

**MAQUET CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY WITH
ALPHAMAQUET SURGICAL TABLE SYSTEM**

**MAQUET celebrates success of the surgical table
system ALPHAMAQUET 1150**

**Rastatt-based company has produced 10,000 surgical
tables from this series since 1995**

Rastatt, 09.04.2008. The global market leader in the production of surgical tables, MAQUET GmbH & Co. KG, is celebrating the production of 10,000 surgical table systems in the series ALPHAMAQUET 1150.

The ALPHAMAQUET 1150 is regarded as the “all-rounder” among surgical tables because it may be used for the entire spectrum of surgical disciplines thanks to its ten different table tops. In addition, medical personnel appreciate its user-friendliness, e.g. the ease of table modification thanks to improved interfaces and its above-average reliability.

“For 13 years now MAQUET has been producing the ALPHAMAQUET, a surgical table system that thanks to its consistent and continual further development is now regarded as state-of-the-art,” says Dr. Heribert Ballhaus, the CEO of the management of MAQUET GmbH & Co.

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KG. “The system has consistently been amended in line with the changes and rapidly growing needs in surgical techniques, for example the growth in minimally-invasive surgery, and also with the rapid development in medical imaging in the fields of X-rays, CT, MR and ultrasound.” The integration of imaging diagnostics was the last major development: The patient may be transported to diagnostics at any time, i.e. before, during or after an operation. This allows for selective therapies and helps to avoid subsequent surgical intervention.

Changing lifestyles and enhanced wealth in society are also reflected in the ongoing revision of the design and construction: Whereas a load-bearing capacity of as much as 135 kg was fully sufficient for surgical tables when the ALPHAMAQUET was first launched, three years later the system was oriented to loads of 185 kg, and in a further development to weights of 225 kg. Today patients with a body weight of as much as 360 kg may be operated, with the effect that the ALPHAMAQUET is successfully deployed in proven centers for bariatric surgery in Germany and abroad.

This surgical table system also displays clear benefits when it comes to the best-possible investment protection. “With an average service life of 20 to 30 years

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technical optimizations may be integrated at any time without any problems and the table system may be expanded to include additional components,” confirms Dr. Dieter Engel, the technical director of the company. “MAQUET is a long-term partner for clinics, and for us partnership means – in addition to 100% reliability – the continual implementation of surgical requirements in our systems.”

Practically every university hospital in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria and Scandinavia, as well as other leading clinics in France, Italy and Japan, utilizes the benefits of the ALPHAMAQUET.

The ten thousandth ALPHAMAQUET will be delivered to the thorax surgery department of Krankenhaus der Barmherzigen Brüder in Regensburg in June 2008, in conjunction with other contracts for medical technology solutions from MAQUET.

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- Critical Care for intensive care ventilators, anesthesia machines, patient monitors, accessories and tailored services
- Surgical Workplaces for OR tables, lights and ceiling service units for the operating room, intensive care unit and prefabricated OR suites

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