FIOR & GENTZ

Instructions for Use for Patients
System Ankle Joints

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Dear Patient,

You have received an individually produced orthosis with a high quality FIOR & GENTZ system ankle joint from a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology.

1. Safety Instructions

1.1 Classification of the Safety Instructions

⚠ **DANGER**	Important information about a possible dangerous situation which, if not avoided, leads to death or irreversible injuries.
⚠ **WARNING**	Important information about a possible dangerous situation which, if not avoided, leads to reversible injuries that need medical treatment.
⚠ **CAUTION**	Important information about a possible dangerous situation which, if not avoided, leads to light injuries that do not need medical treatment.
NOTICE	Important information about a possible situation which, if not avoided, leads to damage of the product.

All serious incidents according to Regulation (EU) 2017/745 which are related to the product have to be reported to the manufacturer and to the competent authority of the Member State in which the qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology and/or the patient is established.

1.2 All Instructions for Your Safety

⚠ DANGER

Potential Traffic Accident Due to Limited Driving Ability
Gather information about all issues concerning safety and security and potential dangers before driving a motor vehicle with orthosis.

⚠ WARNING

Jeopardising the Therapy Goal by Not Providing the Necessary Free Movement
Check if the system joint moves freely in order to avoid restrictions of the joint function.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of Falling Due to Permanent Higher Load
Do not engage in sport activities with the orthosis that expose it to excessive load. If your patient data has changed (e.g. due to weight gain, growth or increased activity), consult a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology and have them check the suitability of your orthosis with regard to the changed load. You will find the next maintenance appointment in your orthosis service passport.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of Falling Due to Improper Shoe/Wrong Shoe Pitch
Wear a shoe to which your orthosis is adjusted to avoid joint dysfunction.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of Falling Due to Improper Handling
System joint components and orthosis components may only be demounted and maintained by a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology. Any handling of the system joint and the orthosis from your side that goes beyond the activities described in these instructions for use is not permitted.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of Falling Due to Improper Handling
Have a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology inform you about the correct use of the system joint and potential dangers. Do not use the orthosis if you notice any damage on the system joint. Avoid contact with moisture and water when using system joints made of metal.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of Falling Due to Changes in the Orthosis
If you notice any changes in the orthosis (e.g. loosely attached joint components, loosened screws, play in the system joint, change in performance or changed spring forces), immediately contact a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology. Do not secure screws for the system joint on your own. All settings must be checked by a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology before handing over the orthosis and during the maintenance appointments. You will find the next maintenance appointment in your orthosis service passport.

NOTICE

Limitation of the Joint Function Due to Improper Dirt Removal
Remove dirt from the orthosis and the system joint as described in these instructions for use. Do not grease the system joint on your own. If necessary, consult a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology.

NOTICE

Limitation of the Joint Function Due to Lack of Maintenance
Have a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology inform you about the maintenance intervals to be observed in order to avoid joint dysfunctions. You will find the next maintenance appointment in your orthosis service passport.

2. Use

2.1 Intended Use

The FIOR & GENTZ system ankle joints must be used exclusively for the orthotic treatment of the lower extremity. The system joint is only allowed to be used for producing an AFO or a KAFO. Every system joint influences the orthosis' function and thus also the function of the leg.

2.2 Indication

The indications for the treatment with an orthosis for the lower extremity are insecurities when standing and walking that lead to a pathological gait. This can be caused, for example, by paralyses, structurally conditioned deformities/malfunctions or as a result of neurological disorders (such as stroke or PAD), physical trauma and/or surgery.

The physical conditions of the patient, such as muscle strength or activity level, are crucial for the orthotic treatment. A safe handling of the orthosis must be ensured. A qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology selects the appropriate system joints for the orthosis.

All system ankle joints can also be used for the prosthetic treatment of patients with partial foot amputations. For this purpose, the orthosis produced for the patient by a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology (custom-made product) is combined with a foot prosthesis. Further information can be found in the **Guide to Partial Foot Amputations** (see QR code, fig. 1).

fig. 1

Furthermore, all system ankle joints can be used for the treatment of patients with peripheral arterial disease (PAD). For this purpose, the orthosis produced for the patient by a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology (custom-made product) is combined with a foot orthotic. Further information can be found in the **PAD Guide** (see QR code, fig. 2).

fig. 2

2.3 Contraindication

The system joint is not suitable for treatments that were not described in paragraph 2.2, such as a treatment of the upper extremity or a treatment with a prosthesis or ortho-prosthesis that affects more than just part of the foot, for example after amputations of leg segments.

2.4 Qualification

The system joint must only be handled by a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology.

2.5 Application

All FIOR & GENTZ system joints were developed for everyday life activities such as standing and walking. Extreme impact stress, which occurs for example during long jump, climbing, parachuting and football, is excluded.

The carbon system ankle joints are water-resistant and therefore suitable for use in wet areas. The spring units of the **NEURO SWING Carbon** system ankle joint are waterproof in depths of up to 3 metres. The carbon system ankle joints can be used at a maximum temperature of +60°C.

2.6 Product Range

The following **system ankle joints** are part of the FIOR & GENTZ product range:

	NEURO CLASSIC		NEURO VARIO-SPRING
	NEURO CLASSIC-SPRING		NEURO VARIO-SPRING 2
	NEURO CLASSIC-SWING		NEURO VARIO-SWING
	NEURO VARIO-CLASSIC		NEURO SWING-CLASSIC
	NEURO VARIO-CLASSIC 2		NEURO SWING
	NEURO VARIO		NEURO SWING 2
	NEURO VARIO 2		NEURO SWING Carbon
	NEURO CLASSIC Carbon		

3. Maintenance

Have the system joint of your orthosis maintained **regularly** by a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology. When the orthosis is handed over to you, you receive an orthosis service passport. Bring this orthosis service passport to each follow-up and let a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology enter the next maintenance appointment. For your own safety, respect the maintenance appointments. Never carry out maintenance work or other adjustments and repairs yourself. In the case of children and people with cognitive impairments, we would like to point out to you as parents or care team that you must regularly check the orthosis and the system joint for signs of wear. If you notice any changes, immediately contact a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology.

3.1 Dirt Removal

Remove dirt from the system joints on a regular basis. Use a dry cloth and clean the system joint only superficially. Then, remove visible dust and lint from the mechanics by using tweezers. Check the orthosis in straight and flexed position.

In order to optimise the lifespan of orthoses with water-resistant system joints, we recommend rinsing the orthosis with clear tap water, especially after using it in salt water, chlorine water and sand.

4. Storage

We recommend not storing the system joint in a damp environment. For the carbon system joints, a damp environment is harmless.

5. Disposal

If you no longer need the orthosis, please return it to a qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology. The product must not be disposed of with the residual waste (fig. 3).

fig. 3

6. Signs and Symbols

CE labelling according to Regulation (EU) 2017/745 for medical devices

medical device

article number

manufacturer

batch code

serial number

follow the instructions for use

single patient – multiple uses

Unique Device Identifier – product identification number

7. CE Conformity

We declare that our medical devices as well as our accessories for medical devices are in conformity with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745. Therefore, the FIOR & GENTZ products bear the CE marking.

8. Legal Information

With the purchase of this product, our General Terms and Conditions of Business Transactions, Sales, Delivery and Payment will apply. The warranty expires, for example, if the product is mounted several times. Please note that the product is not supposed to be combined with other components or materials than with those recommended in the configuration result of the FIOR & GENTZ Orthosis Configurator. The combination of the product with products from other manufacturers is not permitted.

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9. Handing Over the Orthosis

When handing over the orthosis to the patient, parents or care team by the qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology, they also received the instructions for use for patients as well as the orthosis service passport. The functions and handling of the orthosis were explained in detail by means of these instructions for use. Enter the next maintenance appointment in the orthosis service passport.

Place, Date

Signature Qualified Specialist in Orthopaedic Technology

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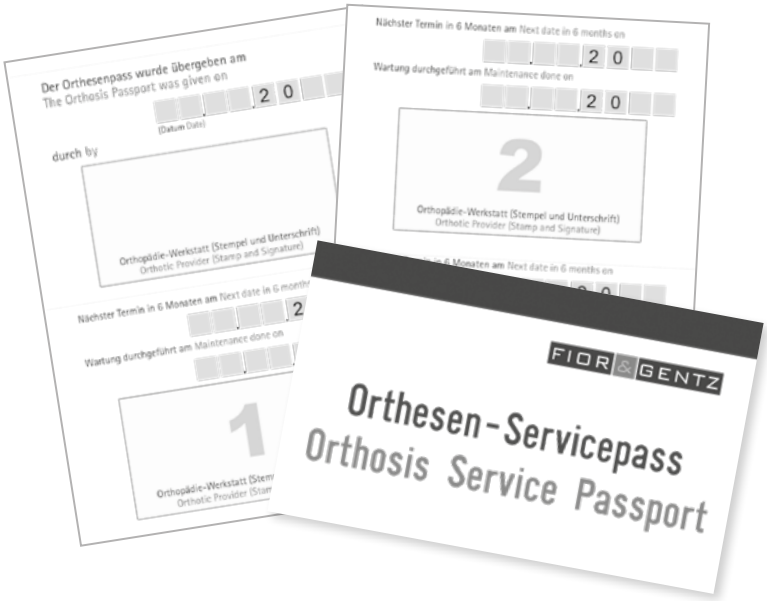
ORTHOSIS SERVICE PASSPORT

Have you not yet received an orthosis service passport?
Ask the qualified specialist in orthopaedic technology!



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