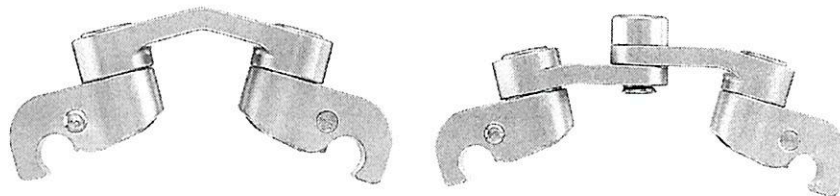


Safety Information – Product recall

SW112T – S4C CROSS CONNECTOR FIXED 22MM
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SW116T – S4C CROSS CONNECTOR VARIABLE 33–42MM
SW117T – S4C CROSS CONNECTOR VARIABLE 42–58MM



Dear Sirs,

Within biomechanical testing Aesculap AG has identified that the S4 Cervical Cross Connectors (in the sizes listed above) show a reduced clamping force.

The products are recalled preventively, according to the current state of knowledge there is no acute danger for patients, users and third parties.

The S4 Cervical Cross Connectors are optional implant components of the S4 Cervical System supporting the overall stability when applied.

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Due to the error pattern, the cross connector may migrate on the rods. A complete detachment is impossible. The additional rotational stability applied by the connector cannot be guaranteed in all cases.

To date, we are not aware of any effects on the clinical performance or incidents which apply to S4 Cervical Cross Connectors. Already implanted products do not need to be revised as a precautionary measure.

Aesculap AG is recalling the named product as a preventive action for the reasons given above.

According to our information you have received articles of the product concerned. Please check whether the products have been used in your institution.

In case you return the product, please enclose the return form "Product Recall" and address the shipment to:

**Aesculap AG
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In this case you will receive a credit note from us for all products you have purchased.

Your responsible sales specialist will inform you as soon as the cross connectors are available again.

In case you could not locate any affected product:

If you do not have any of the involved products, please send us the attached "Feedback Form" and tick the boxes as appropriate.

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For questions related to the product and for further processing, our product management is at your disposal. Please contact:

Tamara Leder
Tel.: +49 7461 95 - 31261
E-Mail: tamara.leder@aesculap.de

or

Wolfgang Daiber
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Please ensure that all users of the affected product are informed about this safety information in your organization. If you have distributed the products to a third party, please forward a copy of this information or inform the above mentioned contact person. The Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices has received a copy of this safety information.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you very much for your support.

With best regards,

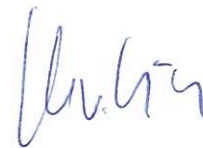
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Please return this form by fax or e-mail to:

Department QMV / Recall Coordinator: [Hier eingeben] / [Hier eingeben]

Fax: +49 7461-95 1555

E-Mail: vigilance_aag.de@aesculap.de

Affected products were located on stock and will be returned.

Yes No Comment: _____

Quantity to return: _____

Affected products were implanted.

Yes No Comment: _____

Quantity implanted: _____

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HOSPITAL _____

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SIGNATURE _____

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PRODUCT RECALL

Hygienic condition:

new good

used decontaminated

used not decontaminated

pos. no.	part no. article no.	serial / lot-no.	quantity	remark

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