THE SECURE ADVANTAGE.

V-Loc™ Wound Closure Device vs. Stratafix™ Spiral
Competitive Comparison
The Secure Advantage

V-Loc™ device is the preferred barbed suture because:

1. Based on internal test report #R2295, baseline strength comparison of V-Loc™ device 180 size 2-0 and Stratafix™ Spiral PDO size 2-0. March 2014. P<0.001.


Its barb design provides greater security than Stratafix™ Spiral

It’s the worldwide market-leading barbed suture
### Change in Number of Stratafix™ Spiral Barbs

| Original Barb Pattern | New Barb Pattern | V-Loc™ Device
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† Same magnification and USP size.

Stratafix™ Spiral vs. V-Loc™ Device: Barb Holding Strength in Subcuticular Porcine Tissue

New Barb Pattern

Even with the additional barbs, V-Loc™ device demonstrates almost 90% greater security compared with Stratafix™ Spiral.¹

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Post Benchtop Test Product

Stratafix™ Spiral vs. V-Loc™ Device: Barb Holding Force

- V-Loc™ device barb design has better holding strength.¹
- V-Loc™ device barbs allow the strand to withhold greater force.¹
- Stratafix™ Spiral barbs peel down the strand when tension is applied.

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Difference in Barb Design

Stratafix™ Spiral†

Single-angle Cut

- High-cut angle produces flimsy barbs and the deeper cut-depth results in the compromise of the strand’s strength

Stratafix™ Spiral Barbing Technology

V-Loc™ Device†

Dual-angle Cut

- Lower-cut angle produces barbs with strong anchoring force and the shallow cut-depth preserves the integrity of the strand’s strength

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