

SpinaLux™ FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Quick Reference Questions

Q: What is the L-Code for the SpinaLux?

A: L0639

Q: How do I order a SpinaLux or SpinaLux Lite?

A: Measure your patient (1. Hip, 2. Waist, 3. Rib, 4. Anterior height and 5. Lordosis). Using the “Ordering Grid” and the “Size Chart” found on the top of our [SpinaLux Ordering Guide](#), select the proper style, size, and type of SpinaLux. Add an accessory, if needed. To order, call 800-613-8852, fax a SpinaLux Order Form to 888-440-1217, or email the Order Form to orders@hopeortho.com (on www.hopeortho.com “Contact Us”).

Q: Can I simplify my ordering to keep my stock down and variations to a minimum?

A: Yes, ordering a SpinaLux can be simple. Simply measure the patient’s waist and hip refer to the size chart and order by size and orthosis type (SLP or SLL). (Fill in “LSO” for style, “U” for sex, “NT” for front, and “15” for lordosis.)

Q: What’s the difference between the SpinaLux, the OrthoLux, and the VertaLux?

A: The SpinaLux is a pre-fab body jacket, just made to be a bit more flexible and with foam padding. The OrthoLux is a fabric brace, front and back. The VertaLux is a hybrid; its front is like that of the OrthoLux while its back is like that of the SpinaLux.

Q: What’s the difference between the SpinaLux and the SpinaLux Lite?

A: The SpinaLux (SLP) is made of polyethylene, just as a body jacket for more aggressive control. The SpinaLux Lite (SLL) is made of a soft, tri-polymer lamination. While the SLP is more rigid for more firm control, the SLL is softer for better patient comfort and compliance.

Indications:

Q: For what pathologies is the SpinaLux indicated?

A: The list is long, but generally, any time you want to reduce motion, stabilize the spine, or increase intra-abdominal pressure, the SpinaLux is appropriate. Here is a list of a few of the prime pathologies that might indicate the fitting of a SpinaLux orthosis:

- Spondylolysis
- Burst Fracture
- Spondylolithesis
- Postural Support
- Chronic Back Pain
- Post Laminectomy
- Spinal Stabilization
- Compression Fracture

- Discogenic Disc Disease
- Herniated or Bulging Disc
- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Lumbar muscle/ligament strain/sprain

Style:

Q: What is the difference between your LSO and TLSO braces?

A: The TLSO back is about 3” taller than that of the LSO. While the LSO contains only a lordotic curve, the TLSO insert contains both lordotic and kyphotic curves. The fronts are identical.

Q: Can I convert an LSO to a TLSO?

A: For many patients, the standard LSO will actually be a TLSO by definition (above T9). With the addition of a “Mickey” or an Extender, the orthosis is a TLSO. But for the best fit, start with a TLSO. It will be taller and will have a built-in kyphosis.

Size:

Q: How do I know what size to order?

A: Refer to the “Size Charts” on the top of the [SpinaLux™ Ordering Guide](#) page.

Q: How many sizes are there?

A: Eight (XS, SM, MD, LG, XL, XX, 3X, and 4X).

Front:

Q: Do you offer shorter fronts for short-waisted patients?

A: Yes. We have a MP (mid-profile) fronts. It is available on LSO or TLSO and with neutral or pendulous contours.

Q: Is the SpinaLux available for a beer-belly type stomach?

A: Yes. We call that a “pendulous abdomen.” It comes in regular (PA) and mid height (PM)

Q: How many front combinations are there?

A: Four (two heights, and for each height, pendulous or neutral contour):

1. NT (full height, neutral contour) – this is the default
2. PA (full height, pendulous contour)
3. MP (mid-profile, neutral contour)
4. PM (mid-profile, pendulous contour)

Back:

Q: How many back choices do I have?

A: Three:

1. LSO
2. LSO MP (about 2" shorter than the LSO)
3. TLSO (about 3" taller than the LSO)

Accessories:

Q: What options are available with the SpinaLux?

A: The following options are available:

1. The "Mickey" – a thoracic add-on that contains straps that pass anteriorly over the shoulders and posteriorly under the axilla and fasten back to the Mickey posteriorly.
2. The Extender™ - A vertical anterior extension with a chest plate

Q: Is the Extender available with separate pectoral pads instead of a sternal plate?

A: Yes, the Extender comes in four styles, all available with white, black, or no straps.

1. EXT-PS – Pectoral pads, silicone hinges
2. EXT-PV – Pectoral pads, rubber hinges
3. EXT-PR – Pectoral pads, suspension and articulation
4. EXT-STP – Sternal/Pectoral plate with soft pad covers
5. EXT-STF – Sternal Fixed Plate
6. EXT-STH – Sternal Hinged Plate

Q: How do I drill the holes in the front plastic plate to attach the Extender?

A: A template with a light adhesive is provided with the Extender for drilling the holes in the front panel of the SpinaLux. We will drill these holes and attach the Extender if you wish.

Fitting:

Q: Can I mix size and/or front/back height to achieve an even more precise fit?

A: Yes, you may mix and match as you wish at time of order. And you won't pay extra for doing so – the brace will cost the same as a standard brace. Be careful, though, if you want to mix and match from your stock. The straps are attached to the backs and there are different straps for the various back/front height combinations. Call us to make sure you have what you need.

Customer Service:

Q: How late can I order?

A: Next Day Air orders placed by 7:30PM EST (and sometimes later) will ship the same day. Most ground orders placed by 6:00 PM EST will ship the same day.

Q: Do you offer shipping specials on the SpinaLux?

A: Yes. We pass on our volume shipping discounts to our customers. And, if you are more than three days ground from us (Orlando), we ship "3forG" (3-Day for the price of ground).

Q: Do you accept credit cards?

A: Yes. We accept MC, VISA, DISCOVER and AMEX.