# **Urgent Voluntary Field Safety Notice**

Reference: R538

#### **Purpose**

This Field Safety Notice (FSN) is to inform you about a recall of the Disposable Cerclage Tensioner AR-7820

The FiberTape cerclage single-use tensioner provides a simple and efficient way to deliver reproducible and controlled compression on the cerclage construct during fracture management and sternal closure procedures.

### Products affected by the issue

Product Name	Part No.	Lot No.	UDI
DISPOSABLE CERCLAGE TENSIONER	AR-7820	3039129043	00888867373976



#### **Description of the issue**

The device may lock up due to friction between components, preventing the tensioning of sutures.

If the tensioner locks up the user will notice the issue and the suture can be unwrapped and the tensioner removed without affecting the patient. In this case the device can be easily replaced with another single-use

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device AR-7820, or a reusable device AR-7800 found in the AR-7800S tensioner set which could result in a procedural delay less than 15 minutes.

To date, Arthrex is not aware of any adverse events associated with this issue.

### Advise on action to be taken by the addressee of this notice

- 1. Immediately identify indicated product/batch numbers you have in your control.
- 2. Immediately identify and quarantine all the indicated product/batch numbers you have in your control.
- 3. Please complete the "Arthrex customer's response form" below and fax it back to +49 (89) 90 90 05 52 01 or email to vigilance@arthrex.de.
- 4. In case you have already experienced any issues with the related devices, please make sure to submit a complaint via email to complaints@arthrex.de.

## **Transmission of this Field Safety Notice**

Please forward this Field Safety Notice (FSN) to all those who need to be aware of it within your organization or to any organization where the potentially affected devices have been transferred.

The relevant National Competent Authorities have been advised of this voluntary Field Safety Notice.

#### **Contact information**

If you have any questions, please call Arthrex GmbH at +49 89 90 90 05 52 40 and ask for Sarah Merkle. You can also send questions by email to <a href="mailto:complaints@arthrex.de">complaints@arthrex.de</a>.

Sincerely,

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# **Arthrex customer's response form**

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Return To				
То	Arthrex GmbH Product Surveillance Oskar-von-Miller-Str. 6 85235 Odelzhausen Germany			
Email	vigilance@arthrex.de			
Fax	+49 89 90 90 05 52 01			

From					
Facility Name					
Address City					
Name					
Title					

Please complete the form	as follows and return	it by fax or ema	ail to the addressee above:
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- The products in question of the field safety notice are not on our stock anymore
- We are returning the following products (please specify quantity) to our local responsible Arthrex Distributor:

Part Number	Batch Number	Quantity
AR-7820	3039129043	

Date Name Signature