AO Foundation

Damaged implant removal Challenges and solutions



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Tasks

1 Destroyed coupling mechanism

Insert conical extraction bolt (a) in screw head and try to remove screw

2 Broken screw removal procedure

Remove bone around screw with appropriate sized hollow reamer (**b**)

Use extraction tube (**c**) to remove screw shaft

Learning outcomes

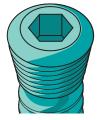
- Identify the function of different instruments to aid screw removal
- Remove screw with destroyed coupling mechanism
- Remove broken screw

Take-home message

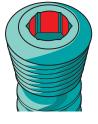
- Use undamaged screw driver
- Clean hexagonal coupling mechanism of screw head
- Everything in the removal set is left threaded

Problem 1

Destroyed hexagonal coupling mechanism of screw head



Intact



Destroyed

Problem 2

Broken screw, screw shaft stuck inside bone



