

BICARBON FAMILY Distinguished details make the dynamic difference

Bileaflet mechanical heart valve solutions to meet patient and surgeon needs

Detailed options for detailed benefits

LivaNova Bicarbon mechanical heart valves have been specifically designed to offer an utmost advanced solution to patients undergoing cardiac valve replacement.

Featuring many distinguished details, Bicarbon valves provide top hemodynamic performance combined with proven safety and durability. The benefits of its innovative design are reflected in the excellent clinical outcomes documented in scientific literature across over 25 years of clinical use.

Bicarbon mechanical valves feature the exclusive LivaNova Carbofilm[™] coating technology which enhances hemo and biocompatibility.

Innovative design, innovative choice of materials and a long track of proven clinical results make of this value the best choice looking for an advanced solution backed by compelling long term data.

The Bicarbon range can boast excellent clinical results in over 25 years of clinical use. The outstanding design features offer excellent hemodynamic performance, optimal thromboresistance, ease of implant and proven safety and durability.





Detailed Hemodynamics

Bicarbon's distinguished details make the difference when it comes to hemodynamic performance

Detailed choice of materials

LivaNova Bicarbon is the only valve in the market featuring a Titanium housing coated with Carbofilm[™]. Titanium is a highly biocompatible material with twice the structural stability of commonly used Pyrolite Carbon. This allows for a slimmer housing thus maximizing the area available to the blood flow.

The LivaNova proprietary Carbofilm[™] coating applied both to the Titanium housing and the sewing cuff, enhances hemocompatibility minimizing the risk for pannus formation and favoring a gentle tissue ingrowth that prevents perivalvular leaks.^{1,2,3}





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Detailed Design

BICARBON™ Solution



Not only the detailed choice of materials but also the utmost innovative design is key to Bicarbon's top hemodynamic performance.

Unique among mechanical heart valves, Bicarbon features curved leaflets specifically engineered to achieve an even flow distribution downstream. This leads to several major benefits to the patient:^{4,5}

- minimum turbulence which avoids blood stasis and thus the risk for thrombus formation
- · low pressure gradients for optimal hemodynamic performance
- \cdot reduced energy loss for an efficient functioning with a benefit for cardiac workload

Also the special aerofoil profile of the housing, which gently decreases in width from the inflow towards the outflow side, is intended to optimize the organization of the flow, minimizing blood turbulence and favoring pressure recovery.^{4,5}

The 80 degrees opening angle, in combination with curved leaflets has been specifically established to minimize turbulence, while the short travel arc contributes to low regurgitation levels and low energy loss.^{4,5}



The unique two open-chimney design ensures an effective passive washing of the hinges even when the valve is closed, avoiding blood stasis and hemolysis at the same time.^{4,6}



The excellent hemodynamic performance of Bicarbon valves are well proven in the published scientific literature.

In vitro comparisons with other commercially available valves have shown that Bicarbon are among the best performing valves with respect to all the relevant parameters:⁵

- pressure gradients
- leakage volume
- energy loss
- velocity profiles
- · shear stress distribution

This is confirmed in small aortic annuli⁷, even when comparing among valves specifically designed for improved hemodynamic performance.⁸



Mean and peak pressure gradients at 70 bpm (mmHg)*8





* Test performed with Sheffield pulse duplicator. Valves fitting a 21 mm diameter valve holder.

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- 7. Comparative study of the hydrodynamic function of six size 19 mm bileaflet heart valves. J. Fisher Eur J Cardio-thorac Surg (1995)9: 692-96
- 8. Small aortic annulus: The hydrodynamic performances of 5 commercially available bileaflet mechanical valves. Bottio et al. J. Thorac and Cardiovasc Surg (3): 457

The hydrodynamic efficiency of Bicarbon valves is reflected by the excellent hemodynamic results reported in the published in-vivo evaluations.



* Bicarbon standard model

Comparative evaluation of small-size LivaNova Bicarbon Slimline and St. Jude HP heart valve prosthesis.¹⁰



Size 19 Effective Orifice Area (cm²)¹⁰



12 Months

Size 19 Mean and Peak pressure gradients (mmHg)¹⁰

- 9. Normal echocardiographic characteristics of the Sorin Bicarbon bileaflet prosthetic heart valve in the mitral and aortic positions. Badano et al. J Am Soc Echocardiogr 1997; 10: 632- 43
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6 Months

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Overline for Top Hemodynamic performance

To further optimize hemodynamics, especially in small aortic annuli, LivaNova features in its Bicarbon portfolio the Overline aortic prosthesis, a truly totally supra-annular model.¹¹ A totally supra annular positioning can provide an advantage of 1 to 2 sizes over intra-annular valves.^{12,13}

100% ORIFICE TO ANNULUS MATCH



Overline improves effective value orifice area thanks to a 100% orifice to annulus match, thus contributing to reduce the risk of PPM.¹⁴ " An 18 mm or 20 mm value was implanted in more than 80% of the present patients.[...] However, no cases of PPM were observed, despite the use of 18 and 20 mm values."¹⁵

Hemodynamic function on echocardiography before and at 12 months after surgery, by labeled valve size.¹⁵

Parameters	Time	Total pts	Valve size (mm)		
		(n=102)	18 (n=27)	20 (n=51)	22 (n=24)
PPC (mmHa)	Preoperative	67 ± 29	78 ± 24	64 ± 21	62 ± 32
FFG (mmrg)	12 months	24 ± 8	26 ± 8	23 ± 8	24 ± 9
	Preoperative	42 ± 19	50 ± 17	37 ± 19	44 ± 19
MPG (mmHg)	12 months	13 ± 5	15 ± 6	12 ± 4	12 ± 5

MPG: Mean pressure gradient; PPG: Peak pressure gradient

"The in vivo data showed excellent hemodynamic results for all valve sizes [..]. In addition, the EOA was significantly increased, from 0.80 ± 0.41 cm² before surgery to 2.01 ± 0.26 cm² after 12 months".¹⁵

^{11.} Supra annular model as defined by International Standard for Cardiovascular implants - Cardiac valve Prostheses-Part 2. ISO 5840-2:2015(E)

^{12.} The Carbomedics Supraannular Top hat Valve improves prosthesis size in the Aortic Root. Lundblad R et al.- J Heart Valve Dis 2001;10:196-201

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Detailed Thromboresistance

Bicarbon valves are specifically designed to minimize thrombogenicity:

- Carbofilm coating increases hemocompatibility lowering the risk of thrombus formation.^{1,2,3}
- Curved leaflets, aerofoil housing profile, optimized leaflets travel arc and opening angle favor a laminar blood flow which reduces shear stress and hemolysis. This results in lower serum levels of lactatedehydrogenase (LDH)¹⁶ as compared to those found for other commercially available valves.¹⁷ A low degree of hemolysis leads to less platelet activation and consequently less risk of clots.^{19,20}
- The unique two open-chimney design ensures an effective passive washing of the hinges avoiding blood stasis and hemolysis at the same time.^{4,6}

This is why Bicarbon valves have shown a very low incidence of thrombosis and thromboembolic events in up to 17 years of published follow up.^{20,21,22}



Thrombo-embolic events

16. Hemolysis in mechanical bileaflet prostheses: experience with the Bicarbon valve. Josa et al. - Ann Thorac Surg 2006; 81:1291-6

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22. Single center experience with the Sorin Bicarbon prosthesis: A 17-year clinical follow-up. Celiento et al. - J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2014;148:2039-44

LOWERing the INtensity of oral anticoaGulant Therapy in patients with bileaflet mechanical aortic valve replacement: Results from the "LOWERING-IT" Trial.

As a further proof of its excellent thromboresistance, Bicarbon is backed by the `LOWERING-IT' trial,²³ an independent prospective controlled randomized study which has established for the first time that a lower INR target (1.5-2.5) is safe and feasible in low risk patients after aortic valve replacement .



Outcome events

	LOW-INR (n=197)	CONVENTIONAL-INR (n= 199)	Р	OR (95% exact CI)
Thromboembolic events	1	3	.62 ^{ns}	0.33 (0.006-4.20)
Hemorrhagic events	6	16	.04	0.36 (0.11-0.99)

"LOWERING-IT trial established that the proposed LOW-INR target is safe and feasible in low-risk patients after bileaflet aortic mechanical valve replacement. It results in similar thrombotic events and in a significant reduction of bleeding occurrence when compared to the conventional anticoagulation regimen."²³

^{23.} LOWERing the INtensity of oral anticoaGulant Therapy in patients with bileaflet mechanical aortic valve replacement: Results from the "LOWERING-IT" Trial. Torella et al. - Am Heart J 2010;160:171-8



Detailed safety and durability

Every single detail of the Bicarbon valve is carefully engineered to offer outstanding performance to last over time.

- The Titanium housing, with twice the structural stability of solid Pyrolytic Carbon housings, ensures correct leaflet retention and functioning.
- The unique two open-chimney design of the hinges avoid blood stasis and hemolysis minimizing the risk of structural valve failure and clinical complications
- The Carbofilm[™] coated PET fabric sewing ring provides a safe anchorage favoring a gentle tissue ingrowth that minimizes the risk of perivalvular leaks and pannus formation at the same time.
- The unique, proprietary 'rolling without sliding' hinge mechanism, characterized by a constantly varying single point of contact between the pivot and the housing, minimizes friction and wear and consequently the risk of structural valve deterioration.



The Bicarbon solution versus competitive valves⁴

Friction and wear are minimized by the constantly varying single point of contact between the pivot and the housing.



The Titanium housing ensures correct leaflet retention with twice the structural stability and only half the width of solid Pyrolytic Carbon housings. Biocompatibility is assured by the total Carbofilm™ coating.



One single point of contact The point continously varying



The whole surfaces in contact



% Freedom

Detailed performance for excellent clinical outcomes

Bicarbon has proven to be a safe, high performing valve with excellent clinical outcomes in the long term of lollow up.^{20,21,22,24}

Single center experience with the LivaNova Bicarbon prosthesis: A 17-year clinical follow-up

"The Bicarbon Prosthesis has shown excellent results in terms of clinical improvement and freedom from valve-related complications, even up to 17 years after AVR and MVR."²²

Linearized rate of adverse events (%PT-YR)



🗋 AVR 🔳 MVR

310 309

336 333 326 323 303 288

Time (years)

278





140 148

Time (years)

129 130



Actuarial Survival and Freedom from valve-related deaths

Numbers on the horizontal axis indicate patients at risk at each time interval

168 159

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The voice of experience

"The Bicarbon Prosthesis continues to perform satisfactorily even in the long term with low incidence of valve-related mortality and morbidity confirming to be an extremely reliable and durable mechanical valve substitute."²⁰

"In the present series, a low incidence of embolic events was observed [...] indicating that the innovative changes incorporated into the Bicarbon Prosthesis design, improving transprosthetic flow and reducing turbulence, might positively influence its thrombogenicity".

"We have also found that other major postoperative complications, [...] are extremely uncommon after AVR and MVR with the Bicarbon Prosthesis". "[...] no cases of structural failure were recorded".²²

"The present study gives additional evidence of low rates of valve-related complications after Bicarbon valve Implantation. [...] we maintain the INR between 1.8 and 3.0. The rate of thromboembolic events in this study is excellent and the rates of bleeding complications are also acceptable."

"This single-center study of a 15-year follow-up of the Bicarbon prosthetic heart valve shows excellent clinical results associated with a low incidence of valve-related mortality and morbidity".²¹



Health innovation that matters

BICARBON OVERLINE	BICARBON SLIMLINE
TOTALLY SUPRA-ANNULAR AORTIC VALVE Sizes 16-24 mm	SUPRA-ANNULAR AORTIC VALVE Sizes 17-27 mm
Applica	ation
 Aortic procedures Normal sinus area Small aortic annulus Severely calcified aortic annulus Double valve replacement 	 Aortic procedures Low coronary ostia Narrow, rigid aortic annulus Small, inflexible aorta (Sinus of Valsalva)
 Totally supra-annular placement allows for largest valve possible increases ease and safety of DVR procedure Orientation of the implanted valve facilitated by a Polyacetal sleeve mounted inside the sewing cuff, which maintains torque at a constant level Three orientation markers for suture spacing Soft, pliable cuff for an easy handling and to better conform to the patient's annulus. Special sizers allow surgeon to assess position of valve within sinus area and clearance of coronaries before implantation 	 Indicated in cases in which the external valve dimension needs to be reduced in relation to the available flow area Orientation of the implanted valve facilitated by a Polyacetal sleeve mounted inside the sewing cuff, which maintains torque at a constant level Three orientation markers for suture spacing Soft, pliable cuff for an easy handling and to better conform to the patient's annulus.
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Valve placement *in-situ*

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 Allows the largest possible orifice of any mechanical valve
- · Alternative to aortic root enlargement
- Advanced design allows to achieve a laminar blood flow that minimizes the risk of thrombus formation
- · Excellent clinical record for valve-related events
- Proven safety and durability

- Alternative to aortic root enlargement where supraannular valve will not fit in sinus
- Advanced design allows to achieve a laminar blood flow that minimizes the risk of thrombus formation
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Product specifications

BICARBON MECHANICAL VALVES

BICARBON OVERLINE	E							
		Nominal size	TAD	ID	ОН	GOA	EOA1*	Catalog N.
	ID = TAD	16	15.2	15.2	6.0	1.76	0.97	ICV0870
Contraction of the		18	17.2	17.2	6.4	2.27	1.54	ICV0871
		20	19.2	19.2	6.8	2.83	2.07	ICV0872
	ОН	22	21.3	21.3	7.2	3.45	2.39	ICV0873
		24	23.3	23.3	7.6	4.14	3.06	ICV0874

Accessories

Article	Code	Description
UNI cylindrical sizers set	ICV0867	5 sizers
Aortic rotators set	ICV0868	5 aortic rotators
UNI handle	ICV0664	1 universal bandable handle to be used with all sizers
Valve holder handle	P0593	1 Nitinol bandable handle
Occluder tester	VT-100	10 disposable occluder tester (provided sterile)
Empty tray	ICV0736	1 orange empty tray compatible with BICARBON OVERLINE accessories

BICARBON SLIMLINE

	Nominal size	TAD	ID	ОН	GOA	EOA*	Catalog N.
	17	17.2	15.2	6.0	1.76	1.01 ²	ICV0934
	19	19.2	17.2	6.4	2.27	1.50²	ICV0935
	21	21.3	19.2	6.8	2.83	1.90²	ICV0936
	23	23.4	21.3	7.2	3.45	2.391	ICV0937
ОН	25	25.6	23.3	7.6	4.14	3.06 ¹	ICV0938
	27	28.0	25.6	8.0	5.0	3.451	ICV0939

Accessories

Article	Code	Description
UNI cylindrical sizers set	ICV0728	6 universal cylindrical sizers
UNI profile sizers set	ICV0730	6 universal profile sizers
Aortic rotators set	ICV0950	6 aortic rotators
UNI handle	ICV0664	1 universal bandable handle to be used with all sizers
Valve holder handle	P0593	1 Nitinol bandable handle
Occluder tester	VT-100	10 disposable occluder tester (provided sterile)
Empty tray	ICV0736	1 orange empty tray

Legend	
TAD = Tissue Annulus Diameter (mm)	OH = Orifice Height (mm)
ID = Internal Diameter (mm)	GOA = Geometric Orifice Area (cm²)
EOA = In vivo Effective Orifice Area (cm²)	

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* For Bicarbon Overline reported EOA based on reference 1 are a two sizes up-sized estimate; for Bicarbon Slimline reported EOA based on reference 1 are a one size up-sized estimate

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Health innovation that matters

• Redo AVR

BICARBON FITLINE AORTIC	BICARBON FITLINE MITRAL
INTRA-ANNULAR AORTIC VALVE Sizes 19-31 mm	INTRA-ANNULAR MITRAL VALVE Sizes 19-33 mm
Appli	cation
 Aortic procedures Low coronary ostia Narrow, rigid aortic sinus Large annulus 	 Mitral valve replacement with or without mitral leaflet preservation Double valve replacement

- Implantation Consideration
 - Orientation of the implanted valve facilitated by a Polyacetal sleeve mounted inside the sewing cuff, which maintains torque at a constant level
 - Three orientation markers for suture spacing
 - Soft, pliable cuff for an easy handling and to better conform to the patient's annulus
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Clinical Considerations

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	19	19.0	15.2	6.0	1.76	ICV0924
	21	21.2	17.2	6.4	2.27	ICV0925
	23	23.4	19.2	6.8	2.83	ICV0926
TAD	25	25.6	21.3	7.2	3.45	ICV0927
	27	27.8	23.3	7.6	4.14	ICV0928
-0.	29	30.0	25.6	8.0	5.00	ICV0929
10°	31	32.0	25.6	8.0	5.00	ICV0930
	33	34.0	25.6	8.0	5.00	ICV0931

Accessories

Article	Code	Description	
UNI cylindrical sizers set	ICV0662	8 universal cylindrical sizers	
UNI profile sizers set	ICV0663	8 universal profile sizers	
Rotators set	ICV0732	7 aortic rotators + 8 mitral rotators	── ₼
UNI handle	ICV0664	1 universal bandable handle to be used with all sizers and mitral rotators	
Valve holder handle	P0593	1 Nitinol bandable handle	
Occluder tester	VT-100	10 disposable occluder tester (provided sterile)	
Empty tray	ICV0735	1 gray empty tray	

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Bicarbon range

Bicarbon Overline



Bicarbon Slimline



Bicarbon Fitline Mitral



Bicarbon Fitline Aortic





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