

prodisc C Vivo & prodisc C SK

COMPETITIVE COMPARISON | vs. M6-C™



Company	Centinel Spine		Orthofix
Device	prodisc. C Vivo	prodisc. C SK	M6-C™
CLINICAL HISTORY	Device Image		
	1st Year of Clinical Use	2009	2019
	Regulatory Approval	FDA Approval: 2022	FDA Approval: 2019
	Indications	One-Level	One-Level
	Number of Implantations	Over 275,000 implantations of the prodisc technology platform ¹	Over 100,000 implantations of the M6 artificial disc technology ² As of February 25, 2025, Orthofix has “decided to discontinue its M6-C™ artificial cervical disc and M6-L™ artificial lumbar disc product lines ³
	Published Studies	Over 540 peer-reviewed published studies on the prodisc technology platform ⁴	40 ⁵
	Summary	prodisc is the most studied and clinically proven TDR technology in the world. Since 1990, the prodisc design has been validated with over 275,000 device implantations worldwide ¹ and more than 540 published papers ⁴ . Per U.S. complaint data since 2006, prodisc has a less than 1% reported revision rate. ⁶	
DEVICE OVERVIEW	Fact	Ball & Socket: Fixed Core with an Optimized Core Radius	Artificial Nucleus and Annulus – Compressible Viscoelastic Nucleus with Dynamic Center of Rotation. ⁷
	Benefit	All prodisc devices utilize prodisc CORE technology: a fixed core and an optimized core radius that together provide stability while resisting shear forces and facilitate controlled motion to protect the facet complex. ^{8,9}	Marketed as a device designed to mimic the structure and movement of a natural disc. ¹⁰ Long term kinematic clinical outcomes yet to be determined.

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SURGICAL TECHNIQUE	Surgical Technique Steps	Facts	1. Discectomy/Decompression 2. Trialing 3. Implant Loading 4. Implantation	1. Discectomy/Decompression 2. Trialing 3. Keel Cutting (over the trial) 4. Implant Loading 5. Implantation	1. Discectomy/Decompression 2. Trialing 3. Trial Removal 4. Fin Cutting (using a separate fin cutting instrument) 5. Implant Loading 6. Implantation									
			Benefit 1 Trialing: prodisc C SK does not require the surgeon to remove the trial to cut the keel channels. Once the trial is correctly positioned, it is used as a guide for the chisel. The chisel is placed over the trial and the keel channels are cut, precisely guided by the placement of the trial—which may result in less OR time compared to M6-C.		Trialing: M6-C requires the surgeon to spend time correctly positioning the trial in the disc space under fluoroscopy. The surgeon is then required to remove the trial and introduce a “fin cutter”. Additional time and fluoroscopic images may need to be taken to correctly position the fin cutter to match the previous position of the trial. ¹¹									
	Patient Implant Fit	Fact	prodisc C Vivo & prodisc C SK technologies are part of Centinel Spine's Match-the-Disc™ System, which enables surgeons to choose a device intraoperatively that best fits the patient anatomy and the surgeon's preference.		No intraoperative device optionality. M6-C has a flat superior endplate, but it does not offer an option for a domed superior endplate.									
			Benefit Implant optionality potentially reduces or eliminates the need to alter patient anatomy to fit the implant.		Limited single device configuration may potentially require altering patient anatomy to fit the device.									
	Sizing Options	Summary	prodisc C Vivo & prodisc C SK together have a broad offering of 36 implant options versus M6-C's 8 sizing options. ¹¹											
			Fact 1	2 Endplate Options	5mm, 6mm, 7mm heights	1 Endplate Option	6mm, 7mm heights							
		Fact 2	6 Footprint Options per Height		4 Footprint Options per Height									
			Footprint	M	MD	L	LD	XL	XLD	Footprint	Medium	Medium-Long	Large	Large-Long
		Benefit	Depth (mm)	12	14	14	16	16	18	Depth (mm)	12.5	15	14	16
			Width (mm)	15	15	17	17	19	19	Width (mm)	15	15	17	17
			Additional sizing options makes it easier for the surgeon to match the patient anatomy.		Fewer endplate options may reduce a surgeon's ability to optimize implant size and position within the disc space and support fitting into more collapsed disc spaces. Lack of a smaller 5mm height for M6-C may be a real limitation in the system for some patients.									
	Materials	Fact	Endplates: CoCrMo (Cobalt Chromium Molybdenum) Core: UHMWPE (Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene) Bone Contacting Surfaces: Titanium Plasma Spray		Endplates: Titanium Alloy ¹² Core: Artificial Nucleus & Sheath: PCU (Polycarbonate Urethane) ¹² Artificial Annulus: UHMWPE Fiber Matrix ¹² Bone Contacting Surfaces: Titanium Plasma Spray ¹²									
			Benefit prodisc C has a low reported rate of osteolysis of 0.7%, which has identical materials to prodisc C Vivo & prodisc C SK . ¹³ prodisc utilizes materials that have been used successfully in large total joint replacements (hips and knees) for decades and for 30+ years in total disc replacement (spine). These materials have a proven long-term track record of success		M6-C has a high reported rate of osteolysis, currently the highest of all the cervical TDRs on the US market (36.2%). ¹³ M6-C utilizes newer materials in a novel way, unproven clinically in the long-term in its current configuration. This has resulted in documented wear-induced osteolysis and substantial mid-term failure rates. ¹⁴ Multiple well-respected clinics have published/presented similar results. ^{15,16} Caution: Australian Government issued an “Urgent Product Defect Correction; and Implant Hazard Alert” as a result of post-market findings and encouraged ‘routine long term clinical and radiographic monitoring of patients implanted’. ¹⁷									

Key areas of competitive focus versus M6-C: **prodisc** is extensively proven with long-term clinical safety and effectiveness, kinematics (**prodisc CORE** benefits), simplified surgical technique (4-5 steps vs. 6 steps), patient implant-fit (**prodisc** Match-the-Disc™ system), sizing options (36 vs. 8), and materials (**prodisc** proven total joint replacement materials).