

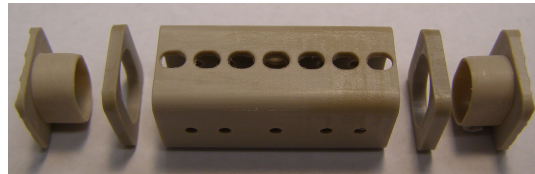


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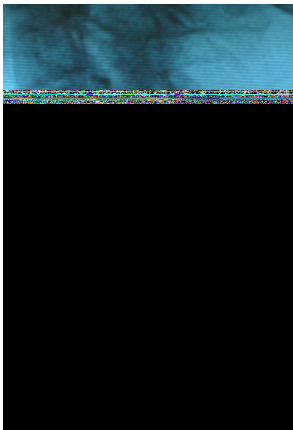
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### FIRST PEEK-OPTIMA<sup>fi</sup> SPINAL MESH Vu Mesh Coming Soon --- May 2007

**AAOS 2007 AKRON, OH (February 14, 2007)** Theken Spine, a leader in spinal implant systems, today announced a PEEK-OPTIMA Spinal Mesh system, Vu Mesh, which is targeted to release in May 2007. Spinal mesh up to this point is constructed from titanium. With the release of Vu Mesh, surgeons will have an option between titanium and PEEK-Optima. Vu Mesh will be indicated for use in the thoracolumbar spine (T1-L5) to replace a collapsed, damaged, or unstable vertebral body due to tumor or trauma (e.g., fracture).



Many people told us it can not be done, stated Nick Kriska, Lead Design Engineer for Theken Spine, but we accomplished it.



With 12 different lengths, 2 widths and 4 endplate angles and 4 sizes of options spacers the construct possibilities are immense. Endplate angulations ranges from 0 to 7.5 degrees and the spacers offer additional lengths of 1 to 5mm satisfying all possible patient anatomy.

A basic instrument set centered on an intuitive insertion tool makes the procedure straightforward and quick, Nick Kriska, explains. We wanted as few instruments and surgical steps as possible, that's why we eliminated the fiddle factor associated with cutting the mesh to size.

Vu Mesh private showings are available upon request during AAOS exhibit hours at the Theken booth #4910.

## About Theken

The Theken family of companies Theken Spine LLC, Theken Disc LLC, Theken Orthopaedic LLC and Therics LLC ([www.theken.com](http://www.theken.com)) specializes in pioneering spinal implant technologies that improve spinal surgical techniques benefiting patients as well as surgeons. Theken provides comprehensive product lines that offer surgeons peace of mind through steadfast product reliability and easy-to-use instrumentation. Products include cervical plates, pedicle screws, spacers, degenerative/deformity and trauma devices. Theken also leads the market in next-generation artificial disc replacement technology.

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