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AFR Mini-REG

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Dispositivo per la Registrazione Funzionale Anteriore

- Prefabbricato Una misura che si adatta a tutti
- Confezionato singolarmente in busta igienica compresa etichettatura individuale per ogni paziente
- Pronto all'uso Non necessita di preparazione speciale
- Fatto di PP (polipropilene) NON TOSSICO
- Si applica direttamente nella bocca del paziente con comuni materiali dentali
- Confortevole per il paziente la Registrazione del morso di centrica
- Immediata visualizzazione dei movimenti mandibolari (Registrazione dell'Arco Gotico)









Anterior Functional Registration Device



AFR-Mini-Reg - FUNCTIONAL ANTERIOR DEVICE.

The AFR-Mini-Reg (Fig.1) is anterior device designed like a JIG-Splint. It can be used on patients with complete dentition or patients with missing teeth or gaps in the posterior area.

It is an economic and effective device for a diagnosis of malocclusion and determination of a physiological position of the mandible.

Advantages

The AFR-MINI-Reg has been used in professional dentistry for almost 30 years. Based on the clinical experience the AFR-Mini-Reg provides following advantages.

- Prefabricated One size, fits all
- Individually packed in hygienic bags including individual labeling for each patient
- Ready to use no special preparation is needed
- Made from non toxic PP (Polypropylen) Material
- Direct application to the patients mouth with common dental materials
- Comfortable Centric Bite Registration for the patient.
- Instant visibility of the mandible movement (Recording of the Gothic Arch) Fig.2
- Easy reproducible interocclusal records



The AFR-Mini-Reg is a tool for recording the exact location of the centric and excentric relationship of the mandible. It can be use before, during and after treatment (occlusal splint, orthodontic, orthognatic cases, selective grinding, restorative dentistry, prosthodontics). It is also recommended for patients with implants. The AFM-Mini-Reg helps determine a protruded position of the mandible for snore and apnea appliances. Also for orthodontic treatment using an Herbst-Appliance, mandible positions can be recorded with a AFR-Mini-Reg.

Like any other JIG-Splint (Lucia-JIG, NTI-TSS, Leaf-Gauge, Denar Deprogrammer, Kois Deprogrammer, ...) the AFR-Mini-Reg is an anterior deprogrammer, but it is the only de-vice which visualizes mandible movement using the Gothic Arch like comparable systems from (Gysi, Gerber, ...).

Based on clinical experience, the AFR-Mini-Reg is a good suplementary device when using electronic registration systems like Jaw Motion Analyzer, Arcus Digma, AXIOQUICK® Recorder, Freecorder® BlueFox, ...

How to attach the AFR-Mini-Reg to the anterior teeth

PVS silicone (putty) supports all cases; however, previous adhesive application is suggested (Fig. 3, Fig. 4) Using a primer gives better retention. Green sticks (Stick compound) (Fig. 5) may also be used, with restrictions on cases with retention (fixed prosthesis, brackets), or even in the presence of temporary crowns and bridges made from Bis-Acryl-Composite.

All kinds of wax or other materials are not indicated for this technique.

MINI-REG stability assurance procedure.

Whether with silicone or stick compound, MINI-REG must be kept fixed during reline, with no rotational motion. (Fig.6)

The impression material with the MINI-REG should cover teeth and the palatal anterior region of the gum.













GOTHIC ARCH TRACER



What is a Gothic Arch

The Gothic Arch tracer is a technique which has been used in dentistry for more then 100 years. Alfred Gysi used an extraoral device to record mandible movement for the reconstruction of full dentures. The Gothic Arch Tracer is used to determinate the position of the mandible in centric relation. The traces represent the mandible movement on a horizontal plane. The apex of the arch is considers, that the mandible is in centric relation. The traces show the maximum movement of the mandible to the anterior and lateral position.

What is the difference between the AFR-Mini-Reg and other common systems

Almost all Gothic Arch Tracing Systems (Gerber, DIR-System, ...) are bite plates which are mounted on the intraoral position of the mandible.

The bite plate of the AFR-Mini-Reg has flat surface which is mounted to the anterior teeth. The usability of this device is more convenient for the dentist and also for the patient. The application of the AFR-Mini-Reg is easy and fast. A reliable and precise diagnosis can be done in less then 15 minutes. The AFR-Mini-Reg is also an alternative for patients with a small budget.

Suplementary products needed for obtaining the gothic arch tracer

Gothic Arch traces can be recorded directly on the bite plate using an Occlusion Spray. (Fig.8) The surface should be coated equally and smoothly without spots. Using this technique, good resilts can be achieved by using Bausch Articulating Spray BK 285 white (Fig.7). Other colors like green are also possible. The white spray provides a good contrast on the blue surface. Beside the direct application a graph paper is added to each AFR-Mini-Reg. This graph paper is a self adhesive label, which fits exactly to the shape of the bite plate. For preparing a record, the dentist takes a piece of 1-sided occlusion test film (Bausch Arti-Fol Metallic) (Fig.9) and puts the marking side on top of the graph paper. The non coated side is exposed to the anterior registration pin of the mandible. The traces on the graph paper (Fig.10, 12, 14)) are clearly visible and the graph paper should be sealed with transparent plastic label, which is also attached to the AFR-Min-Reg. These graph papers can be used for documentation by adding them to the patients file.

Evaluating the Gothic Arch Traces

Using the graph papers as documentation can provide important information about the maximum movement of the mandible. It maybe also useful to keep such records before and after treatment with, occlusal splint, orthodontic treatment, temporary crowns, ..., to compare the results and verify any improvement.

The millimeter scale (with the kit) has the advantage (with BK 30 black BK 31 red, Fig.15) to compare the range of the mandibular movements, before and after occlusal splint, orthodontic treatment, temporary crowns.



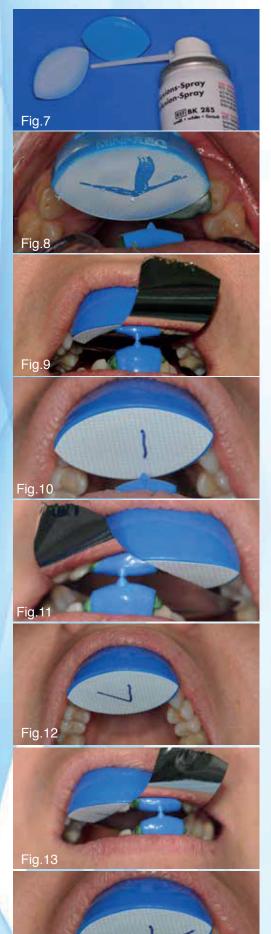


Fig.14

INTEROCCLUSAL RECORDS



What are the characteristics of an interocclusal record.

Wax, pattern resin and silicone may be used (Fig.16). It is important that the interocclusal record presents marks of cusp tips only and that it allows optimal adjustment with the diagnostic casts.

High quality materials give better results; however, mandibular manipulation training is required in order to achieve good results.

ATTENTION: Precise interocclusal records need your full attention to achieve the result of an interocclusal record, which fits the diagnostic casts precisely (Fig.17).

"The price for inaccurate bite records is wasted time, compromised results, and a lack predictability"; Dr. Peter Dawson, Dawson Academy, 50 Pearls of Wisdom

The AFR-Mini-Reg is the only device incorporating the advantage of an anterior jig splint and a gothic arch tracer. Supporting the neuromuscular relaxation, the AFR-Mini-Reg enables the mandible into a physiological position. (Fig. 18)



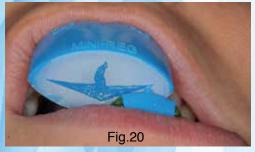
It is also possible to determinate an eccentric mandible position with an interocclusal record. (Fig.19, 20, 21)

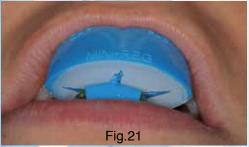
The AFR-Mini-Reg is like a Jig-Splint, which improves a neuromuscular relaxation, manual manipulation of the mandible in most cases is not required. Anyhow it is important that the dentist has some clinical experience for those cases, which probably need some manual support.











Gothic Arch Traces with Angle Class III Occlusion

The AFR-Mini-Reg can also be used for diagnosis of Angle Class III. In this special case the bite plate is mounted on the lower anterior teeth and the registration pin on upper anterior teeth to increase the range of motion on the bite plate. In this case the apex of the Gothic Arch Traces is in a inverted position. (Fig.12)

For an individual of Angle's Class III with larger mandibular projection, the MINI-REG parts must be inverted so that the Gothic Arch remain restrict to the recording plate. This way, it is more stable for a Class III condition.



INTEROCCLUSAL RECORDS



Mounting the lower cast model into the articulator

For mounting the lower cast model only the interocclusal record is necessary. It is not conducive using also the AFR-Mini-Reg when mounting the models, because the seating of the AFR-Mini-Reg on the stone models differs from the seating in the mouth.

The interocclusal record is placed on the cast model of the maxillary. (Fig.25) The lower cast model is seated into the impression of the interocclusal record. At this step the incisal pin of the articulator is fixed, to adjust the vertical dimension (Fig.23). Dependent from the articulator model used, different adjustments in compliance to the requirements of technic specifications have to be considered.

Transferring the mandible position using the interocclusal record provides a precise reproducable position in the articulator. To achieve reproducible and exact positions, it is essential to consider following possible sources of errors:

- Facebow transfer (Fig.24)
- Dimensional changes of the impression and, consequently, of the cast model
- Dimensional changes of the interocclusal record.
- Error on the fixing of diagnostic casts.

To check the coincidence of occlusal contacts between the cast model and the intraoral situation, the Arti-Dry Technique is possible technique, which requires clinical experience of manual manipulation of the mandible. In this case the mandible should be placed manually into CR (Centric Relation). If the occlusal interferences are in coincidence, the cast model is mounted in the correct relation. Also regular Articulating Film or Paper can be used to check this coincidence. (Fig.27)









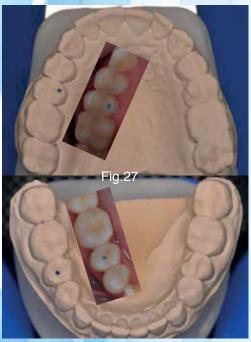












Instrumental Functional Analysis



Checking of the physiologic position the mandible and the maximum intercuspation

removing of the interocclusal record & releasing the incisal pin of the articulator

first occlusal interference is visible

Is this initial contact correct?

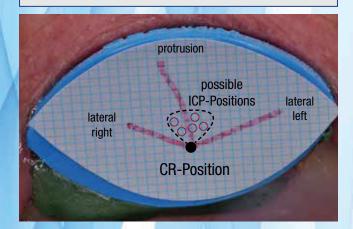


This position could be probably the CR Position (Centric Relation). To verify this position, the models are shifted to the maximum intercuspation (ICP-Position). In this position there is no coincidence between physiologic position and ICP.

ICP-Position

● CR-Position ○ICP-Position





If the ICP-Position could be detected in the plane of mandible movement, the CR- Position is correct.

If it is not possible to detect an ICP-Position between the casts models, the divergence may found in one of the previous steps.

Interpretation of diagnosis-specific intervention

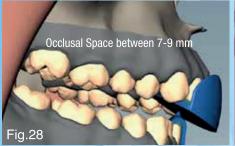


Occlusal Space

The AFR-Mini-Reg causes an occlusal space between maxilla and mandible. Like any other JIG-Splints (Lucia-JIG, NTI-TSS, Leaf-Gauge, Denar Deprogrammer, Kois Deprogrammer, ...), AFR-Mini-REG generates a rotation of the condyles. Based on clinical experience, an anterior occlusal space of max.12 mm has no significant effect, determinating the hinge axis (Fig.30), as long as there is no translation of the condyles. This finding has also been mentioned in relevant literature

(McCollum, Posselt, Ramjford & Ash, Howat, Okenson, Dawson, Santos Jr., Bumann).

The AFR-Mini-REG generally creates an interincisal opening between 7-9 mm (Fig.28, 29)





Reference Plane

For performing a AFR-Mini-REG record, it is recommended to attach the bite plate in relation to the occlusal plane. Small deviations from the occlusal plane have not shown any different results. (Fig.31, 32)







Equivalent registration techniques

Beside the AFR-Mini-Reg technique (Fig.33) there are numerous techniques or concepts, which will lead to similar results, like Lucia's JIG (Gig.34), Dawson Bimanual Manipulation (Fig.35), ...







Eccentric interocclusal records

The AFR-Mini-Reg is unique, because it is a combination of an anterior neuromuscular deprogrammer and a gothic arch tracer. One of the major benefits is the possibility taking eccentric interocclusal records. (Fig. 36, 37, 38)







Splint Occlusale

In odontoiatria ci sono numerose tecniche o concetti per creare splint occlusale. AFR-Mini-Reg è un dispositivo pratico per il trasferimento delle informazioni diagnostiche in un bite duro per il paziente. (Fig 39, 40)

Lo splint occlusale in posizione fisiologica con la guida canina. Agendo come ogni deprogrammatore, AFR-Mini-REG supporta il sistema neuromuscolare del paziente.

La deprogrammazione anteriore è molto confortevole durante il processo di registrazione, rilassando i muscoli masticatori.



AFR-Mini-REG può essere anche utilizzato in combinazione con il sistema elettronico di movimento della mascella come (Jaw Motion Analizzatore / Zebris, Arcus Digma / Kawo, / SAM AXIOQUICK®, Freecorder® BlueFox, ... (Fig 41, 42, 43, 44)

Trattamento ortodontico

Anche ai pazienti con bracket si può effettuare la registrazione con AFR-Mini-Reg. (Fig.44) Per questa tecnica la parte inferiore del dispositivo di registrazione deve essere regolata

Pazienti con limitazione funzionale articolare

Se il paziente ha una limitazione a muoversi a destra o a sinistra, il problema è istantaneo visibili sulle tracce dell'arco gotico. Questa limitazione potrebbe essere causata da una intensa tensione muscolare, spostamento del disco senza riduzione o da malattia articolare degenerativa. (Fig.45)

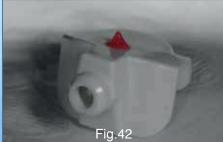
Prodotti supplementari

Quando il paziente si lamenta sul dolore muscolare, può essere utile utilizzare un Aqualizer o RehaBite prima di iniziare la registrazione. Entrambi i sistemi idrostatici ridurranno il dolore muscolare in modo significativo. Il paziente dovrebbe utilizzare questi sistemi per una settimana prima del procedura di registrazione.



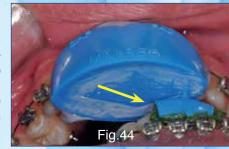


















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