

Cover Screws



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Description

Cover screws are a component that covers the implant platform and prevents tissue overgrowth during the healing phase of the implant. The threaded portion of the Cover Screw fits inside the internal thread of the implant, while the head of the Cover Screw covers the top surface of the implant (the implant head).

Cover screws are intended to be used with the following implant systems:

- Cover screws which feature an Internal Conical Connection (CC) can be used with Nobel Biocare's NobelActive®, NobelParallel™ CC, NobelReplace® CC implant and Trefoil™ systems.
- Cover screws which feature an internal tri-channel connection can be used with Nobel Biocare's NobelReplace® Tapered Groovy® and Replace Select™ implant systems.
- Cover Screw which feature an External hex connection can be used with Nobel Biocare's Brånemark System®, NobelZygoma and NobelSpeedy® Groovy® implant systems.
- Cover Screws which feature a Tri-oval Conical Connection (TCC) can be used with Nobel Biocare's N1™ -TiUltra™ TCC Implant system.

The Cover Screw Nobel Biocare $N1^{TM}$ TCC features two parts: the main body and the internal screw.

Table 1 presents a summary of the available Cover Screws and the corresponding compatible implant systems and screwdrivers, including references to the associated Nobel Biocare Instructions for Use (IFU). These IFUs are available for download at ifu.nobelbiocare.com.

Intended Use / Intended Purpose

Dental Implant Cover Screws

Dental implant Cover Screws are to be used in the upper or lower jaw connected to the endosseous implant to protect the internal threads and implant head during the healing phase.

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Intended to be temporarily connected to an endosseous dental implant to protect the implant connection interface during bone healing.

Indications

Dental Implant Cover Screws

To be used when applicable together with the implant during healing in order to protect the implant platform and internal threads from overgrowth of bone.

Cover Screw	Connection Type	Implant Platform	Implant System	Screwdriver
Cover Screw Brånemark System® NP	External Hex	NP	Brånemark System® (IFU1015) NobelSpeedy® Groovy® (IFU1007)	Cover Screw Driver Brånemark System® Hexagon (IFU1085)
Cover Screw Brånemark System® RP		RP	Brånemark System® (IFU1015) NobelSpeedy® Groovy® (IFU1007) NobelZygoma 0° (IFU1051) Brånemark System® (IFU1015) NobelSpeedy® Groovy® (IFU1007)	
Cover Screw Brånemark System® WP		WP		
Cover Screw Conical Connection 3.0	Conical Connection	3.0	NobelActive® (IFU1001)	Unigrip™ (IFU1058)
Cover Screw Conical Connection NP		NP	NobelActive® (IFU1001) NobelParallel™ CC (IFU1002) NobelReplace® CC (IFU1010)	
Cover Screw Conical Connection RP		RP		
Cover Screw Conical Connection WP		WP		
Cover Screw NobelReplace® NP	Internal Tri-channel	NP	Replace Select™, NobelReplace® Tapered Groovy® (IFU1012)	
Cover Screw NobelReplace® RP		RP		
Cover Screw NobelReplace® WP		WP		
Cover Screw NobelReplace® 6.0		6.0		
Cover Screw Nobel Biocare N1™ TCC NP	Tri-oval Conical	NP	Nobel Biocare N1™ TiUltra™ TCC (IFU1087)	Omnigrip™ Mini (IFU1085)
Cover Screw Nobel Biocare N1™ TCC RP	Connection	RP		

Table 1 – Cover Screws with Compatible Implants and Screwdrivers

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Cover screws are indicated for use with implants placed in the maxilla, mandible, or zygomatic bone, as per the indications for the respective implant system.

Contraindications

It is contraindicated to use cover screws in:

- Patients who are medically unfit for an oral surgical procedure.
- Patients in whom adequate sizes, numbers, or desirable positions of implants are not reachable to achieve safe support of static and dynamic loads.
- Patients allergic or hypersensitive to commercially pure titanium or titanium alloy Ti-6Al-4V (titanium, aluminum, vanadium) and DLC (Diamond Like Carbon) coating.

For contraindications specific to the implants, refer to the applicable Nobel Biocare IFU per Table 1.

Cautions

General

Treatment by means of implants may lead to loss of bone, biologic, or mechanical failures including fatigue fracture of implants.

Close cooperation between surgeon, restorative dentist, and dental laboratory technician is essential for a successful implant treatment.

Cover screws must only be used with compatible Nobel Biocare instruments and components. Use of instruments or components that are not intended to be used in combination with cover screws can lead to product failure, damage to tissue, or unsatisfactory esthetic results.

When using a new device/treatment method for the first time, working with a colleague who is experienced with the new device/treatment method may help avoid possible complications. Nobel Biocare has a global network of mentors available for this purpose.

Before Surgery

Careful psychological and physiological evaluation followed by clinical and radiological examination must be performed on the patient prior to surgery to determine the suitability of the patient for treatment.

Special attention must be given to patients who have local or systemic factors that could interfere with the healing process of either bone or soft tissue or the osseointegration process (e.g. cigarette smoking, poor oral hygiene, uncontrolled diabetes, oro-facial radiotherapy, steroid therapy, and infections in the neighboring bone). Special caution is advised in patients who receive bisphosphonate therapy.

In general, implant placement and prosthetic design must accommodate individual patient conditions. In case of bruxism, other parafunctional habits or unfavorable jaw relationships, reappraisal of the treatment option may be considered.

The device has not been evaluated in pediatric/adolescent patients and is not recommended for use in children. Routine treatment is not recommended until the end of the juvenile jaw bone growth phase has been properly documented.

Pre-operative hard tissue or soft tissue deficits may yield a compromised esthetic result or unfavorable implant angulations.

All components, instruments, and tooling used during the clinical or laboratory procedure must be maintained in good condition and care must be taken that instrumentation does not damage implants or other components.

At Surgery

Care and maintenance of sterile instruments are crucial for successful treatment. Sterilized instruments not only safeguard patients and staff against infection but are also essential for the outcome of the total treatment.

Because of the small sizes of the devices, care must be taken that they are not swallowed or aspirated by the patient. It is appropriate to use specific supporting tools to prevent aspiration of loose parts (e.g. gauze, a dental dam, or throat shields).

After the implant placement, the surgeon's evaluation of bone quality and primary stability will determine when the implants may be loaded. Lack of adequate quantity and/or quality of remaining bone, infection, and generalized diseases may be potential causes for failure of osseointegration both immediately after surgery, or after osseointegration is initially achieved.

After Surgery

To help ensure a successful long term-treatment outcome, it is advised to provide comprehensive regular patient follow up after implant treatment and to inform the patient about appropriate oral hygiene.

Intended Users and Patient Groups

Cover screws are to be used by dental health care professionals.

Cover screws are to be used in patients subject to dental implant treatment.

Clinical Benefits and Undesirable Side Effects

Clinical Benefits Associated with Cover Screws

Cover screws are a component of treatment with a dental implant system and/or dental crowns and bridges. As a clinical benefit of treatment, patients can expect to have their missing teeth replaced and/or crowns restored.

Undesirable Side Effects Associated with Cover Screws

During placement of this device the pharyngeal (gag) reflex may be triggered in patients with a sensitive gag reflex. During the submerged healing period, bone may grow over the cover screw. In some cases, cover screws may get exposed prematurely.

Notice regarding serious incidents

For a patient / user / third party in the European Union and in countries with an identical regulatory regime (Regulation 2017/745/EU on Medical Devices); if, during the use of this device or as a result of its use, a serious incident has occurred, please report it to the manufacturer and to your national authority. The contact information for the manufacturer of this device to report a serious incident is as follows:

Nobel Biocare AB www.nobelbiocare.com/complaint-form

Surgical Procedure and Handling Procedure

- Select the appropriate Cover Screw based on the implant connection and platform type (see Table 1).
- Connect the cover screw to the implant and hand tighten using a Unigrip™ Screwdriver, a Driver Brånemark System® Hexagon or an Omnigrip™ Mini as indicated in Table 1, depending on the connection type (see Figure A).

Note For Brånemark System® cover screw a hex screwdriver should be used for tightening.

Caution Tighten the Cover Screw only finger-tight to avoid excessive loads that might damage the Cover Screw parts.



Figure A - Tightening the Cover Screw

- To remove the Cover Screw, untighten the screw by hand using the appropriate screwdriver referenced in Table 1.
- 4. In the event the Cover Screw becomes stuck or is broken, abutment screw retrieval instruments can be used. Refer to Table 2 for the compatible instruments and Nobel Biocare IFU1043 for further details.

Cover Screw	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instruments		
Cover Screw Brånemark	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill 3.0/NP		
System® NP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument 3.0/NP		
Cover Screw Brånemark	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
System® RP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw Brånemark System® WP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw Conical	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Connection 3.0	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Cover Screw Conical	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Connection NP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Cover Screw Conical	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
Connection RP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw Conical	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
Connection WP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw NobelReplace® NP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill 3.0/NP		
	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument 3.0/NP		
Cover Screw	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
NobelReplace® RP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
NobelReplace® WP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill RP/WP/6.0		
NobelReplace® 6.0	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument RP/WP/6.0		
Cover Screw	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Nobel Biocare N1™ TCC NP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Cover Screw	Abutment Screw Retrieval Reverse Drill CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		
Nobel Biocare N1™ TCC RP	Abutment Screw Retrieval Instrument CC 3.0/NP & TCC NP/RP		

Table 2 – Compatible Abutment Screw Retrieval Instruments

Materials

- Cover Screws for the Nobel Biocare N1™ Implant System: Titanium Alloy 90% Ti, 6% Al, 4% V (ASTM F136, ISO 5832-3), and Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) coating.
- Cover Screw Conical Connection, Internal Tri-channel Connection and External Hex implants: Titanium alloy 90% Ti, 6% Al, 4% V.

Sterility and Reusability Information

Cover Screws have been sterilized using irradiation and are intended for single. Do not use after the labeled expiration date.

Warning Do not use device if the packaging has been damaged or previously opened as the device sterility and/or integrity may be compromised.

Caution Cover Screws are single use products and must not be reprocessed. Reprocessing could cause loss of mechanical, chemical and/or biological characteristics. Reuse could cause local or systemic infection.

Warning Use of a non-sterile device may lead to infection of tissues or infectious diseases.

Magnetic Resonance (MR) Safety Information

Cover screws Brånemark System®, Cover Screw Conical Connection and Cover Screws NobelReplace®

Cover screws contain metallic materials which can be affected by MRI scanning. Non-clinical testing performed by Nobel Biocare has demonstrated that cover screws are unlikely to impact patient safety under the following MRI conditions:

- Static magnetic field of 1.5 Tesla and 3.0 Tesla only.
- Maximum spatial gradient magnetic field of 4000 Gauss/cm (40 T/m).
- Maximum MR system reported, whole body averaged specific absorption rate (SAR) of 2 W/kg (Normal Operating Mode) or 4 W/kg (First Level Controlled Mode).

Note Removable restorations should be taken out prior to scanning, as is done for watches, jewelry etc.

Under the conditions defined above, these devices are expected to produce a maximum temperature rise of 4.1°C (39.4°F) after 15 minutes of continuous scanning.

In the non-clinical testing, the image artifact caused by the devices extends approximately 30 mm from the devices when imaged with a gradient echo pulse sequence and a 3.0 Tesla MRI system.

Note Although the non-clinical testing demonstrates that cover screws are unlikely to interfere with patient safety under the conditions defined above, this testing is insufficient to support a claim of MR Safe or MR Conditional for the cover screws.

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MR Safety Information for Single Tooth Restoration

MRI Safety Information

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Non-clinical testing has demonstrated that the Cover Screw Nobel Biocare N1™ TCC is MR conditional. A patient with this device can be safely scanned in an MR system meeting the following conditions mentioned here below. Failure to follow these conditions may result in injury to the patient.

Nominal value(s) of Static Magnetic Field [T]	1.5-Tesla (1.5 T)	3-Tesla (3 T)	
Maximum Spatial Field Gradient [T/m and gauss/cm]	Maximum spatial field gradient of 58.9 T/m (5,890 G/cm).		
RF Excitation	Circularly Polarized (CP).		
RF Transmit Coil Type	Whole body transmit coil.		
Maximum Whole-Body SAR [W/kg]	Inferior to the neck: 2.0 W/kg	Inferior to the xyphoid: 2.0 W/kg Between the xyphoid and neck:	
	Superior to the neck: 0.5 W/kg	1.0 W/kg	
		Superior to the neck: 0.5 W/kg	
Limits on Scan Duration	Under the scan conditions defined above, the dental implant systems are expected to produce a maximum temperature rise less than 6.0 °C after 15 minutes of continuous scanning.		
MR Image Artifact	In non-clinical testing, the image artifact caused by the dental implant systems extend radially approximately 3.0 cm from the devices or device assemblies when imaged in 3.1 MRI system		

Performance Requirements and Limitations

To achieve the desired performance, cover screws must only be used with the products described in this Instructions for Use and/or in the Instructions for Use for other compatible Nobel Biocare products, and in accordance with the Intended Use for each product. To confirm the compatibility of products which are intended to be used in conjunction with cover screws, check the color coding, dimensions, lengths, connection type and/or any direct marking as applicable on the products or product labeling.

Facilities and Training

It is strongly recommended that new and experienced users of Nobel Biocare products always go through special training before using a new product for the first time. Nobel Biocare offers a wide range of courses for various levels of knowledge and experience. For more information please visit www.nobelbiocare.com.

Storage, Handling and Transportation

The device must be stored and transported in dry conditions in the original packaging at room temperature and not exposed to direct sunlight. Incorrect storage and transportation may influence device characteristics leading to failure.

Disposal

Safely discard potentially contaminated or no longer usable medical devices as healthcare (clinical) waste in accordance with local healthcare guidelines, country and government legislation or policy.

Separation, re-cycling or disposal of packaging material shall follow local country and government legislation on packaging and packaging waste, where applicable.

Manufacturer and Distributor Information

Manufacturer



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CE Mark for Class IIb Devices



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