

# Product Safety and Compliance

## Weldable Hook

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This document is provided as assurance to clinicians and patients that orthodontic products sold by American Orthodontics have been designed, manufactured, and labeled with safety and effectiveness in mind.

### Compliance with Medical Device Standards

American Orthodontics medical devices are designed, manufactured, labeled, and sold in compliance with globally recognized medical device regulations and standards. These regulations and standards require American Orthodontics to maintain a Quality Management System that includes specific focus on clinician and patient safety. This includes biological safety of medical devices per ISO 10993. Evidence of compliance is documented in certifications granted by recognized notified bodies; current certifications can be reviewed at <https://www.americanortho.com/resources/regulatory-compliance/>.

### Material Information

The devices within the scope of this technical document are comprised of stainless steel.

### Chemicals / Compounds

Arsenic (As): Not known to contain.

Bisphenols (e.g. BPA): Not known to contain.

Cadmium (Cd): Not known to contain.

Chromium (Cr) / Nickel (Ni): Contains Nickel and/or Chromium. Patients with an identified allergy to these metals should consult with their doctor before using this product. Devices with Nickel and/or Chromium are labeled with the following safety symbol:



Cobalt (Co): Not known to contain.

Gluten: Not known to contain.

Lead (Pb): Not known to contain.

Latex: Not known to contain.

Mercury (Hg): Not known to contain.

Nuts: Not known to contain.

Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA): Not known to contain.

Phthalates / Plasticizers: Not known to contain.

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC): Not known to contain.

## MRI Information

This device is labelled as unsafe for use in MR environments.

## Additional Requirements

USA OSHA (SDS) and Canada Hazardous Products Act: The devices within the scope of this document are classified as “articles” under OSHA and Canadian regulations. Articles that do not release hazardous substances during normal use or handling are exempt from SDS requirements. The devices within the scope of this document do not release hazardous substances during normal use or handling and are exempt from SDS requirements.

EU Substance Requirement (GSPR 10.4.1): The devices within the scope of this document do not contain substances which are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (CMR), of category 1A or 1B nor substances having endocrine-disrupting properties for which there is scientific evidence of probable serious effects to human health.

EU Biological Origin Requirement (GSPR 13): The devices within the scope of this document do not contain substances of biological origin, including tissues or cells of human / animal origin or their derivatives.

**Note:** Weldable Hooks manufactured by American Orthodontics can withstand temperatures of 121°C for 30 minutes or 132°C for 4 minutes.

## Definitions

| Term                 | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Contains             | The chemical or compound is present in the device based on composition information from American Orthodontics' suppliers, analytical testing, or both.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Not known to contain | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Analytical measurement for the presence of the chemical or compound is not currently available;</li><li>2. If measurement is possible,<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The material has not been identified or disclosed to American Orthodontics and</li><li>b. The material has not been specifically quantified or detected; OR</li><li>c. Based on information from raw material suppliers, possible presence as an impurity or by-product at or below regulatory thresholds</li></ol></li></ol> |

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