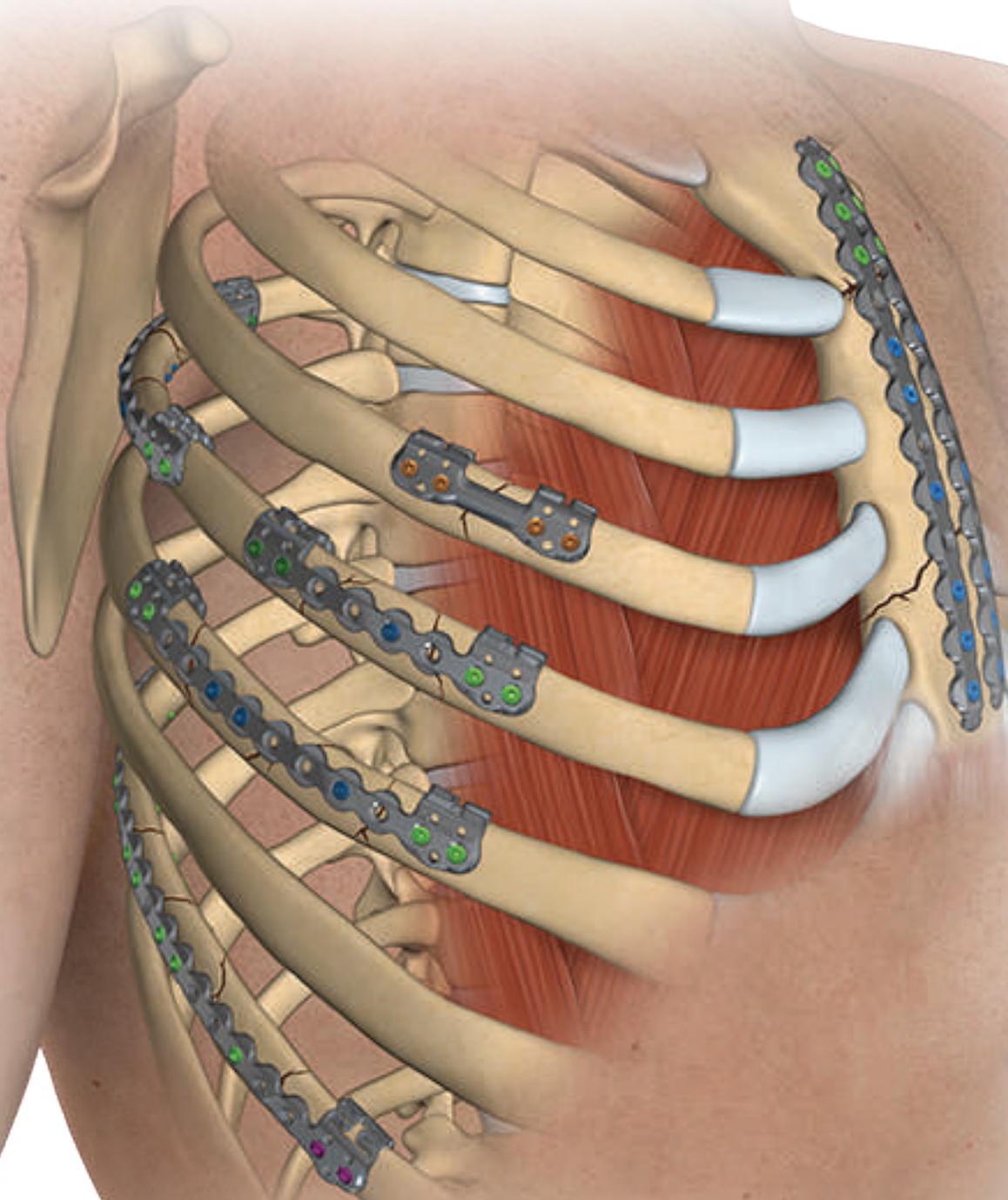


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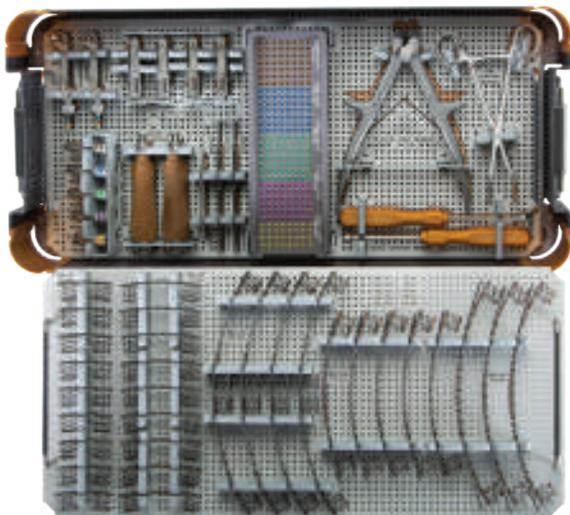


Innovative Solutions for Challenging Thoracic Procedures

# RibLoc® U+

## Chest Wall Plating System

ACUTE Innovations® has developed U-shaped plate technology to provide stability with anterior and posterior locking screws while avoiding the neurovascular bundle. The RibLoc system does not rely on the rib cortex alone for fixation; instead, the screw locks into the anterior and posterior aspects of the plate and rib to provide added stability<sup>1</sup>. Using this technology, the U Plus system provides a solution for rib fracture repair that is stable, efficient, versatile, and customizable to each patient and situation. The low-profile instrumentation of U Plus 90 facilitates fixation of subscapular, posterior, and anterolateral fractures through minimally invasive approaches.



### U PLUS CHEST WALL PLATING SYSTEM

The RibLoc U Plus Chest Wall Plating System offers straight-forward, color-coded instrumentation for ease of use. It also includes:

- | U-clips that compress to match the rib thickness
- | Plates that address diverse fracture patterns
- | Custom bending instrumentation
- | Multi-purpose instrumentation
- | NEW implant for sternal fracture repair

### U PLUS 90 INSTRUMENTATION

The RibLoc U Plus 90 Instrumentation works in conjunction with the U Plus system providing power for limited access areas to ensure efficiency in the O.R.

Features include:

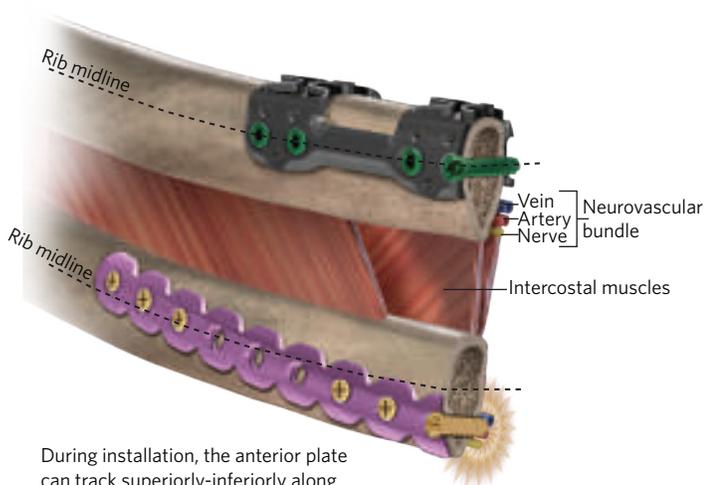
- | Subscapular access as high as the second rib<sup>2</sup>
- | Power for installation, including screw insertion
- | LED light that improves visibility
- | Torque limits





## CUSTOM FIT TO THE RIB

The RibLoc U Plus plate was designed to be customizable to the individual patient. The plates range in length from 50mm-215mm, which allows the surgeon to address a broad range of fracture patterns. The advanced design of the plate offers a compressible U-clip for a perfect fit to a broad range of rib thicknesses (6mm-14mm).



## U PLUS PLACEMENT ON THE RIB

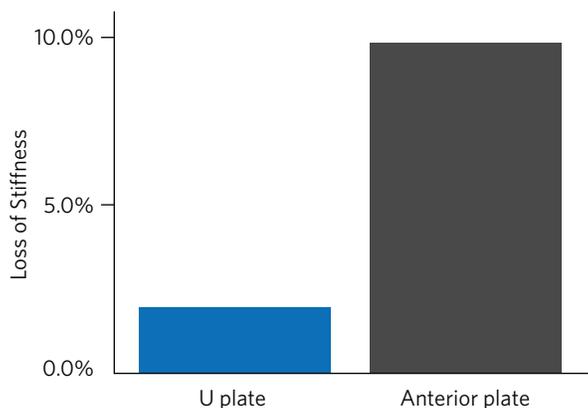
The U-shape design of the U Plus plate aids in consistent and straight-forward placement through the thickest portion of the rib while avoiding the neurovascular bundle.<sup>3</sup>

During installation, the anterior plate can track superiorly-inferiorly along the rib surface, which can lead to neurovascular bundle impingement and reduce screw purchase.

## PERFORMANCE OF RIBLOC VERSUS ANTERIOR PLATING

A biomechanical study was performed using cadaver ribs plated with a 4.6cm long RibLoc plate and 4 screws. It was superior in durability to an anterior plate of over twice the length and 6 screws after only 50,000 breathing cycles (typically two days of breathing).<sup>1</sup>

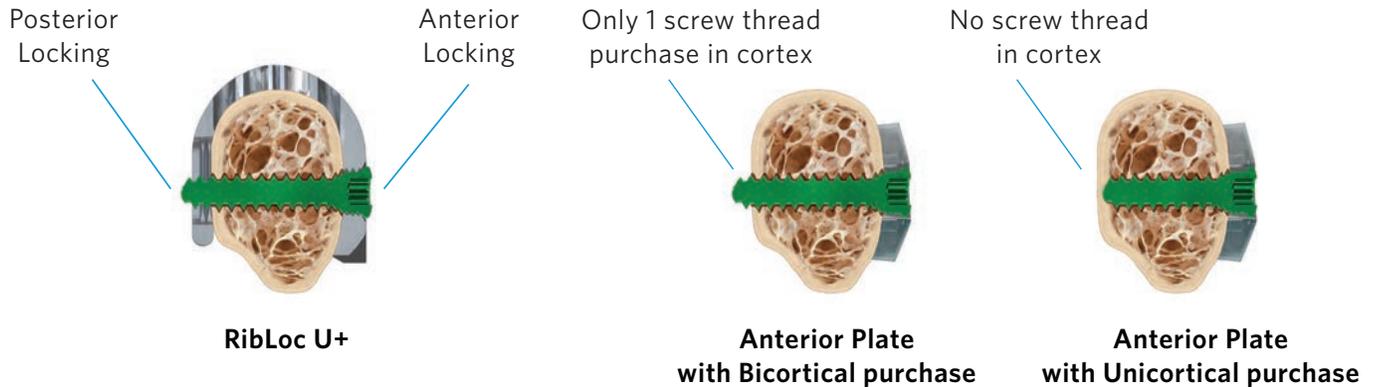
This was evaluated based on stiffness loss, as shown in the graph. Additionally, the reduced length of the RibLoc plate may facilitate a less invasive technique.<sup>1</sup>



## ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR LOCKING

The RibLoc® system does not rely on the rib cortex alone for fixation; instead, the screw locks into the anterior and posterior aspects of the plate and rib to provide added stability.<sup>1</sup>

The U-clips are designed to minimize the stress on the rib by distributing physiologic loads over a greater surface area. While the screws engage and fixate to the cortices of the bone, they also lock both anteriorly and posteriorly into the plate. An additional benefit to the U-clip design is that fewer screws are needed to anchor the plate to the bone, lessening the degree of dissection needed on the rib itself<sup>4</sup>, as well as reducing cost.



## PLATE VARIETY

The RibLoc U Plus system offers U-shaped plates for rib fixation as well as a straight plate to stabilize sternum fractures.

The U-shaped plates are available in 50mm, 75mm, 115mm, 155mm, and 215mm. The straight plate has a length of 126mm.

All plates have been designed to work with existing RibLoc U Plus and U Plus 90 instrumentation.

## STERNUM FRACTURE FIXATION

The straight plate is a new implant that offers fixation for transverse sternal fractures while using U Plus instrumentation.

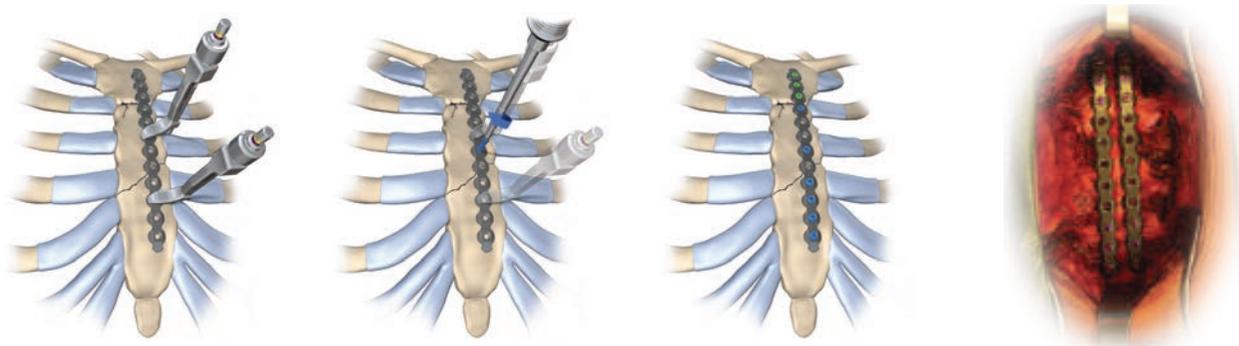


Image courtesy of Bruce Harn, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery, School of Medicine

## STRAIGHT-FORWARD INSTALLATION

With the use of a hex driver and drill bit, a rib plate installation can occur in as little as three steps for a simple fracture using the U Plus plate, Primary Guide, and screws.

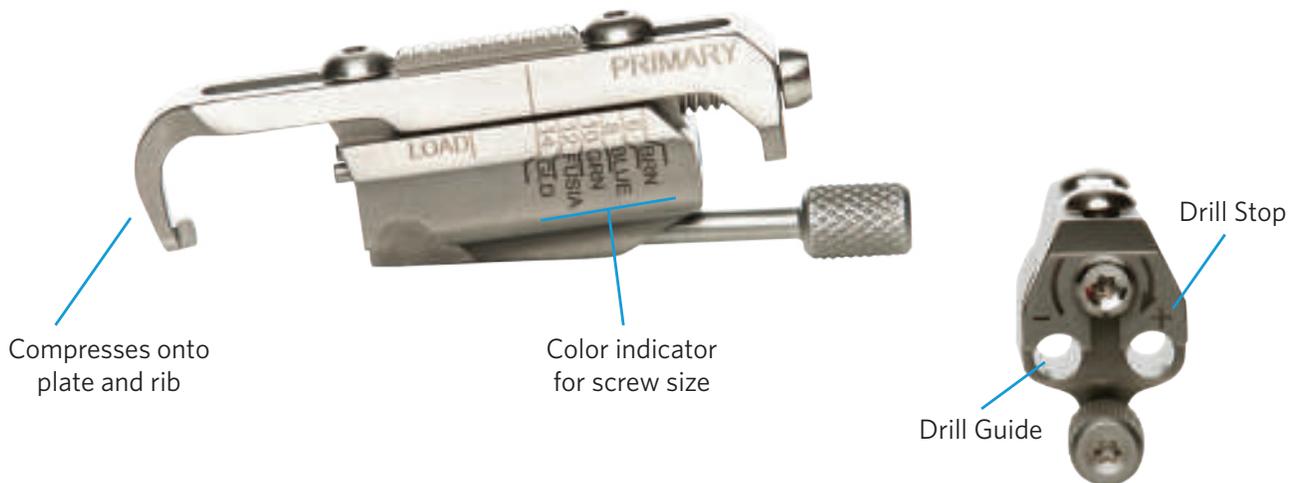
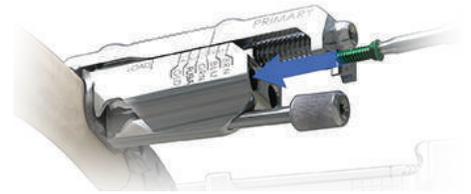
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Drill



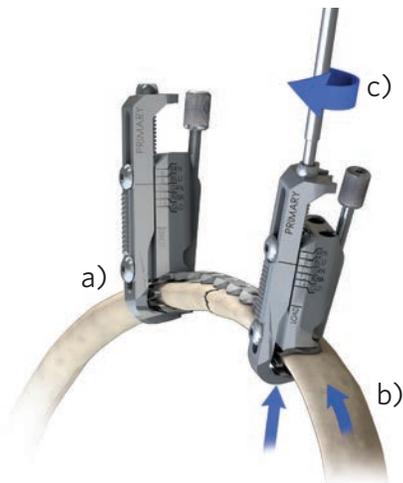
Screw



Compresses onto plate and rib

Color indicator for screw size

Drill Stop  
Drill Guide



## PRIMARY GUIDES ASSIST WITH REDUCTION

- Compress one Primary Guide to hold onto rib.
- To reduce the fracture, grasp the rib and guide it towards the uncompressed Primary Guide (forceps can be helpful).
- Compress the second Primary Guide to hold fracture reduction in place.

### Note:

- This technique can also be done using the U Plus 90 Instrumentation.

## POWER FOR EFFICIENCY

The 90 degree system was designed for low-profile access while allowing the use of power to compress, drill, and install screws — all with efficiency.

Compress



Drill

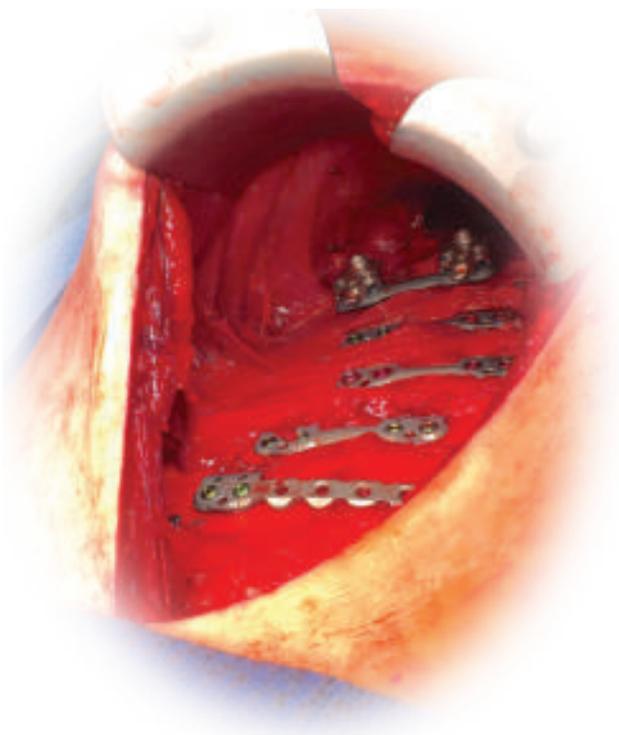


Screw



## SUB SCAPULA ACCESS

Images courtesy of Jose J Diaz, MD, Professor of Surgery at Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, MA, University of Maryland.



## Additional Instrumentation

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### BENDING TOOLS:



In-plane hand bender



Out-of-plane hand bender



Joystick bender

### INTERMEDIATE INSTRUMENTATION:



Intermediate Gauge



6mm 8mm 10mm 12mm 14mm  
Intermediate Drill Guides

### RIB FORCEPS, DRILL, AND DRIVER:



Rib Forceps



Drill



Driver

# RibLoc® U+ 90

### DRILL GUIDES, DRILL BITS, AND DRIVER:



Low-profile Drill Guide



Individual Drill Guides and Drill Bits



Driver Bit

### RATCHETS AND EXTENSION HANDLE:



Ratchets



Extension Handle

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