



Herbst™ Bite Jumper

The most common problem presented to the Orthodontist is skeletal Class II malocclusions. In the past, these cases were corrected with surgical procedures, headgear and/or elastic therapy. Today these cases can be corrected using the Herbst to inhibit maxillary anterior growth and stimulate the lower jaw to its potential development during the patient's growth period*. Some literature reports that this effect is still obtainable in young adults**.

Since the Herbst can be permanently attached to the teeth with stainless steel crowns or bands for the duration of treatment, patient compliance does not present a problem. Even though this appliance prevents the lower jaw from moving backwards, patients can still open and close their mouth easily and fully adjust to the appliance in about a week.

The Herbst has become the functional appliance of choice by many clinicians for Class II correction; however, this versatile appliance is also being used as anchorage to obtain a number of other treatment goals. Design options include Space closure, intrusion of molars, and anchorage platform for other orthodontic approaches.

AOA is continually seeking advanced technologies, materials and fabrication techniques to provide you with the best up-to-date products and services. With our computer automated laser-welding service, along with the addition of AOA's proprietary cantilever arm to varied inventory of Herbst mechanisms (e.g.; Flip Lock, HTH-Hanks Telescoping and Ormco Hex Screw), AOA has the Herbst solution for your Practice.

* Pancherz, H. Treatment of Class II malocclusion by jumping the bite with Herbst appliance: A cephalometric investigation. Am.J.Orthod. 76:423-442, 1979
 ** Pancherz, H. Hist., Bkgd, and Devel. of the Herbst Appl. Sem. in Orthod 2003; vol 9 no.1



The AOA advantage of offering all styles of mechanisms allows you to prescribe the exact Herbst approach for each of your patients. The traditional Hex screw design (above left) or the innovative HTH* with telescoping full lateral movement (upper right & side) can be fabricated to your specific design requirements.

The Flip Lock** system (above left & left) allows a wide range eccentric jaw movements while providing a compact comfortable profile. This proves useful when additional components are requested.

The Malu (upper right) is attached by a simple ball end pin that fits into the headgear tubes of virtually any buccal tube attachment designed for headgear. Shown here with removable lower acrylic splint Herbst.

Anchorage methods include crowns, reinforced bands or bondable rests.



Commonly requested adjuncts include Expansion screws (upper and lower), buccal archwire tubes, and lingual arches.

AOA's sliding archwire tube / axle assembly permits Herbst therapy while the patient is in complete fixed appliances. The generous range of movement allowed with the Flip Lock appliance lessens stress and force on the wire and brackets.



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What to send to AOA

Upper and lower models of both arches in either quality orthodontic plaster or stone and a completed AOA Rx form. The heels of the models should be trimmed to the corrected advanced bite relationship. The corrected relationship should also be indicated by vertical matching lines on the upper and lower molars.

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 **TP Laboratories, Inc.