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FEHLING retractor Class IIa

Spinal speculum for counter retractor NVJ-1......Spinal speculum for counter retractor parallel opening, 45 mm NVJ-2.....Spinal speculum for counter retractor parallel opening, 55 mm NVJ-3.....Spinal speculum for counter retractor parallel opening, 65 mm NVJ-4.....Spinal speculum for counter retractor parallel opening, 75 mm NVJ-5.....Spinal speculum for counter retractor parallel opening, 85 mm NVJ-6.....Spinal speculum for counter retractor parallel opening, 100 mm

Table 1: Li	ist of the components and accessories	
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	retractor for microdiscectomy specu-	Lateral blades for counter retractor
lum		NVI-3VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVJ-9	Counter retractor for spinal speculum, body only	retractor, 65 x 15 mm, strong model NVH-7V CERAMO® lateral blade for counter
		retractor, 70 x 15 mm, strong model
Lateral bla	ades for counter retractor	NVI-4V CERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVK-6M	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 75 x 15 mm, strong model
	retractor, 35 x 10 mm	NVI-5VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVI-0M	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 85 x 15 mm, strong model
	retractor, 40 x 10 mm	NVH-8V CERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVI-1M	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 90 x 15 mm, strong model
	retractor, 45 x 10 mm	NVI-8VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVI-6M	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 95 x 15 mm, strong model
	retractor, 50 x 10 mm	NVJ-0CERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVI-2M		retractor, 105 x 15 mm, strong mode
	retractor, 55 x 10 mm	NVK-9CERAMO® lateral blade for counter
NVI-7M		retractor, 115 x 15 mm, strong mode
	retractor, 60 x 10 mm	
NVI-3M		Medial blades for counter retractor
	retractor, 65 x 10 mm	NVW-8MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-4M		retractor, 25 x 10 mm
	retractor, 75 x 10 mm	NVW-0MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-5M		retractor, 35 x 10 mm
N // ON 4	retractor, 85 x 10 mm	NVW-1MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-8M		retractor, 40 x 10 mm
N	retractor, 95 x 10 mm	NVW-2MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVJ-UM	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 45 x 10 mm
N // / ON /	retractor, 105 x 10 mm	NVW-3MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVK-9M	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 50 x 10 mm
NIV/L O	retractor, 115 x 10 mm	NVW-4MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-0	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 55 x 10 mm
NIV /I - 4	retractor, 40 x 15 mm CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	NVW-5MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
IN V I- I	retractor, 45 x 15 mm	retractor, 60 x 10 mm
NIV/I 6	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	NVW-6MCERAMO® medial blade for counter
IN V I-O	retractor, 50 x 15 mm	retractor, 65 x 10 mm
NIV/L 2	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	NVW-7MCERAMO® medial blade for counter retractor, 70 x 10 mm
IN V I-Z	retractor, 55 x 15 mm	NVW-0CERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-7	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 35 x 15 mm
I V I=7	retractor, 60 x 15 mm	NVW-1CERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-3	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 40 x 15 mm
	retractor, 65 x 15 mm	NVW-2CERAMO® medial blade for counter
NVI-4	CERAMO® lateral blade for counter	retractor, 45 x 15 mm
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NVK-6VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter
retractor, 35 x 15 mm, strong model NVI-0VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter
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NVI-6V CERAMO® lateral blade for counter
retractor, 50 x 15 mm, strong model NVI-2VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter
retractor, 55 x 15 mm, strong model
NVI-7VCERAMO® lateral blade for counter retractor, 60 x 15 mm, strong model

NVW-3	.CERAMO® medial blade for counter
	retractor, 50 x 15 mm
NVW-4	. CERAMO® medial blade for counter
	retractor, 55 x 15 mm
NVW-5	. CERAMO® medial blade for counter
	retractor, 60 x 15 mm
NVW-6	. CERAMO® medial blade for counter
	retractor, 65 x 15 mm

NVW-7......CERAMO® medial blade for counter retractor, 70 x 15 mm

Accessories

NGM-6 Forceps for changing blades (optional)



This instrument resp. medical device is non-sterile when delivered. It is to be reprocessed prior to use. The instrument must undergo risk assessment according to the RKI Guidelines (non-critical, semi-critical, critical A/B/C) prior to reprocessing.

Only trained medical personnel may use, reprocess or dispose of retractors and retractor components!

Retractors and retractor components are intended for re-use.

1) Intended purpose

Retractors and retractor components, which are used invasively and for short periods in surgery, serve to separate or hold back various tissue structures, such as skin, bone, muscles and organs.

Additional information regarding the intended purpose

Duration of application: The retractor or retractor components are only intended for short-term use.

Field of application: retractors and retractor components are used for all patients where tissue has to be retracted for a short period of time (max. 24 hours) to improve visibility of the underlying tissue for the surgeon.

User profile: retractors and retractor components may only be used by medically trained personnel (e.g. specialist physicians).

Application environment: retractors and retractor components are only to be used in controlled environments (e.g. OR).

2) Indications

Surgical procedures that require the temporary spreading and holding of various tissue structures, such as skin, bones, muscles and organs, to reach the body structure requiring treatment. The choice of retractor and accessory components depends on the anatomical and physiological conditions as well as the field of application. Here care should be exercised to ensure that the retractors or retractor blades used are of the correct size and have adequate stability.

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3) Contraindication

All applications that run counter to the physical and/or mechanical properties of the individual retractor model are contraindicated. There are no generally applicable contraindications for the use of retractors.

Nevertheless, increased risks must be taken into account which could result from the anatomical and physiological conditions as well as the clinical picture of the patient. These include, for example, an increased risk of bone fracture in osteoporosis.

4) Possible adverse effects

In medical literature, the following adverse effects are described that can possibly occur during the intended use of retractors:

- Bone fractures; e.g. ribs, sternum, spinous processes, vertebrae
- Infections
- Impaired wound healing
- Lesions of structures (tissues, nerves, vessels)
- Necroses
- Ischemia of other organs due to compression of blood vessels



Medical devices may, for example, contain chromium, nickel and/or titanium. The materials used are biocompatible, however they may cause allergic reactions or incompatibilities.

5) Prior to use

FEHLING INSTRUMENTS retractors and retractor components are non-sterile when delivered so they have to be cleaned and sterilized by the user before initial use and every time before they are used thereafter (see 6) Reprocessing).



Perform a safety check prior to each use. Check for cracks, fractures or mechanical malfunctions and missing components (see 6) Reprocessing under "Maintenance, Checking and Testing").



Retractors and retractor components must be handled with care during storage, transportation and cleaning!

Avoid striking or applying pressure to retractors and retractor components so as not to cause any consequential damage! Do not overstrain functional parts!



Use only sterilized products of sound quality!

6) Reprocessing



The medical device is to be reprocessed prior to use. It must undergo risk assessment according to the RKI Guidelines (non-critical, semi-critical, critical A/B/C) prior to reprocessing.



The national legal regulations, national and international standards and guidelines as well as the company's own hygiene regulations for reprocessing are to be complied with.



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À	The applicable national regulations must be followed for the reprocessing of instruments used in patients with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), suspected CJD or possible variants.	
À	The instruments may only be used, reprocessed and disposed of by qualified medic personnel.	
<u> </u>	Handle instruments with care during storage, transport and cleaning! Avoid striking and applying pressure to instruments, so as not to cause any consequential damage! Do no overstrain functional parts!	
	Do not clean CERAMO [®] instruments (recognizable by their black-brown surface) and tanium instruments with oxidative processes (processes using hydrogen peroxide H ₂ O e.g. Orthovario or Oxivario from Miele). By dissolving titanium, the application of thes procedures leads to the destruction of titanium instruments or the titanium-containin CERAMO [®] coating after some time.	
Limitat proces	ions on re- sing	Frequent reprocessing has little impact on these instruments. The end of product life is normally determined by wear and tear and damage occurring through use (e.g. damage, illegible marking, functional failure - also see "Maintenance, Checking and Testing").
General information on reprocessing		Reprocessing is based on a validated procedure. All the cleaning steps mentioned (manual pre-cleaning, automated/manual cleaning, manual disinfection, and sterilization) were validated with the respective parameters specified in each case and listed under "Validated procedure". The recommended reprocessing agents (detergent: Neodisher® MediClean forte (Dr. Weigert); disinfectant: Korsolex® med AF (Bode Chemie GmbH)) were used for validation. Both water of potable water quality and fully deionized water (deionized water, demineralized, microbiologically at least of potable water quality) are used for cleaning. Automated reprocessing is preferable to manual cleaning due to a better and safer cleaning result. There is also the option of cleaning our instruments with other tested and approved chemicals which have been recommended by the chemical manufacturer with regard to their material compatibility. Please always observe the manufacturer's information on concentration, exposure time, temperature and renewal of the detergents and disinfectants. All instructions for use of the chemical manufacturer must be strictly observed. Otherwise, this can lead to visual material changes or material damage, such as, for example, corrosion, fractures or premature aging.
Initial treatment at the place of use		Pre-cleaning: ensure that blood, tissue and drug residues are removed from the instruments with a disposable cloth/paper wipe immediately after completion of the procedure and that they undergo mechanical cleaning immediately. After completion of initial treatment of the instruments, visual inspections must be performed to ensure that the instruments are complete. The instruments must be transported from the place of use to the place of reprocessing such that neither the user, third parties, the environment nor the medical devices are endangered or damaged (placement in closed, puncture-proof containers and - if necessary - use of protective caps).



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Preparation prior to cleaning	It is recommended to reprocess the instruments immediately after use because it is very difficult to remove dried residues from instrument parts that are difficult to access. Do not immerse in normal saline solutions (risk of pitting or stress corrosion). Instruments which were connected to each other during use must be disassembled back into their original condition before cleaning.		
Disassembly	See 10) Disassembly		
Manual pre-cleaning	Validated procedure: Equipment: Basin Soft brush Water spray gun (or similar) Detergent: Neodisher® MediClean forte (Dr. Weigert) Procedure/Parameters: Rinse instruments, if possible in disassembled condition, under running cold water of potable water quality (<40°C) until all visible contamination has been removed. Remove stubborn contamination with a soft brush (not a wire brush!). Cavities, crevices, slits and lumens must be rinsed intensively (>10 seconds) with cold water (potable water quality, <40°C) using a water spray gun (or similar). Place the products for 10 - 30 minutes in a solution with 0.5 - 2% Neodisher® MediClean forte with water (potable water quality, <40°C). Use only an approved solution of a detergent that has no protein-fixing effect. Follow the instructions of the detergent and disinfectant manufacturer. Ensure that all areas of the instrument come into contact with the solution. If necessary, the moving parts of the instrument are moved back and forth in the cleaning bath. During the exposure time, use appropriate brush (not a wire brush) to remove coarse contamination. Rinse the instruments for one minute in cold deionized water (see "General Information on Reprocessing") and, if applicable, move movable		
Cleaning/ Disinfection	If possible, a washer/disinfector according to DIN EN ISO 15883, which uses thermal disinfection, is to be preferred.		
Cleaning: Automated	Avoid overfilling instrument trays and washing trays - use only suitable instrument holders. When placing instruments in the sterilization baskets and removing them afterwards, take special precautions to ensure that the tips do not become stuck in the mesh. Validated procedure: Equipment: Washer-disinfector G 7835 CD (Miele) / PG 8535 (Miele) Cleaning program: Des-Var-TD (G 7835 CD) Detergent: Neodisher® MediClean forte (Dr. Weigert)		



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Preparation:

- Instruments with joints are to be placed in the device such, that the joints
 are opened or disassembled if possible, and that the water can flow from
 the cavities and sac holes.
- If applicable, loosen springs
- Ensure that the inside of all cavities is also completely rinsed.
- Ensure that no areas are left unwashed.
- Connect the Luer connections of the instruments, if present, to the Luer Lock flushing attachment of the WD.

Procedure/Parameters:

- Pre-wash for 3 minutes with cold water (potable water quality, <40°C)
- Emptying
- Clean for 10 minutes with a solution of 0.5 2% Neodisher[®] MediClean forte in water (potable water quality) at 55°C
- Emptying
- Rinse for 2 minutes with water (potable water quality, <40°C)
- Emptying
- Rinse for 1 minute with cold deionized water (<30°C)
- Emptying
- Thermodisinfection for 5 minutes with deionized water (>90°C)
- Dry for 30 minutes (90°C)

After cleaning in the machine, inspect cavities, blind holes, etc. for visible contamination. If necessary, repeat the cycle or clean manually.

Cleaning: Manually

Validated procedure:

Equipment: Basin

Soft brush

Water spray gun (or similar) Bandelin Sonorex Digitec

Detergent: Neodisher® MediClean forte (Dr. Weigert)

Procedure/Parameters:

- Place instruments, if possible in disassembled condition, in cold water (potable water quality, <40°C) for 10 minutes.
- Move any movable parts, if present, back and forth over the entire range of movement.
- Use a soft brush (not a wire brush) to clean the instruments until no more contamination is visible.
- Rinse the instruments for at least 20 seconds with a water spray gun (or similar).

Ultrasonic cleaning:

- Clean for 10 minutes at <40°C with 0.5 2% cleaning solution at 35 kHz
- After ultrasonic cleaning, rinse the instruments with a water spray gun (or similar) for at least 20 seconds.
- Rinse the instruments for at least 10 seconds with water (potable water quality, <40°C).



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	 Deionized water (<40°C) is to be used for the final rinse. Rinse the instruments with deionized water for at least 30 seconds. Ensure that no residues remain on the products. 		
Disinfection: Manually	Consult the instructions on the label when selecting a disinfectant (see chemical manufacturer information).		
	Validated procedure:		
	Equipment: Basin		
	Bandelin Sonorex Digitec		
	Disinfectant: Korsolex® med AF (Bode Chemie GmbH)		
	Procedure/Parameters:		
	After cleaning, place the products in an ultrasonic bath (35 kHz, <40°C) with a suitable disinfectant solution (e.g. 0.5% Korsolex® med AF) for 5 minutes. Ensure that all surfaces are wetted with the disinfectant. If applicable, move the moving parts in the disinfection bath before switching on the ultrasonic cleaner.		
	• After disinfection, rinse all products thoroughly with deionized water (<40°C) for at least 1 minute to remove the disinfectant and, if applicable, move the moveable parts of the instrument back and forth.		
	Ensure that no residues remain on the products.		
	Dry with sterile, oil-free compressed air.		
Drying	If drying is to be achieved as part of the cleaning/disinfection cycle, do not exceed 120°C. Then dry with suitable compressed air in accordance with Robert Koch Institute (RKI) recommendations. Pay particular attention to the drying of difficult-to-access areas.		
Assembly	See 9) Assembly		
Maintenance, che- cking and testing	For instruments with movable components that are exposed to friction (e.g. joints), an instrument oil based on paraffin/white oil (according to the valid European or United States Pharmacopoeias) which is biocompatible, steam sterilizable and steam-permeable is to be applied. Such places are additionally marked by a corresponding symbol of an oil can. Instruments must not be treated with care products containing silicone. These can lead to stiffness and question the effect of steam sterilization.		
	Perform a safety check of the instruments prior to each use. When doing so, check for sharp edges, cracks, fractures and mechanical malfunctions and missing components.		
	Check instruments with movable parts for smooth operation (avoid ex sive play). Check locking mechanisms.		
	All instruments: use a magnifying lamp to visually inspect the components for damage and wear and tear.		
	In particular, inspect the critical points on moving parts and in the working area.		
	Defective or damaged instruments, or those with illegible markings, must be sorted out and cleaned and disinfected before being returned to the manufacturer. Repairs may only be carried out by the manufacturer or by workshops authorized by the manufacturer. A verification form for this process is available from the manufacturer.		



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	Instruments that can no longer be repaired must be disposed of as scrap metal in accordance with hospital practice. In the case of surgical instruments with tips or sharp edges in particular, safe storage in a closed, puncture and break-proof disposable container must be ensured. Do not use damaged instruments!		
Packaging	Singly: In accordance with the standard series DIN EN 868, DIN EN ISO 11607, and DIN 58953. Sets: sort instruments into dedicated trays or place them in general-purpose sterilization trays. Pack the trays appropriately using a suitable procedure.		
Sterilization	Steam sterilization in a fractionated vacuum process in a device complying with DIN EN 285 and DIN EN ISO 17665. In order to prevent staining and corrosion, the steam must be free of contaminants. The recommended limits for contaminants for feed water and steam condensate are defined by DIN EN 285.		
		Tuttnauer Autoclave Type B 3870 EHS / Lautenschläger ZentraCert	
	Sterilization temperature: Holding time:	3 pre-vacuum phases 132 – 134°C 4 – 5 minutes 20 minutes	
		one instrument in a sterilization cycle, do not f the sterilizer (see manufacturer's instructions).	
Storage	In accordance with §4 of the German Medical Devices Operator Ordinance (MPBetreibV) and standard series DIN EN 868, DIN EN ISO 11607, and DIN 58953.		
	Instruments must be stored dry, at room temperature, clean, protected from damage and mechanical influences (avoid condensation, damage). Always keep instruments, if applicable, in a released state. This counteracts premature fatigue of the spring tension. Instruments must be transported to their place of use in a closed, puncture proof sterile container.		
Disposal	These products largely consist of steel or titanium. These are to be cleaned prior to disposal. Disposal can be performed at a scrap metal recycling facility. To protect employees, care must be taken to ensure that any pointed tips or sharp edges are protected.		

The instructions listed above were validated by the medical device manufacturer as suitable for preparing a medical device for reuse. It is the responsibility of the reprocessor to ensure that the reprocessing actually performed using equipment, materials, and personnel in the reprocessing facility achieves the desired results. This normally requires validation and routine monitoring of the process. Likewise, any deviation from the provided instructions on the part of the reprocessor should be properly evaluated for effectiveness and potential adverse consequences.

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Any modification to the device or any deviation from these Instructions for Use will result in exclusion of liability!

Subject to change without notice.

7) Configuration and application

Figure 1 depicts an example of a spinal speculum. This retractor consists of two movable retractor arms (a), which have a fixed retractor blade at the distal end, and an adjustment screw (b). The retractor is expanded or contracted by screwing the adjustment screw (b) in or out. The spinal speculum can be used stand-alone or in conjunction with the NVJ-9 counter retractor (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1: Spinal speculum NVJ-4

Figure 2 depicts a configuration example for a spinal speculum (c) with counter retractor (d). The counter retractor (d) is used additionally here to retract further tissue from the field of view.



However, the counter retractor cannot be used on its own, but only in combination with the spinal speculum!

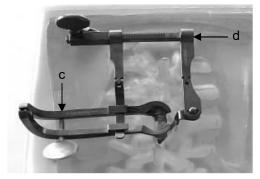


Fig. 2: Configuration example for a spinal speculum with counter retractor

<u> </u>	Use only sterilized products of sound quality!
<u> </u>	Prior to inserting the retractors and retractor components, ensure that the surgical field has been prepared accordingly beforehand.
<u> </u>	Before using retractors and retractor components, ensure that their functionality is not impaired and that there is no damage!
<u> </u>	Medical devices made of ferromagnetic materials must not be exposed to either a magnetic field or external electromagnetic influences.
Ţ	Medical devices containing metals are electrically conductive and must not be exposed to a power source or external electrical influences.
\triangle	The choice of retractors and retractor components depends on the anatomical and physiological conditions as well as the field of application. Here care should be exercised to ensure that the retractors and retractor components used are of the correct size and have adequate stability.

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During use



When inserting the retractor blades, ensure that no tissue structures are unintentionally damaged (especially nerves and blood vessels)!



Too long and too high pressure on the tissue can cause necroses, ruptures, fractures and other lesions!



Excessive load can cause plastic deformation or breakage of the retractors and retractor components!

To set the desired retracting width of the retractor, the adjusting screw (b) located laterally on the proximal end of the retractor arm (a) must be turned clockwise (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3

To reduce the retracting width again, the adjusting screw (b) must be turned counterclockwise (Fig. 4).



Fig. 4



Prior to removing retractors and retractor components from the surgical field, ensure that the retractor arms are slowly pushed together again.

7.1) Configuration blades

The retractor has fixed blades that cannot be exchanged. However, the blades for the counter retractor are interchangeable.

8) Required accessories

No accessories are required for using the spinal speculum.

The NGM-6 forceps for changing blades can be used optionally for removing or changing the blades of the counter retractor.

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9) Assembly

To assemble and disassemble the counter retractor please follow the assembly instructions M30.

For assembly of the spinal speculum please observe the following assembly instructions.

Figure 5 depicts an example of a spinal speculum. This retractor consists of two movable retractor arms (a), which have a fixed retractor blade at the distal end, and an adjustment screw (b).



Fig. 5: Spinal speculum NVJ-4

The adjusting screw (b) is screwed laterally into the recess at the proximal end of the retractor arm (a) in a clockwise direction (Fig. 6).

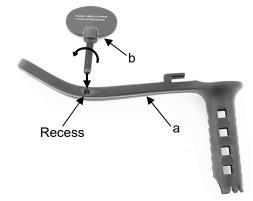


Fig. 6

Following a functional test, the assembled instrument (Fig. 7) is now ready for use again.



Fig. 7

Assembly of the retractor blade is not necessary.

10) Disassembly

For reprocessing, the adjusting screw (b) attached laterally to the proximal end of the retractor arm (a) must be completely unscrewed. To do this, the adjusting screw is turned counterclockwise (Fig. 8).

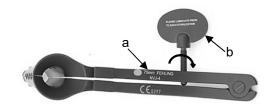


Fig. 8

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The instrument is now disassembled into its separate parts (Fig. 9) and can be reprocessed.



Fig. 9

Disassembly of the retractor blade is not necessary.



Place small parts in suitable containers (e.g. sterilization baskets) for storage, cleaning and reprocessing!

11) Obligation to report serious incidents

The user is obliged to report serious incidents relating to the medical device to the manufacturer per e-mail to vigilance@fehling-instruments.de or via the report form at https://www.fehling-instruments.de/en/complaint/ and the competent authority of the Member State where the user is registered.

Symbols

In as far as the medical device or medical device label or instructions for use are labeled, the symbols have the following meaning:

Manufacturer	Instructions for Use are to be observed	Warning
REF Article number	LOT Batch code	SN Serial number
CE labeling	CE labeling	Oil can for points to be lubricated

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