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Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of ProPex® II.

ProPex® II is a device aimed at detecting the minor apical foramen based on analysis of electrical properties of different tissues inside the root canal system. For optimal safety and performance, read this user manual carefully before use. Make sure you have understood and followed the clinical precautions - as well as the general warnings, precautions and contraindications - before proceeding to determining a working length. Keep this user manual for future reference.

1. Indications for use

ProPex® II is an electronic device used to indicate the location of the apex and the working length. This product must only be used in hospital environments, clinics or dental offices, by qualified practitioners.
2. **Contraindications**

The *ProPex® II* is not recommended for use:

- in patients who have a pacemaker or other implanted electrical devices, or have been cautioned by their physicians against the use of small electric appliances such as shavers, hair dryers, etc,
- in patients allergic to metals,
- in children.

3. **Warnings**

- The scale indication on the *ProPex® II* screen does not represent a distinct length or distance in mm or other linear units. It simply indicates the file progression towards the apex.
- The following patient's related factors may prevent accurate readings:
  - Blocked root canals,
  - Teeth with large apices,
  - Root fracture or perforation,
  - Metal crowns or bridges, if they come into contact with the file or the lip clip.
- Inaccurate or incorrect readings due to the environment are likely to occur in the following cases:
  - Presence of portable or movable radio frequency transmitters in the surroundings.
  - Film viewers or other Illumination devices which use an inverter may cause abnormal operation of the apex locator. Such devices should be turned off during use of the *ProPex® II*.
- Electromagnetic interference could cause improper operation of the device. In such cases the device behavior may become abnormal or random. Usage of any devices emitting electromagnetic radiation, such as cellular phones, remote controls, transceivers, etc., should be prohibited in the vicinity of *ProPex® II*.
- General safety warnings:
  - In order to prevent infectious agent transfer it is highly recommended to use a rubber dam system during the endodontic procedure.
  - Make sure that the lip clip, hook or fork does not come into contact with an electric power source such as an electrical socket. This could result in a severe electrical shock.
  - Do not use *ProPex® II* in the presence of flammable substances.
- Only use the original battery pack from your supplier.
- Only use the original charger.
4. Precautions

Important notice

The use of apex locators alone without a preoperative and postoperative radiograph is not a recommended practice, since apex locators may not be able to work properly in all conditions.

It is mandatory to confirm radiographically the working length established using the apex locator.

It is important to follow the precautions below and pay close attention to any condition or situation that may influence the electrical conductivity during the procedure.

- Inaccurate or incorrect readings are likely to occur in the following cases, all procedure related:
  - Partially blocked canal.
  - Size of the measuring file differing significantly from the canal diameter. Ideally, the selected file should be the thickest one capable of reaching the apex.
  - Presence of liquids and/or tissue debris in the access cavity. Prior to the use of the device, the access cavity must be dried with a cotton pellet in order to prevent leaking current.
  - Contact of the file or the lip clip with metallic dental structures. Be particularly careful with patients fitted with metal crowns or bridges.
  - Contact of the file with another instrument.
  - Very dry canal, for instance in the presence of restoration. In this case the canal must be moistened with an irrigation solution, or with Glyde™ file prep.
  - Contact between the file and the gums (this may cause a false reading indicating that the apex has been reached).
  - Use of an ultrasonic scaler with the counter electrode attached to the patient (electrical noise from the scaler could interfere with the apex localization).
  - Use of the apex locator in conjunction with an electric scalpel.
  - Use of a damaged lip clip, hook or fork.

- For apex localization, concentrations of NaOCl higher than 5 % may result in reduced accuracy.
• As a safety precaution in order to avoid over-instrumentation, it is recommended to proceed as follows: place the file onto an endodontic ruler at the point where the Propex® II indicates ‘APEX’. Subtract a minimum of 0.5 mm from the measured file length.

• Please also respect the following precautions:

  - For your own safety, be aware of wearing personal protective equipment (gloves, glasses, mask).
  - If the bar graph makes sudden large movements in the coronal part of the canal, slowly continue advancing the file toward the apex until the signal returns to normal.
  - This Propex® II unit must not be connected to or used in combination with any other apparatus or system. It must not be used as an integral component of any other apparatus or system. Using replacement parts or accessories not supplied by the original manufacturer or vendor could adversely affect the EMC performance of the Propex® II.
  - The device must be used with the manufacturer's original accessories only.
  - Unplug the device before replacing the battery.
  - Never use batteries that are leaky, deformed, discolored or otherwise abnormal.
  - In case of battery leakage, carefully dry the battery terminals and remove all of the leaked liquid. Then replace the battery with a new one.
  - Dispose of old batteries according to local codes and regulations.
  - Accessories including lip clips, hooks or forks should be clean and without residue of chemical disinfectants or other medicinal solutions such as sodium hypochlorite or formalin.
  - Do not expose Propex® II to any liquid.
  - Propex® II must be stored in normal temperature (< 60°C) and humidity conditions.

5. Adverse Reactions

If the apex locator provides incorrect reading and there is no radiographic data (see "Important notice" in the “Precautions” section in chapter 4), the following adverse reactions may occur:

• Incomplete root canal treatment,
• Apex perforation.
6. Step-by-Step Instructions

A. Content

Check the content of the equipment before use:
- one ProPex® II apex locator
- one charger
- one measurement cable
- two lip clips
- two connection hooks
- two connection forks
- one user manual

B. Recharging the Battery

The ProPex® II is delivered with a rechargeable battery.
On ProPex® II a screen indicator shows the level of the battery charge. When this is flashing, the battery requires recharging. However, it is still functional for several treatments before the battery shuts down.

Procedure for recharging the battery:
1. Disconnect the measurement cable
2. Connect the charger cable to the ProPex® II
3. Connect the charger to the mains

Charging screen will appear during battery charging. When the battery image on the screen stops blinking and turns green, the charging is complete.
Duration of charging: About 12 hours (24 hours after long periods without use).

Note: ProPex® II cannot be used while charging.

C. Replacement of the Rechargeable Battery

The battery compartment is located at the bottom of ProPex® II and its cover is secured by a screw.

1. Release the screw and remove the battery compartment cover
2. Remove the battery and disconnect the battery cable from the connector
3. Insert the new battery cable into the connector
4. Insert the battery into the battery compartment
5. Close the battery compartment and secure it with the screw

Warning: Use only original battery pack from your supplier!
D. Getting Started

1. Disconnect the charger from the device if connected.

2. Connect the measurement cable and switch the device On – after a short logo presentation, the main screen is displayed and the cursor on the tooth image will start blinking.

(While turning the device On without the measurement cable – the main screen will be displayed without cursor on the tooth image).

3. Attach the lip clip to the patient.

4. Insert the file into the canal – (to ensure precise measurements the file size should be adjusted to the canal diameter).

5. Connect the hook to the file.

The cursor on the tooth will stop blinking (accompanied by a double beep signal).

A blinking cursor and no sound signal indicates a faulty connection. Check your connections, clean your hook connection, moisten the canal, if necessary, and start again.

No other adjustments are necessary before starting measurement.

Note: Connection test feature is included in ProPex® II in order to check the cables:

- Connect metal part of the connection hook to the lip clip
- “Connection test” icon should appear in the bottom left corner of the display, indicating proper connection
- If no icon appears, the connection hook or the measurement cable should be replaced
E. Searching for the Apex

1) Coronal and Medial Zone

Slowly introduce the file into the canal. The cursor on the tooth icon indicates the progression of the file inside the canal.

Further progression of the file in the canal is shown both by the cursor on the tooth icon and by numerical value on the graphical scale. ProPex® II emits audible information of file progression via a series of progressive rate beeps. If the bar graph makes sudden large movements in the upper part of the canal, continue slightly towards the apex so the signal returns to normal.

Warning: The scale indication on the ProPex® II screen does not represent a distinct length or distance in mm or other linear units. It simply indicates the file progression towards the apex.
2) Apical Zone

The apical zone is divided into 10 segments graduated from 0.9 to 0.0 (apex) as visual information of file progression.

When the apex is reached, the cursor shows “APEX” and a solid tone is emitted.

![Diagram of apical zone segments](image)

**Note**: As a safety precaution in order to avoid over-instrumentation, it is recommended to proceed as follows: place the fill onto an endodontic ruler at the point where the ProPex® II indicates ‘APEX’. Subtract a minimum of 0.5 mm from the measured file length.

3) Over-instrumentation

A red segment and a warning signal indicate that the file has passed the Apex. The cursor on the tooth icon shows “OVER”.

![Over-instrumentation diagram](image)
F. Sound Adjustment

*ProPex® II* is equipped with a sonic indicator which enables monitoring of the progression of the file within the canal.

This function, in conjunction with the display of progression, enables working "blind" while still monitoring the progression of the file.

The volume can be adjusted to one of four levels: mute, low, normal and high, by successive presses on the volume key.

G. Demo Mode

The built-in Demo mode is available to become acquainted with the device and to demonstrate its operation.

1. Disconnect the measuring cable or the charger from the device if connected and turn Off the device.

2. To start Demo Mode, press and hold the (On/Off) button for about 2 seconds until the second beep sounds and “Demo” indication appears in the bottom left corner of the display.

3. During Demo cycle device operating sequence is shown on the screen. Press button to pause the simulation; press button again to resume.

4. When Demo cycle is completed, it is repeated automatically until interrupted by the operator.

5. To exit Demo mode press button and hold it for about 2 sec. until a beep sounds.

**Note:** If measurement cable is connected to *ProPex® II* during Demo cycle, the device switches automatically to normal operation mode.
H. Automatic Shutdown

ProPex® II automatically shuts down after 5 minutes without use. It is advisable, however, to manually switch off equipment after measurement by simply pressing the key (On/Off).

I. Maintenance of your ProPex® II

- The device does not contain user serviceable parts. The service and repair should be provided by factory trained service personnel only.

- After each use, all the objects that were in contact with infectious agents should be cleaned using towels impregnated with a disinfecting and detergent solution (a bactericidal, fungicidal and aldehyde free solution). Use of chemical agents may cause damage to the equipment. We recommend to use only a disinfecting solution which is approved for its efficacy (VAH/DGHM-listing, CE marking, FDA approval).

- Other recommendations:
  - Do not expose ProPex® II to any liquid. In particular, avoid spilling with chemical solutions used for treatment. These chemicals could cause damage, deform or discolor the device. Be especially careful to avoid spilling formalin cresol (FC) and sodium hypochlorite as they are quite aggressive. Wipe up any chemical spills immediately (some chemicals may leave discoloration and spots even if they are immediately wiped up).
  - Handle the device carefully; do not drop, bump or expose the unit to any kind of impact or shock. Rough handling could cause significant damage.
  - Do not drop anything on or bang the measuring cable plug after it has been inserted into the connector.
  - ProPex® II must be stored in normal temperature (< 60°C) and humidity conditions.

- Reprocessing procedure:
  - The lip clip, the hook and the fork must be sterilized between treatments by autoclaving at 134°C.
  - The measuring cable cannot be autoclaved.

See the section "Disinfection, cleaning and sterilization procedure for the ProPex® II accessories" for the detailed procedure.
J. Warranty

ProPex® II is warranted for 24 months from the date of purchase. The accessories (cables, battery etc.) are warranted for 6 months from the date of purchase. The warranty is valid for normal usage conditions. Any modification or accidental damage will render the warranty void.

K. Technical Specifications

ProPex® II complies to IEC60601-1 safety standard and the requirement of CE Marking of Conformity.

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ProPex® II electronic apex locator belongs to the following category of medical devices:

- Internally powered equipment (2.4V NiMH rechargeable battery)
- Type BF applied parts
- Not suitable for use in the presence of flammable anesthetic mixtures with air, oxygen or nitrous oxide
- Continuous operation
- Ingress of liquids – not protected
- Environmental conditions during transportation: temperature: –20°C to +60°C
- (0 to 140°F); relative humidity: 10% to 90%, non-condensing

Technical specifications

Dimensions: 130 x 80 x 63 mm
Weight: 360 gr.
Type of screen: Color Graphic TFT
Screen dimensions: 3.5"
Supply: 2.4V NiMH rechargeable battery
External charger: Input: 120 V / 50-60 Hz or 230V / 50-60 Hz
Output: 6V DC
L. Standard symbols

On the device label appear standard symbols as follows:

- Class II equipment
- Type BF Applied part
- Follow instructions for use
- Direct current
- Recycling: PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY! This product and all its components must absolutely be recycled through your supplier.
7. Disinfection, cleaning and sterilization procedure for the ProPex® II accessories

Foreword

The lip clip, the hook and the fork must be cleaned, disinfected and sterilized before each use to prevent any contamination. This concerns the first use as well as the subsequent uses.

General recommendations

- The user is responsible for the sterility of the product for the first cycle and each further usage as well as for the usage of damaged or dirty instruments.
- For your own safety, please wear personal protective equipment (gloves, glasses, mask).
- Use only disinfecting solution which is approved for their efficacy (VAH/DGHM-listing, CE marking, FDA approval)

Procedure for lip clip, hook and fork

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| 1. Pre-Disinfection or Decontamination | - Soak immediately just after usage all instruments in a disinfectant solution combined with proteolytic enzyme if possible. | - Follow instructions and observe concentrations and immersion time given by the manufacturer (an excessive concentration may cause corrosion or others defects on instruments).  
- The disinfectant solution should be aldehyde free (to avoid blood impurities fixation).  
- Do not use disinfectant solution containing Phenol or any products which are not compatible with the instruments (See general recommendation).  
- For visible impurities that are observed on instruments, a pre-cleaning is recommended by brushing them manually with soft material. |
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<td>2. Rinsing</td>
<td>- Rinse manually and abundantly the accessories with current water</td>
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<td>3. Manual Cleaning</td>
<td>- clean manually the accessories with an adequate brush, preliminary soaked in a clean pre-disinfectant solution</td>
<td>- the hook mechanism has to be activated during the cleaning process (press several times the push button) - no visible impurities should be observed on the accessories</td>
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<td>4. Rinsing</td>
<td>See point # 2</td>
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<td>5. Disinfection</td>
<td>- Immerse the accessories in a disinfectant solution (bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal, tuberculocidal and aldehyde free) according to the manufacturer recommendations</td>
<td>- Follow instructions and observe concentrations and time given by the manufacturer</td>
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<td>6. Final rinsing</td>
<td>- See point # 2 - After rinsing, the accessories have to be dried.</td>
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<td>7. Inspection</td>
<td>- Inspect devices and sort out those with defects.</td>
<td>- Dirty instruments must be cleaned and disinfected again.</td>
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<td>8. Packaging</td>
<td>- Pack the devices in “Sterilization pouches”.</td>
<td>- Check the validity period of the pouch given by the manufacturer to determine the shelf life. - Use packaging which are resistant up to a temperature of 141°C (286°F) and in accordance with EN ISO 11607.</td>
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| Sterilization | - Steam sterilization at: 134°C (237°F) during 3 min | - The accessories (lip clip, hook and fork) must be sterilized according to the packaging labeling.  
- Use fractionated vacuum or gravity (less preferred) autoclaves (according to EN 13060, EN 285).  
- Use validated sterilization procedure according to ISO 17665-1  
- Respect maintenance procedure of the autoclave device given by the manufacturer.  
- Use only the listed sterilization procedures. |
| Storage | - Keep devices in sterilization packaging in a dry and clean environment | - Sterility cannot be guaranteed if packaging is open, damaged or wet (check the packaging before using the instruments). |
8. Troubleshooting

Please review the checklist below should you experience a problem with your ProPex® II. If the problem persists after following the proposed solutions, please contact your distributor.

**Warning:** The following patient’s related factors may prevent accurate readings:
- Blocked root canals,
- Teeth with large apices,
- Root fracture or perforation,
- Metal crowns or bridges, if they come into contact with the file or the lip clip.

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<td>Triple beep signal during battery charging.</td>
<td>1. The battery is not connected.</td>
<td>1. Open the battery compartment, and connect the battery as described in the User Manual.</td>
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<td>2. The battery is not a rechargeable type.</td>
<td>2. Replace the battery with a rechargeable type as described in the User Manual.</td>
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<td>3. Bad battery.</td>
<td>3. Replace the battery with a new one.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>The device does not turn on by pressing the “ON / OFF” button.</td>
<td>1. The battery is discharged.</td>
<td>1. Charge the battery.</td>
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<td>2. Button malfunction.</td>
<td>2. Try pressing the “ON/OFF” button several times.</td>
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<td>3. Electronic malfunction.</td>
<td>3. Contact your distributor.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>When the charger is connected, the battery charging screen does not appear.</td>
<td>1. Bad charger connection.</td>
<td>1. Disconnect the charger from the device and reconnect it again.</td>
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<td>2. Charger malfunction.</td>
<td>2. Replace the charger.</td>
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<td>The device shuts off during the procedure.</td>
<td>1. The battery is low.</td>
<td>1. Charge the battery.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>No sound during the procedure.</td>
<td>1. The sound control is set at “Mute” level.</td>
<td>1. Adjust the sound level as described in the User Manual.</td>
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<td>Indication of file position is not steady during the procedure.</td>
<td>1. There is not a good contact between the lip clip and the oral mucosa.</td>
<td>1. Ensure a good contact between the mucosa and lip clip (Place the lip clip in the labial angle opposite the tooth to be treated).</td>
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<td>2. The connection hook is soiled.</td>
<td>2. Clean the connection hook (with Ethanol).</td>
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<td>3. Deep caries provides a conductive path outside the canal.</td>
<td>3. Block the external conductive path.</td>
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<td>4. Perforation</td>
<td>4. Remove the file, close the perforation and repeat the apex detection procedure, carefully inserting the file into canal.</td>
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<td>5. Large lateral canal.</td>
<td>5. Try continuing the procedure by gently advancing the file.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>The device does not show file progression inside the canal.</td>
<td>1. Bad electrical contact.</td>
<td>1. Perform the cable connection test as described in the User Manual.</td>
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<td>2. The connection hook is not properly connected to the file.</td>
<td>2. Place the connection hook on the metal part of the file below the plastic handle.</td>
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<td>3. The root canal is obliterated.</td>
<td>3. Check the comparative X-ray image for hints.</td>
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<td>4. In the case of re-treatment: old filling material residues may block the root canal.</td>
<td>4. Remove old root filling material residues prior to use.</td>
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<td>The root canal may be blocked by the remnants of a medication (e.g.</td>
<td>5. Completely remove the remnants prior to use.</td>
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<td>calcium hydroxide).</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Root canal is extremely dry.</td>
<td>6. Rinse the root canal with NaCl solution. Dry the access cavity with a cotton pellet/air-blower.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>The selected file is too small for a large root canal.</td>
<td>7. If there is no parietal contact use larger ISO size file. Important: exactly fitting files lead</td>
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<td>to precise results.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Display reaction is over-sensitive: apex/over is activated before</td>
<td>1. Short circuit due to excess liquid (irrigation solution, saliva, blood) in the pulp chamber.</td>
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<td>it is reached.</td>
<td>2. A direct contact of the file with the gingiva or gingival proliferations, e.g. a fractured</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Disposal of the Product</td>
<td>1. Dry the access cavity with a cotton pellet/air-blower. In case of excess bleeding wait until</td>
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<td>PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY!</td>
<td>it has stopped.</td>
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<td>This product and all its components must be recycled through your</td>
<td>2. For isolation:</td>
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<td>supplier.</td>
<td>- adequate preparation of the filling.</td>
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<td>- use a rubber dam.</td>
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<td>3. Isolate the file by placing 2-3 silicon stoppers on it or insert the file in a small</td>
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