



## Implant Scan Bodies and Intraoral Scanners – A Narrative Review

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### ABSTRACT

This review set out to find pertinent literature on intraoral scan bodies (ISB) and explain how they fit into the workflow of digital dentistry. This covered, among other things, scan body features and design, accuracy, scan body methodologies, and the function of ISBs in the computer-aided design and manufacture (CAD-CAM) process. The study concluded that intraoral scan bodies are essential to the digital process and have a significant impact on the precision and fit of implant prostheses.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Around the world, digital technology has had a big ger impact in more departments. Digital technology have also been applied to dentistry for a variety of uses and sectors, including diagnosis, implant placement, and orthodontic aligners [1]. Dental implants have been used in recent years to replace lost teeth. Implant loading, abutment installation, impression preparation for prosthesis, and implant insertion are all essential processes [2]. The development of digital scanning systems and implant scan bodies has made the process of fabricating implant retained prosthesis much simpler. The development of digital scan bodies, their use, and their significance in the creation of implant prostheses are outlined in this article.

### IMPLANT SCAN BODIES

Few innovations in dentistry over the last 20 years have had the same impact as the advent of the dental scanner. By substituting a direct intraoral scanning method for an otherwise necessary step like a conventional impression, intraoral scanners allowed practitioners to go it all together [3]. With the introduction of computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacture processing (CAD-CAM), in early 2003, it became feasible to fabricate implant-supported restorations using a digital workflow. Computer-aided data acquisition, data processing, and designing are the three components

of CAD-CAM [4]. Making an impression is the first prosthetic stage in the fabrication of implant prosthesis that results in a passive fit. However,



intraoral scanners are unquestionably useful tools that support routine clinical procedures [3]. With an optical imprint, all of the patient's dental arch data can be directly captured, transferred into a 3D virtual model, and sent over email as a Standard Tessellation Language (STL) file to the laboratory, this making the implant impression procedure simpler [5].

### CONVENTIONAL IMPRESSION

Prior to the development of digital scan bodies, dental models were moulded using diestone plaster of Paris, and impressions were recreated using alginate, silicones, and polyether. Patients may experience some discomfort during these kinds of treatments; this is especially true for procedures involving the gag reflex [6]. Open tray impression and closed tray impression procedures are two of the impression techniques [7]. Additionally, doctors may find it challenging, particularly when dealing with technically complex impressions, such as when fabricating long span implant-supported reconstructions. In many situations, conventional impressions are challenging to correctly duplicate, particularly when there is a significant angle between the implants [6, 7].

According to earlier research, the dimension accuracy of polyether impression material and polyvinylsiloxane for transfer processes in parallel and angulated implants is comparable [8].

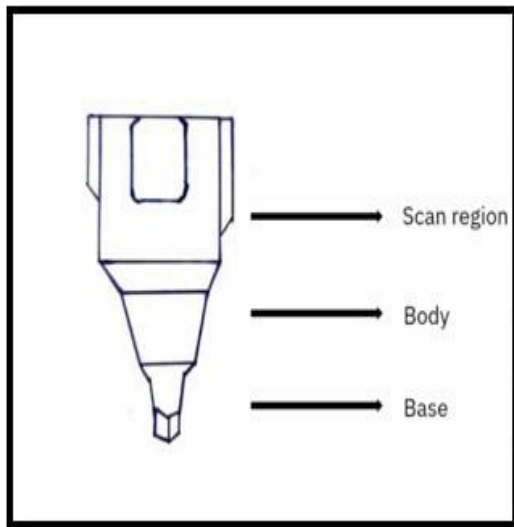
### IMPLANT SCAN BODY COMPONENTS

Implant scan bodies come in a wide range of sizes and forms. The scan region, body, and base are the three separate parts of an intraoral scan body (ISB).

- A. **Scan region:** The top section is the main component that is used to digitally register the orientation and angulation of an implant. Usually, a flat zone is introduced to create an asymmetrical shape that helps with surface identification using CAD software and indexing the ISB. This scan zone may contain one or more scan zones, which could improve the accuracy of the digital scan [4].



- B. **Body:** The central section of implant scan bodies is composed of a range of materials, such as titanium alloy, polyether ether ketone (PEEK), aluminium alloy, and other resins. It stretches from the scan region to the base.
- C. **Base:** Forming the matching interface between the implant and ISB is the purpose of the base, which may or may not be composed of the same material as the body [4,9].



Part of Intraoral Scan Bodies (ISB) TYPES

### OF IMPLANT SCAN BODIES

Different manufacturers have produced different types of scan bodies, which are in use [10]. In essence, they are made of monolithic components or a mix of various materials [9].

Among them are:

- i. Aluminum alloys
- ii. Titanium alloy
- iii. PEEK, or polyether ether ketone
- iv. Various resins

Biocompatible titanium multifunctional scan bodies have just been offered as a healing abutment. In addition to material separation, bodies are also widely divided according to designs provided by various manufacturers [10].

### INTRAORAL SCANNERS (IOS)

Real-time intraoral pictures can be visualized in three dimensions using intraoral scanners [11]. Dr. Duret presented the CAD-CAM concept in dentistry in Lyon, France in 1973, and Dr. Mormann and Mr. Brandestini went on to further improve it. The first digital impression technology to be sold commercially was CEREC. Subsequently, numerous other systems were introduced, including the 3MLava, C.O.S., Cadenti Tero, 3Shape Trios,

and E4D systems [12]. Each system has its own unique method for scanning [12,13]. The following intraoral scanners are currently on the market: CEREC Omnicam, Cerec bluecam, Dentalwings, Dentsply-Sirona, Shape trios, Core-3D, IOS Fastscan 2015, Medentika, and NT-trading, Lava COS. [11, 13].

Three basic parts make up any CAD-CAM systems:

- i. **Data acquisition:** This process gathers data and either directly or indirectly converts it into an optical or visual impression.
- ii. **Data processing:** To create the final optical impression and get it ready for milling, several software packages will be utilized.
- iii. **Data manufacturing:** which is a computerized milling system used in the restorations' final fabrication [12, 14].

There are two primary classifications for contact and non-contact scanners. Confocal microscopy, triangulation, interferometry, wavefront sampling, structured light, laser, and video are among the techniques utilized by most non-contact scanners in dentistry to obtain raw data [4]. IOS can only record parts of an object at a time, regardless of the technology used [4].

### PROCESS OF SCANNING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PROSTHESIS:- Steps involved:-

1. To reconstruct a virtual surface, a point cloud—a collection of data points—is obtained using intraoral scanners and analyzed.
2. The mesh, which is a collection of flat polygons or triangles, is really used to recreate this virtual surface.
3. Post-processing procedures are required to clean up the imperfect rebuilt mesh.
4. Using CAD software, the surface can be matched with the appropriate implant analog once it has been rebuilt.
5. After that, an STL file is utilized to print or mill the cast, leaving room for the implant analog to be placed by hand.
6. After that, the analog is luted into position inside the cast utilizing unique guide grooves, vertical stops, or other keyways.
7. Prosthesis fabrication is accomplished either conventionally or digitally using CAM software [4, 2, 11].

### ACCURACY AND TRUENESS

#### Accuracy:

The "closeness of agreement between a measured quantity value and a true quantity value of



a measurement" is the definition of accuracy in metrics and engineering.

#### **Trueness:**

The "closeness of agreement between the expectation of a test result or a measurement result and a true value" is how trueness is typically defined in terms of bias.

All clinical applications of prosthesis require accuracy; whether using implants or natural teeth, an IOS must be able to detect an accurate impression. The ideal IOS must be able to reconstruct the scanned object's surface and reproduce it as faithfully as possible. It must also possess high trueness and precision, providing results that are reliable and repeatable when scanning the same objects [13, 14, 15].

### **FACTORS IMPACTING INTRAORAL SCANNING ACCURACY**

#### **1. Scanbody design**

The shape, bevel, and surface roughness of scan bodies are geometric factors that have a significant influence on scan accuracy. Higher precision may be attributed to the orientation of the bevels, especially when the implant is positioned lingually, according to previous research [15, 16, ].

#### **2. Scanbody height**

An 8mm coded healing abutment was found to cause a greater angular deviation than a 3mm coded healing abutment in earlier research [17].

#### **3. Scanbody materials**

When compared to the PEEK scan body, the titanium implant scan body yielded noticeably better trueness in the obtained scan data [10].

#### **4. Body fit**

The accuracy of a scan can be affected by platform deviation and its fit, which is controlled by parameters such as mucosal alignment [15].

#### **5. Implant position and angulation**

The implant abutment analog angulation and its location on the final implant cast were revealed to be significant drivers of the trueness and precision. The implant scan body feature's lingual orientation obtained the best trueness and precision scores when compared to the other orientation [18].

#### **6. Operator skill**

There is an ongoing debate over how operator skill affects scan accuracy. Divergent perspectives from the research emphasize the necessity of a sophisticated comprehension of the particular facets of operator competence that could influence scan results [15].

#### **7. Measurement techniques and scanning aids**

Numerous measuring techniques and scanning instruments improve the precision of intraoral scans. Adding more surface points to the circle-based technique may produce either bigger differences in deviations or fewer variations if outliers are present if the selected points in the point-based technique do not contain outliers [19].

#### **8. Oral conditions**

Additionally, it's critical to recognize that oral variables, saliva, and moisture are examples of clinical situations that may contribute extra complications not fully reflected in *in vitro* settings [15].

### **II. DISCUSSION**

In order to replicate an implant's location in a digital model created using an intraoral scanner, scan bodies are precise attachments that are often screwed to the coronal portion of the implant [20]. Implant-supported prostheses can be created using intraoral scanners [21]. Reduced storage needs, quick access to 3D diagnostic data, and simple digital data transfer for professional and patient communication are just a few benefits of developing digital models [22]. Each ISB is decoded by software using a compatible implant library or catalog, which associates digital analog with a specific position and angulation. Scannable transfer abutments are necessary to digitalize the relative virtual position of the implant [23]. The accuracy of the IOS test was influenced by the implant's placement, angulation, bevel feature, and implant scan body shape in the dental arch [18]. Measurement methods had a major impact on measured deviations as well, with point-based methods producing smaller deviations [19]. The dentist and technicians' ignorance is one of the disadvantages. Even though the apparatus is complicated, newer models are easier to use, but even with these changes, proficiency and training are still required. Compared to traditional impression techniques, digital impressions will be less expensive (12). The dental team's efficiency is greatly increased and work flow is streamlined by intraoral scanners and implant scan bodies, which digitally provide an accurate physical model [24].

### **III. CONCLUSION:-**



The following conclusions were reached after this review's findings were taken into account. Implant scan bodies (ISBs) are intricate devices that vary greatly in terms of functions and appearance. Data collection, ISB surface matching, and virtual surface reconstruction are all steps in the digitization process of ISB. Compared to traditional impressions, implant scan bodies and digital imaging offer various advantages. They can aid laboratory technicians and dentists alike by facilitating increased precision in implant-retained prostheses. The necessity for continuous research and clinical validation is emphasized by the several kinds of intraoral scan bodies, the dynamic nature of oral circumstances, and the changing scanning technology environment.

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