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**THE BOSTON KERATOPROSTHESIS TYPE I  
SNAP-ON  
Instructions for Use**

**1. Description of the device**

The Boston Keratoprosthesis Type I device is designed as an “artificial cornea” that can be used in patients with severe corneal opacity.

The Boston KPro Type I is used after standard corneal transplant has failed or when such a transplant would be unlikely to succeed. Thus, keratoprosthesis implantation is a procedure designed to help patients whose conditions are the most difficult to treat.

The Boston KPro Type I consists of three ethylene oxide sterilized components: a front plate made of clear polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) plastic, a 8.5 mm titanium back plate, and a locking ring of titanium, with excellent tissue tolerance and optical properties. When fully assembled, it has the shape of a collar-button. The front plate acts as a lens and is provided in aphakic version compatible with a variety of Axial lengths (16mm – 31mm) or in pseudophakic version when an intraocular lens is present and assumed to target emmetropia.

The device is assembled within a corneal graft, which is then sutured into the patient’s cornea as in standard transplantation. If the natural crystalline lens is in place, it is also removed. Finally, a soft contact lens is applied to the surface and worn continuously.


An assembly tool, used to secure the locking ring onto the stem of the front plate, and an adhesive patch, used as an aid to hold the front plate steady during the assembly process, are pouched with the device. The Acuderm 3mm punch is packaged separately, but supplied with the device.

The device should be stored at room temperature.

**2. Intended Use**


The Boston KPro Type I is indicated to provide a transparent optical pathway through an opacified cornea in an eye that is not a reasonable candidate for any form of corneal transplant.

The benefit of this device to patients who do tolerate a standard corneal transplant is the restoration of sight in the treated eye. No other option is available to these patients to restore sight resulting from corneal damage.

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### 3. Indications

- Patients with at least one failed graft, with poor prognosis for further grafting
- Patients whose blink and tear mechanisms are reasonably intact
- Patients with vision worse than 20/200 (and opposite eye with vision less than 20/40).
- Patients with no retinal detachment or extreme optic nerve cupping
- Patients with intact nasal light projection to exclude end stage glaucoma
- If patient has glaucoma, consider simultaneous Ahmed shunt
- If patient's eye is pseudophakic, plan to keep IOL in place and use Boston Keratoprosthesis for pseudophakia
- If patient's eye is phakic, do simultaneous open-sky cataract extraction and use Boston Keratoprosthesis indicated for aphakia (chosen according to axial length of the eye)
- Consider the following parameters in your patient selection and evaluation:
  - History
  - Visual acuity, also with hard contact lens when necessary. Accuracy of light projection (lack of central fixation, lack of nasal projection – end-stage glaucoma?)
  - Intraocular pressure
  - Evaluation of blink mechanism, tear secretion
  - Signs of chronic inflammation
  - Phakic, pseudophakic or aphakic
  - Optic nerve cupping, macula
  - Ultrasound B-scan (retinal detachment?)

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- A-scan (for Boston Keratoprosthesis optical power in aphakic eyes)
- External photo

#### 4. Contraindications

- Patients with autoimmune diseases (pemphigoid, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, uveitis, Sjögren’s syndrome, etc.) and after severe chemical burns, or other severe inflammations.
- Patients with longstanding severe intraocular inflammation and phthisis bulbi.
- Patients with retinal detachment or extreme optic nerve cupping
- Patients without intact nasal light projection ( suggest end stage glaucoma)
- Patients with vision better than 20/200 (and opposite eye has 20/40 vision or better)


#### 5. Warnings and Precautions

- Patients with autoimmune diseases (pemphigoid, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, uveitis, Sjögren’s syndrome, etc.), severe chemical burns, or other severe inflammations may experience a higher rate of post-operative complications.
- **Use Boston KPro only by the expiration date given on the label.**
- **Do not reuse device. Do not resterilize. Resterilization may damage the device and lead to patient complications.**
- **Do not use Boston KPro if the sterile packaging is damaged or has been unintentionally opened before ready for use.**

#### 6. Potential Complications

- Persistent Epithelial Defect
- Sterile Keratolysis
- Microbial Keratitis
- Retroprosthetic Membrane
- Glaucoma
- Sterile Vitritis
- Microbial Endophthalmitis
- Retinal Detachment


**See User Manual for further details of each complication.**

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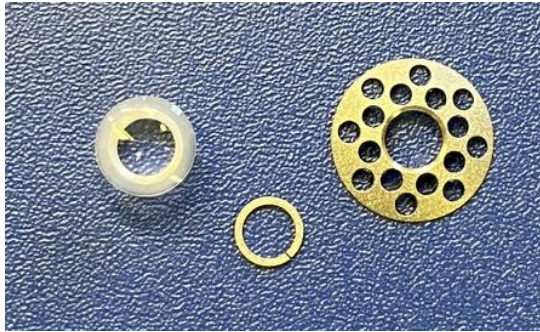
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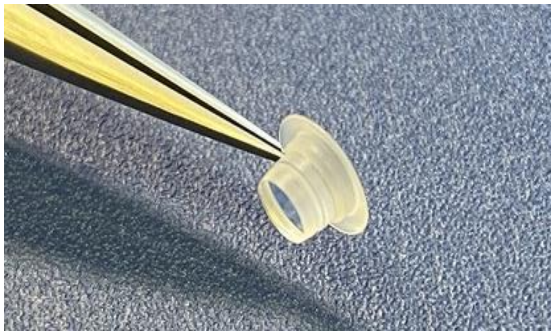
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**Note:** Any serious incident in relation to the device should be reported to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or patient is established.


## 7. PHOTO-MONTAGE: ASSEMBLY OF BOSTON KPRO SNAP-ON

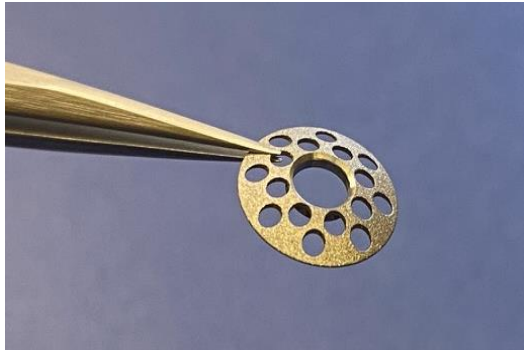


- Photographs of the components of the Boston Keratoprosthesis, Snap-On.

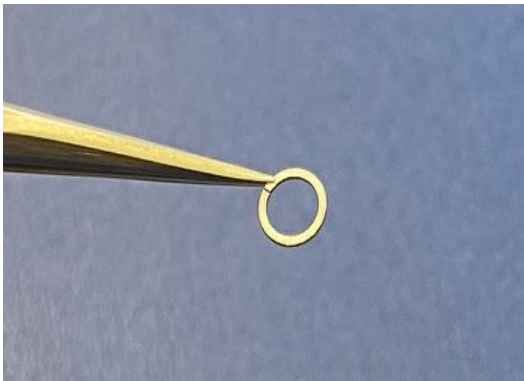


- The front plate is a solid piece of PMMA with a mushroom shape, with an anterior lip ( 5 mm in diameter), and stem ( 3.35 mm in diameter).


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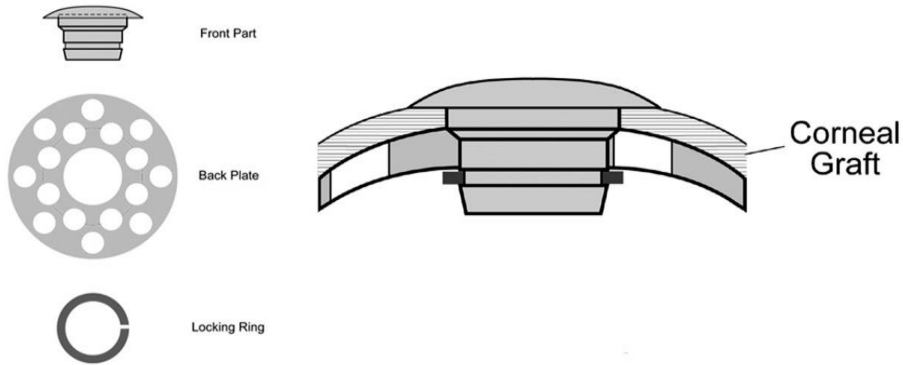


The back plate ( 8.5 mm diameter)  
with a central hole, and 16 holes  
(1.2 mm each)



Titanium locking ring


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Schematic illustration of the components:

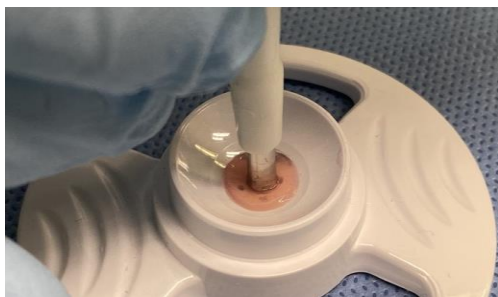
- The front plate consists of a front plate (5.0 mm)
- The back plate (8.5 mm diameter) with a central hole, and 16 holes ( 1.2 mm each)
- Titanium locking ring
- Assembled device with the corneal graft



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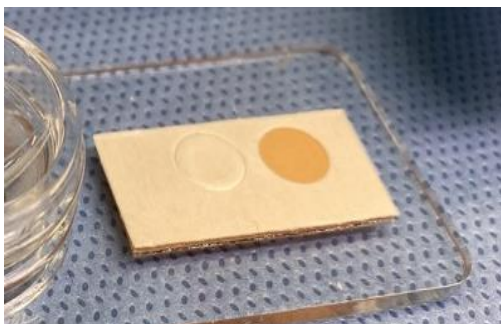
- White assembly tool will assist in the assembly.




- After an 8.5 mm corneal graft is punched out from a donor cornea, a 3.0 mm hole is punched in the center of the graft. Central position of the hole is important.



- An adhesive patch is used to stabilize the Boston Keratoprosthesis assembly. Scotch tape is peeled off.




- The bared adhesive is pressed down onto a stable surface.

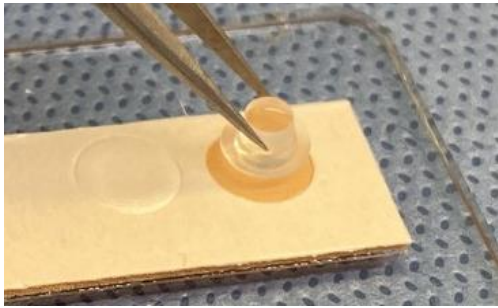
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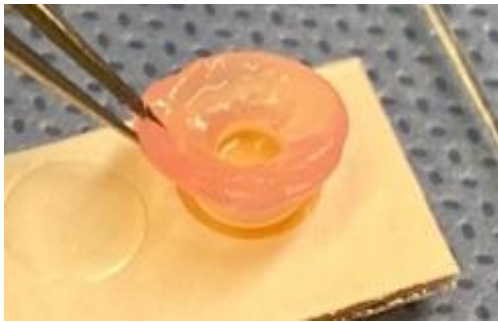
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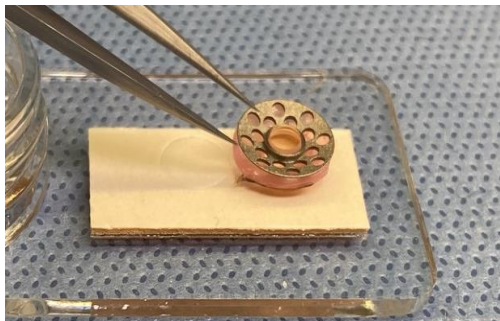
- The KPro front plate is pressed down onto the adhesive (plate down, stem up) where it sticks.




- The corneal graft is placed on the [stem of the](#) KPro front plate.



- The hollow bore end of the white pin is used to gently push the graft down over the stem.



- The back plate is placed on the stem [of the front plate.](#)


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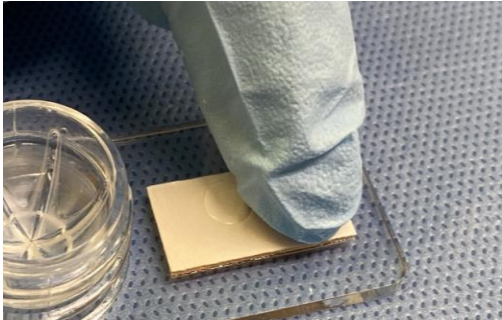
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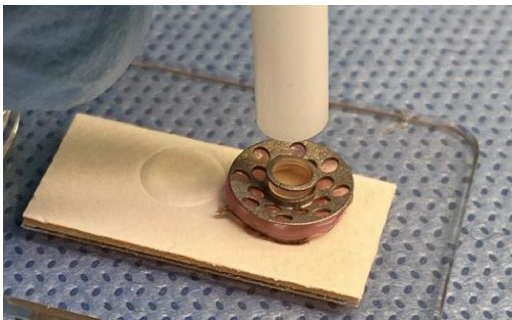
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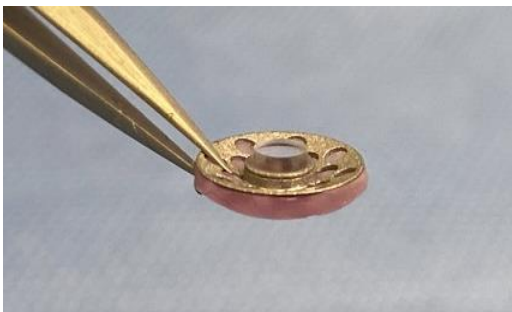
- The back plate is gently pushed down with a finger onto the stem.




- The locking ring is placed on stem of the front plate and properly aligned parallel to the front plate prior to final assembly.



- The hollow end of the assembly tool is used to press the locking ring firmly down into the groove, usually with an audible snap. The assembly tool must be at 90 degrees from the front plate when pressing down.




- **The position of the back plate should be inspected prior to implantation to be certain it is properly positioned.**

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- The assembly should be temporarily placed back in the storage solution while the patient’s eye is being prepared.
- The assembled keratoprosthesis/donor graft is sutured into the patient’s cornea like a standard penetrating keratoplasty. Twelve 9-0 nylon sutures are placed and the knots are buried. Do not suture through the back plate holes or otherwise incorporate the back plate in the sutures
- During surgery protect the macula from light damage by covering the center of the KPro with a wet cellulose sponge, or similar.
- A large soft contact lens is applied (Kontur lens, plano, 16.0 mm diameter, 9.8 mm base curve, is supplied with each device)
- Antibiotic drops, e.g. a fluoroquinolone are applied. Avoid ointments.

## 8. MRI Information



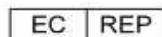
**MR Conditional**

The **Boston Keratoprosthesis, back plate and locking ring made from titanium** was determined to be **MR-conditional**.

Non-clinical testing demonstrated that the Boston Keratoprosthesis back plate and locking ring made from titanium is MR Conditional. A patient with this device can be scanned safely immediately after placement under the following conditions:




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***Static Magnetic Field***

- Static magnetic field of 3-Tesla or less
- Maximum spatial gradient magnetic field of 720-Gauss/cm or less

***MRI-Related Heating***

In non-clinical testing, the Boston Keratoprosthesis, back plate and locking ring made from titanium produced the following temperature rise during MRI performed for 15-min of scanning (i.e., per pulse sequence) in the 3-Tesla (3-Tesla/128-MHz, Excite, HDx, Software 14X.M5, General Electric Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI) MR system:


*Highest temperature change +1.5°C*

Therefore, the MRI-related heating experiments for the Boston Keratoprosthesis, back plate and locking ring made from titanium at 3-Tesla using a transmit/receive RF body coil at an MR system reported whole body averaged SAR of 2.9 -W/kg (i.e., associated with a calorimetry measured whole body averaged value of 2.7-W/kg) indicated that the greatest amount of heating that occurred in association with these specific conditions was equal to or less than +1.5°C.

***Artifact Information***

MR image quality may be compromised if the area of interest is in the exact same area or relatively close to the position of the Boston Keratoprosthesis, back plate and locking ring made from titanium. Therefore, optimization of MR imaging parameters to compensate for the presence of this device may be necessary. The maximum artifact size (i.e., as seen on the gradient echo pulse sequence) extends approximately 10-mm relative to the size and shape of the Boston Keratoprosthesis, back plate and locking ring made from titanium.


Pulse Sequence	T1-SE	T1-SE	GRE	GRE
Signal Void Size	97-mm <sup>2</sup>	35-mm <sup>2</sup>	290-mm <sup>2</sup>	296-mm <sup>2</sup>
Plane Orientation	Parallel	Perpendicular	Parallel	Perpendicular

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## 9.0 Explanation of Symbols



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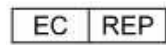
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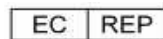
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