Number,
- 8.4.4 Lot Number, and
- 8.4.5 Orientation (dorsal/palmar/radial/ulnar/left/right as appropriate).

8.5 If one of the components is not radiographic opaque, it shall contain a marker wire or other means of radiographic detection. If used, it may be located at the manufacturer’s discretion.

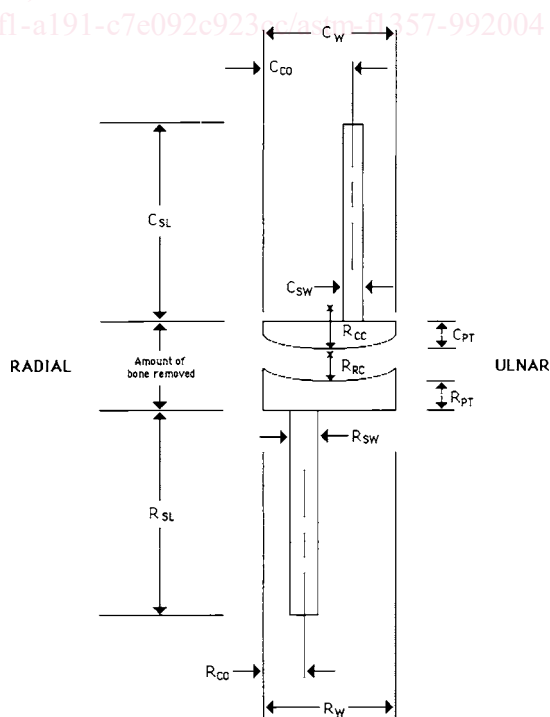


FIG. 1 Dimensions of Wrist Joint Replacements (Coronal Plane)