

PRODUCT PROFILE

NAME OF PRODUCT:	TAP® 3 (Thorton Adjustable Positioner® 3)
MANUFACTURER:	Airway Management, Inc.
BRIEF DESCRIPTION:	TAP 3 is a custom adjustable oral appliance for the treatment of snoring and obstructive sleep apnea. It holds the lower jaw in a forward position so that it does not fall open during the night and cause airway collapse. The TAP 3 maintains a clear airway to reduce snoring and improve breathing.
BENEFITS FOR DOCTOR'S OFFICE:	Effective device to treat snoring and obstructive sleep apnea. Custom-made to prevent any change in teeth position or mouth structures.
BENEFITS FOR PATIENT:	Comfortable and patient-friendly. Patient-adjustable allowing maximum comfort and effectiveness.
WHAT TO SEND LABORATORY:	Maxillary and mandibular full arch impressions or models. Bite registration in protrusive.
INDICATIONS:	Oral device intended to reduce or alleviate nighttime snoring and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).
CONTRA-INDICATIONS	Contraindicated for patients with loose teeth, loose dental work, dentures, or other oral conditions which would be adversely affected by wearing dental appliances. In addition, the appliance is contraindicated for patients who have central sleep apnea, severe respiratory disorders or are under 18 years of age.

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS: Take full arch alginate impressions of the upper and lower arches and pour stone models to send to the lab. Take a bite registration in protrusive.

DAYS IN LAB: 3

SEATING INSTRUCTIONS: Directions for Daily Use:
Inspect device prior to use for material degradation or cracks.
Place the TAP in your mouth with the Hook already engaged with the Lingual Bar. Make sure that the Hook is in its initial starting point.
To remove either the upper or lower trays, gently open your mouth while the Hook is still engaged. AT the same time lift up on the lower tray or pull down on the upper tray to loosen either tray and remove.
Warnings:
Do not bite down on the Hook.
The TAP trays should never be worn separately - always wear both trays.

AFTER CARE: When the lower jaw is pulled forward during the night, it may make the jaw muscles sore, and temporarily change the bite. The Exercise Bite Tabs are intended to be used as an exercise tool to put your jaw back into a normal bite position.

Each morning, thoroughly clean your appliance using a toothbrush, cool water and antibacterial liquid soap. Do not use hot water. Rinse and dry before storing in the container and/or leave container open to complete drying. You may disinfect once every 2 weeks in a solution of half mouthwash and half water. You may substitute a denture cleanser, like Efferdent, for mouthwash, but soak no more than 10-15 minutes. (Note: both mouthwash and denture cleansers may cause the plastic to deteriorate more rapidly so use sparingly.) Rinse with water before use.

Return to your provider at least yearly for examination and assessment to ensure the TAP is not damaged and is still effectively treating your sleep disordered breathing.

Additional Warnings:
Store TAP in a cool, dry place, (It should not be stored where temps exceed 120 degrees F.) Do not clean in hot water, or soak in bleach or hydrogen peroxide or the trays will distort. Do not disassemble any of the TAP hardware.

INSURANCE CODE: Medical insurance codes may need to be used

CHAIRSIDE INSTRUCTIONS: Possible side effects include:
excess saliva
unconsciously taking the appliance out at night
tooth or gingival discomfort
dislodgement of dental restorations
minor tooth movement
muscle or jaw discomfort
allergic reaction to nickel content in the parts
temporary or permanent bite change

TESTIMONIALS & QUOTES:

CLINICAL TESTING: Articles and Studies on the TAP Device
5 page report of articles available upon request
See www.tapintosleep.com for complete copies of articles.

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