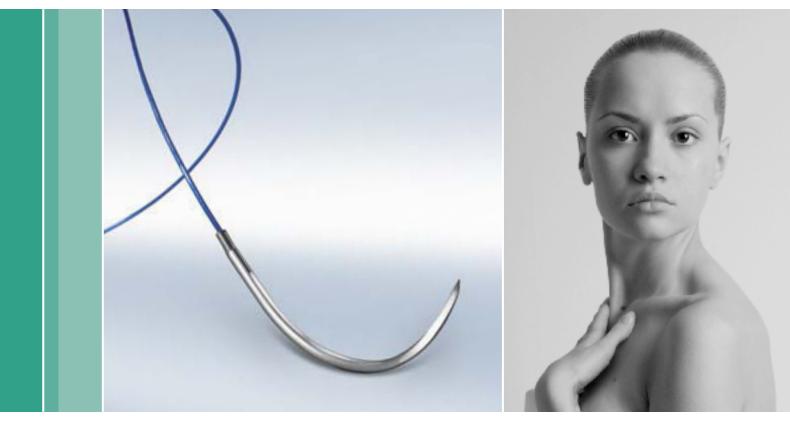
Non-absorbable suture for skin closure

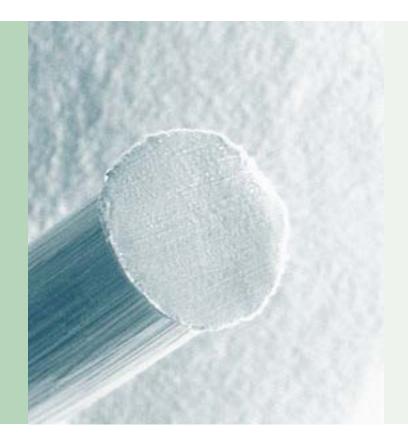
Non-absorbable synthetic monofilament suture made of polyamide



Sutures



The Monofilament Advantage



Dafilon® helps to reduce bacterial adherence

Surgical site infections may increase a patient's hospital stay by seven to ten days¹, increasing direct cost of hospitalization.

Bacterial adherence to suture materials plays a significant role in the induction of surgical infection, it is important to choose the right material to reduce this risk.

Taking The Monofilament Advantage of our suture portfolio combined with the benefits of non-absorbable monofilaments, Dafilon® will become the precise option to provide reliability and good cosmetic results.

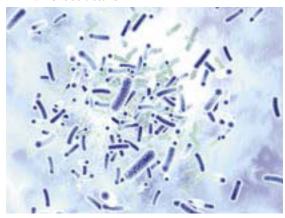
The main advantages of using a monofilament suture are:

- Less infection promoting effect
- More gentle pass through the tissue
- Reliable Knotting

1. Less infection promoting effect

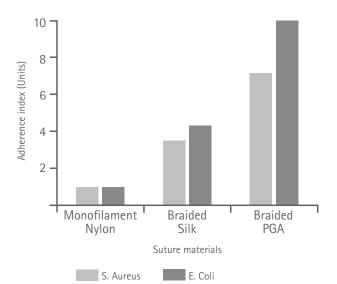
Monofilament sutures are much less prone to potentiating infections than multifilament sutures² because of:

Sutures of monofilament structure are believed to be a relatively safe material since it has lower bacterial infiltration rates than sutures of multifilament structure³.

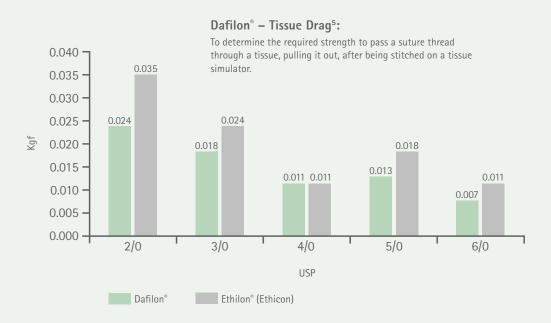


Comparative adherence of S. aureus and E. Coli to different sutures. Adherence to nylon = 1 unit

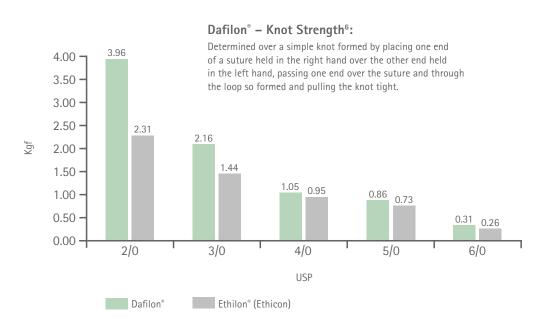
In vitro adherence assays revealed remarkable variations in the affinity of bacteria to sutures: nylon sutures bound the least bacteria, while bacterial adherence to braided sutures is five to eight folds higher⁴.



2. Improved wound healing, due to the smooth passage through the tissue:



3. Reliable Knotting



Your reliable partner for skin closure



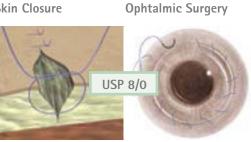
The ideal suture is the one offering the exact properties that the surgeon needs at each moment. In plastic and reconstructive surgery, the treatment of skin closure is essential to achieve the best results and patient satisfaction.

Thread handling and knotting are fundamental elements for skin approximation. Dafilon®, our non-absorbable synthetic monofilament suture made of polyamide, gives reliability in all these properties.

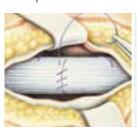
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

USP 2/0

Skin Closure



Orthopaedics

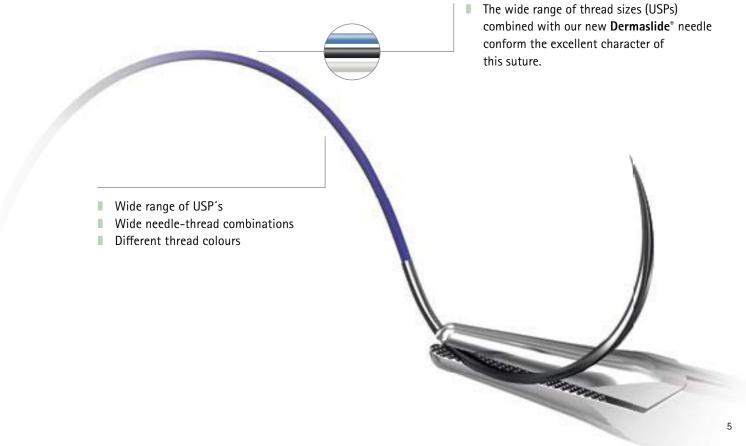


USP 11/0

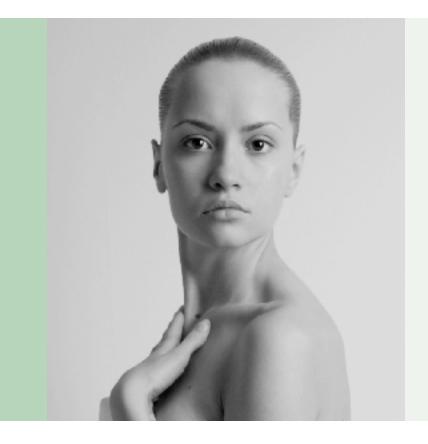


Dafilon® manages to combine the two advantages that make it an exceptional thread for skin closure:

- Smooth passage through the tissue⁵
- Less infection promoting effect²
- Ease of removal that improves the process of stitch extraction



Smoothness and flexibility for impressive cosmetic results



Dafilon® is indicated for all cutaneous and intradermal surgical procedures that require precise cosmetic results.

Dafilon® is the unique B. Braun non-absorbable monofilament suture that is available in undyed.

Strong

Dafilon® enhances the wound healing process, avoiding the risk of wound dehiscence due to:

- The strength of the thread
- The impressive knot security

Smoothness

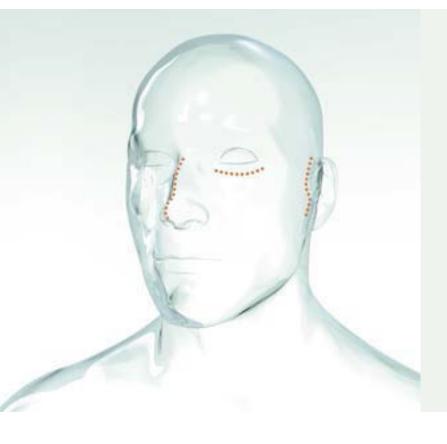
Dafilon® has a soft surface and a homogeneous diameter that permits an easy and smooth passage through the tissue:

- Highly atraumatic
- Avoids the risk of inflammatory reactions

Manageable

Due to its handling features, Dafilon® is for surgeons who are searching for:

- Adaptability to all kinds of wound edges
- Good flexibility that allows for an enhanced skin closure without any tissue strangulation
- Good cosmetic results through a good vascularization



The ideal suture is a needle-thread combination that offers high performance to the surgeon for the desired indication. For this reason, B. Braun has gone a step further by offering a totally innovative plastic surgery needle to combine with Dafilon*.

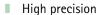
The ideal needle for the gentle Dafilon®.

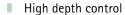
From our first reverse cutting to the outstanding **Dermaslide**® needle:

- Made from 300 series steel
- Continuous sharpness
- Flattened body prevents rotating in the needle holder



The reverse cutting needle tip with progressive micropoint enhances it so that every puncture is made with:









DS DSMP

For outstanding cosmetic results

Dermaslide® New Needle Generation (DGMP)

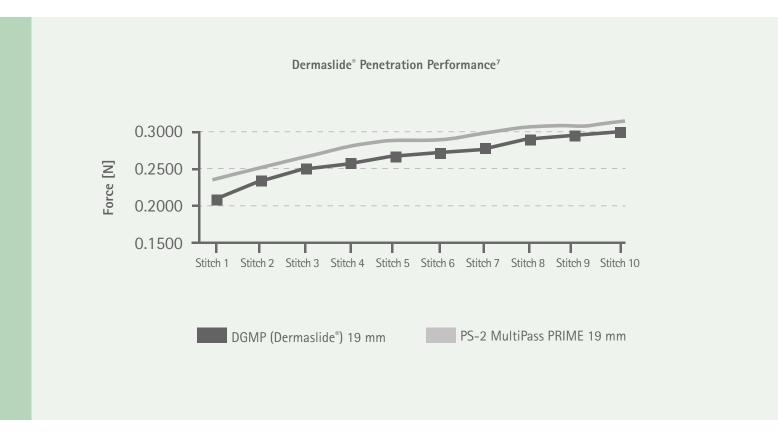
- The DS needle was our first proposal indicated for skin closure.
- It is our traditional reverse cutting needle with extensive experience in the market: more than 15 million units delivered around the world annually.

The flattened and engraved body of the **Dermaslide**® needle provides:

- Outstanding stability of the needle holder.
- Impressive glide pass through the tissue.



New Dermaslide® needle: a definitive choice for skin closure





- Excellent tissue penetration
- Sharpness after multiple stitches
- High stability for tissue passage
- Outstanding bending strength resistance



Product overview							
Structure	Monofilament						
Colour	Blue, black or undyed						
Chemical composition	Polyamide						
Coating	Uncoated						
Origin	Synthetic						
Sizes	USP 11/0 (0.1 metric) to USP 2 (5 metric)						
Type of absorption	Non-absorbable						
Sterilisation	Gamma-irradiation/ethylene oxide						
	(microsurgery 8/0 to 11/0)						



Needle-Thread combinations



Needle	Thread				USP n	netric			
length mm	length cm colour	8/0 0.4	7/0 0.5	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5
3/8 circle micro engraved needle wit	th precision p	oint							
DGMP 11	45 Blue				C0933908				
DGMP 13	45 Blue				C0933906	C0933903			
DGMP 16 ▼	45 75 Blue				C0933907	C0933904	C0933902		
DGMP 19 ▼	75 Blue					C0933905	C0933901		

Needle	Thread				USP r	netric			
length mm	length cm	8/0 0.4	7/0 0.5	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5
3/8 circle reverse cutting needle with precision point									
DSMP 7	45 Black 45 Blue		C0977225	C0930018					
DSMP 9	45 Blue				C0936122				
DSMP 11	45 Black 45 Blue 45 75 Undyed		C0977212	C0936022 C0916122 C0916022	C0936014				
DSMP 13	45 Blue 45 75 Undyed			C0936081 C0916081	C0936090 C0916133 C0916033	C0936103 C0916134 C0916034			
DSMP 16	45 75 Blue 45 75 Undyed			C0936146 C0936143 C0912242	C0936154 C0936650 C0916143 C0916043	C0936162 C0916144 C0916044			
DSMP 19	45 75 Blue 45 75 Undyed			C0936226		C0936235 C0936731 C0916154 C0916054	C0936740	C0936251	

Needle-Thread combinations

Needle	Thread	USP metric							
length mm	length cm colour	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5	1 4	2 5
3/8 circle reverse cutting needle with precision point									
DSMP 24 ▼	45 75 Blue 45 75 Undyed	C0936280	C0936294	C0936839 C0916308	C0936316 C0936812 C0916165 C0916065	C0936324 C0936820			
DSMP 24s	75 Blue				C0936814				
DSMP 30	75 Blue			C0932452	C0936952				
DSMP 39 ▼	75 Blue					C0934570			
3/8 circle reverse cutting needle									
DS 9	45 Blue	C0932019	C0932020						
DS 12	45 60 75 90 Blue	C0932060 C0935042 C0934061	C0932078 C0935050 C0934070 C0934067	C0932086 C0935069					
DS 16	45 60 75 90 Blue	C0932116 C0932108 C0935115	C0935123	C0932132 C0935131 C0930165					
DS 19	45 75 90 Blue		C0935190	C0932205 C0935204 C0935220	C0935212	C0935213	C0935181		
DS 24	45 75 90 Blue		C0932317			C0935360	C0932370 C0935379	C0935380	

Needle	Thread	USP metric						
length mm	length cm	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0	3.5	1 4	2 5
3/8 circle reverse cutting needle			l			<u> </u>		
DS 30	45 75 90 Blue		C0932441 C0932450	C0932469 C0935468 C0934410	C0932477 C0935476 C0935522	C0935484	C0932493 C0935492 C0934429	
DS 35	75 90 Blue			C0934780	C0932809 C0934801	C0934810	C0930095 C0934836	
DS 39	45 75 90 Blue		C0932531	C0932540	C0932545 C0932558 C0934569	C0932566 C0934573	C0932574 C0934577	C0934579
DS 45	75 100 Blue				C0932850 C0935859			
DS 48	75 90 100 Blue				C0932582 C0932784		C0934224	C0931640
DS 60	100 Blue			B0935890	B0935905	B0935913	B0935915	B0935914
DS 76	50 Black 50 75 100 3 x 50			C0932272	C0932280			C0972650 C0932650 C0931641 B0935910
DS 90	100 3 x 50 Blue			C0934916	C0934917	C0934909	C0934925 G0930182	C0934933

Needle-Thread combinations

Needle	Thread				USP r	netric			
length mm	length cm colour	8/0 0.4	7/0 0.5	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5
1/2 circle reverse cutting needle with precision point									
HSMP 12 ▼	45 Blue				C0932998				
HSMP 15 ▼	45 Blue 45 Undyed				C0936618 C0916618	C0936626 C0916626	C0935418		

Needle	Thread	USP metric							
length mm	length cm colour	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5	1 4	2 5
Straight cutting needle									
GS 40 ▼	90 Blue			C0931056					
GS 45 ▼	45 Blue				C0932736				
GS 51	75 90 Blue			C0935590	C0935603	C0935611	C0935530 C0935565	C0935573	
GS 60	75 90 Blue 75 Undyed			C0932647	C0932655 C0934658 C0912224	C0932663 C0934690	C0934691		
GS 65	90 Blue			C0935557	C0935646	C0935654		C0935735	
GS 75	75 Blue						C0932710		

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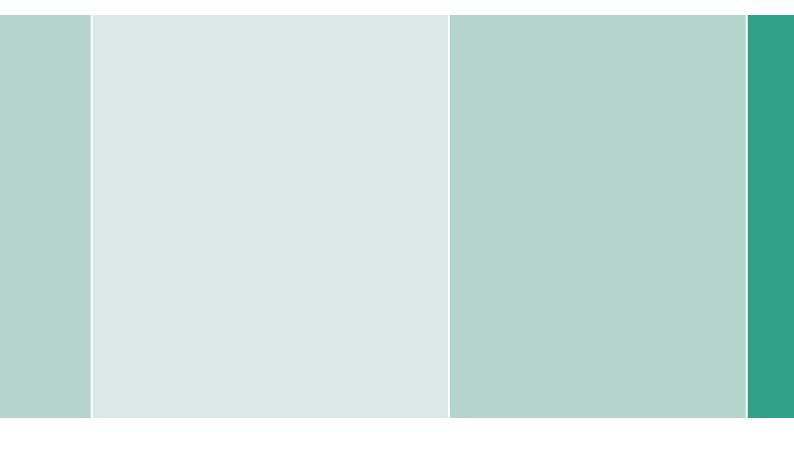
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