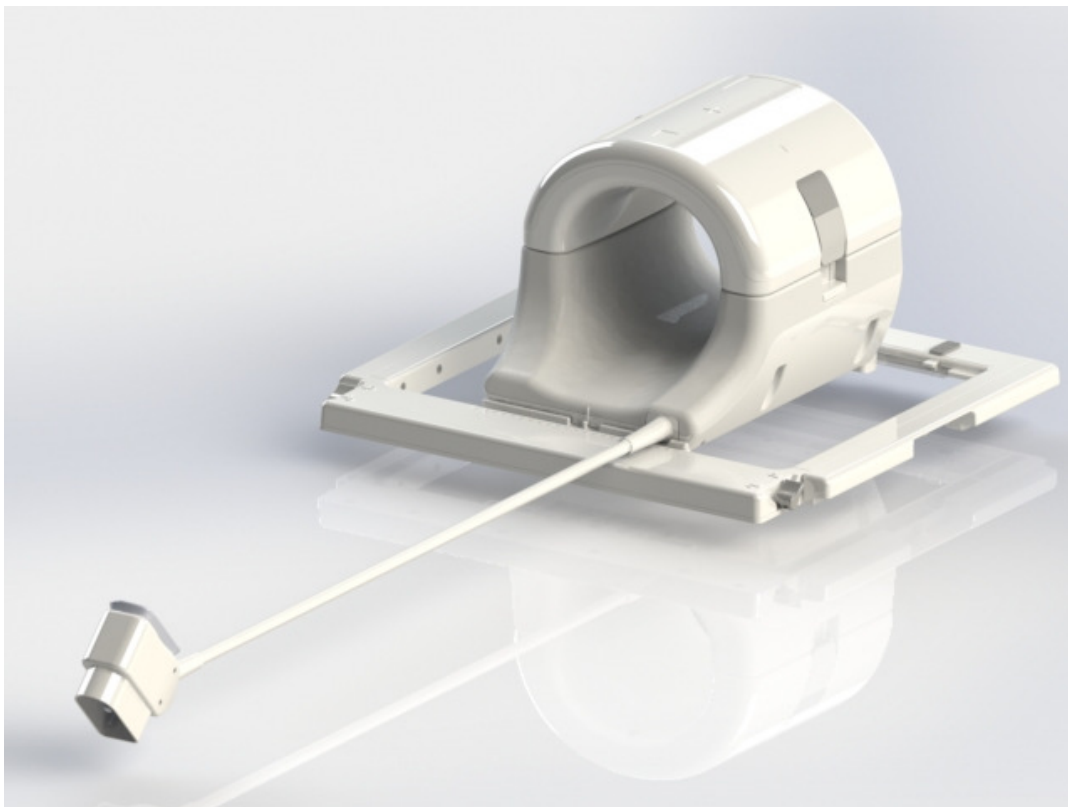


# Operator's Manual



## 18ch T/R Knee Coil for GE 3.0T MRI Systems



Model Number:

GE	QED
5561409-2	Q7000074

## Warranty and Liability

The responsibility for maintenance and management of the product after delivery resides with the customer who has purchased the product. The warranty does not cover the following items, even during the warranty period:

- Damage or loss due to misuse or abuse.
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- Damage or loss caused by failure to meet the specified conditions for this equipment, such as inadequate power supply, improper installation, or unacceptable environmental conditions.
- Damage due to changes or modifications made to the product.

In no event shall QED be liable for the following:

- Damage loss or problems caused by relocation, modification, or repair performed by personnel not explicitly authorized by QED.
- Damage or loss that results from negligence or from ignoring the precautions and operating instructions contained in this operation manual.

## Transportation and Storage Conditions

NOTICE: THIS EQUIPMENT SHALL BE TRANSPORTED AND STORED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

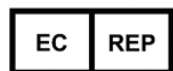
1. Ambient temperature range of -40°C to +70°C
2. Relative humidity range of 10% to 100%
3. Atmospheric pressure range of 50 kPa to 106 kPa

## Medical Device Directive

This product conforms to the requirements of council directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices when it bears the following CE mark of conformity:



Authorized Representative in Europe:



Medical Device Safety Service GmbH (MDSS)  
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Unauthorized modification of the product or configuration invalidates the CE Marking. For other countries, please contact your local distributor.

## United States Federal Law

**Caution:** Federal law restricts this device to sale, distribution, and use by or on the order of a physician. The device is limited by Federal Law to investigational use for indications not in the Indications Statement.

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## Introduction

This manual contains detailed information on the safety precautions, use and care of the 18ch T/R Knee Coil. For safety and accuracy in using the product, read this manual as well as the MRI system operation manual carefully prior to operation of the product. This manual does not include instructions on equipment not provided by QED. Please consult the original equipment manufacturer for information regarding non-QED equipment.

## Compatibility

The 18ch T/R Knee Coil is compatible with GE 3.0T MRI Systems.

## User Profile

Operator – Radiological technologists, laboratory technologists, physicians (note, however, that all applicable laws in the relevant country must be followed).

User training – No special training is required to use this coil (however, GE provides a comprehensive training course for MRI systems in order to instruct operators on the correct use of MRI systems).

## Patient Information

Age, health, condition – No special limitations.

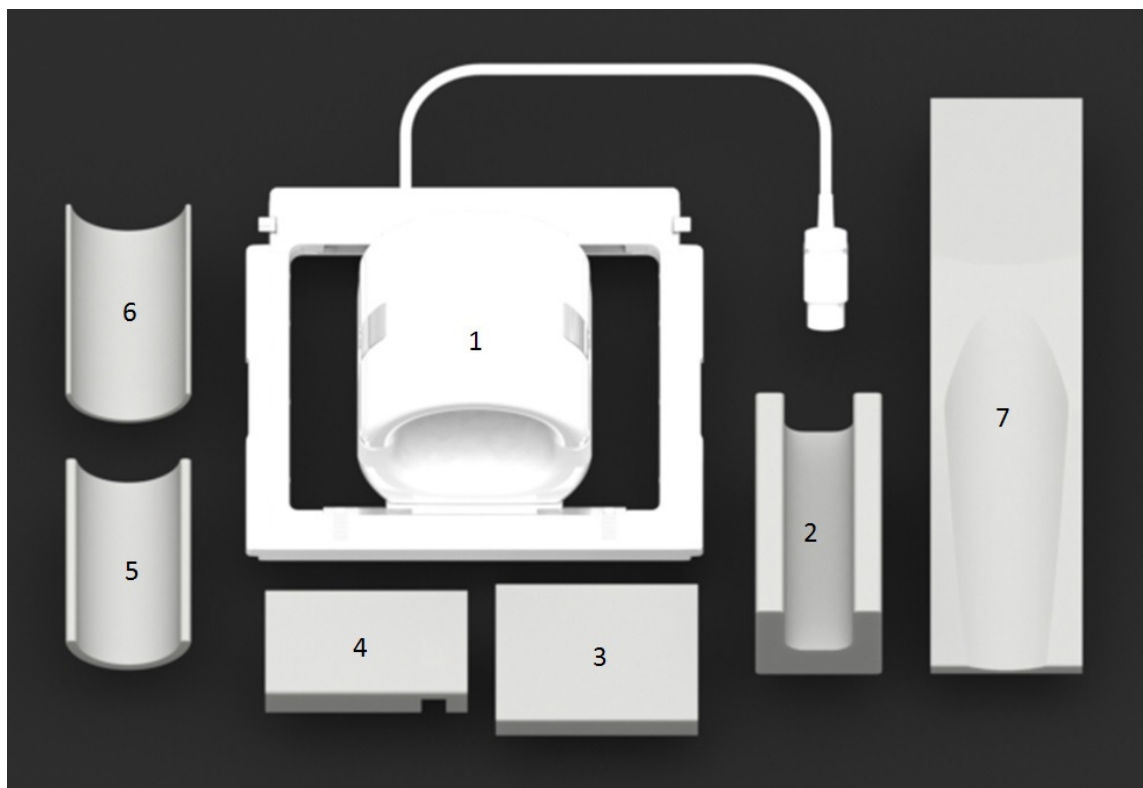
Weight – 400 lbs. or less (consult the operation manual for the MRI system, and if the maximum allowable patient's weight for the system is lower than that for this coil, priority must be given to the maximum weight for the system).

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## Chapter 1 – 18ch T/R Knee Coil Components

The 18ch T/R Knee Coil is shipped with the parts shown below. Upon receipt, please ensure that all parts are included in the shipment.



Item #	Description	Qty	GE Part #	QED Part #
1	18ch T/R Knee Coil	1	5561409-2	Q7000074
2	18ch T/R Knee Coil - Foot Pad	1	5561409-7	3003887
3	18ch T/R Knee Coil - Thigh Ramp Pad	1	5561409-10	3003863
4	18ch T/R Knee Coil - Calf Pad	1	5561409-11	3003896
5	18ch T/R Knee Coil - Bottom Pad, 0.5"	1	5561409-8	3003885
6	18ch T/R Knee Coil - Bottom Pad, 0.25"	1	5561409-9	3003884
7	18ch T/R Knee Coil - Pad, Non-Imaged Knee	1	5561409-6	3003888

















Total product weight: 6.8kg (15.0lb)

## Chapter 2 – Safety

This section describes the general precautions and safety information that must be observed when this coil is used.

When using the MRI system, also refer to the precautions described in the operation manual for the MRI system.

### Symbols

	Caution
	Consult instructions for use
	Separate collection for electrical and electronic equipment
	Class II equipment
	Type BF applied part
	Manufacturer
	Date of Manufacture with date in format yyyy-mm
	Transmit/Receive
	Authorized Representative in EU
	Catalog Number
	Serial Number
	Intertek ETL Listed (Canada & USA)
	Temperature limitation
	Humidity limitation
	Atmospheric pressure limitation
	Burn Hazard

## Indications

The 18ch T/R Knee Coil is intended for use with GE 3.0T MR systems to produce diagnostic images of the knee that can be interpreted by a trained physician.

## Contraindications



Scanning patients who have metallic implants or electrically, magnetically, or mechanically activated implants (for example, cardiac pacemakers) is contraindicated. Scanning patients with MR Conditional implants is acceptable provided the user adheres to the conditions for implant.



Scanning patients with intracranial aneurysm clips is contraindicated unless the physician is certain that the clip is not magnetically active.



Scanning newborns, infants, and children is contraindicated for the 18ch T/R Knee Coil.

## Precautions



Patients at greater than normal potential for cardiac arrest



Patients with increased likelihood of seizures or claustrophobia



Patients who are unconscious, heavily sedated, or in a confused mental state



Patients with an inability to maintain reliable communications (for example, infants or young children)



Patients with loss of feeling in any body part



Patients who are pregnant or may be pregnant



Patients who have difficulty regulating their body temperature or who are particularly sensitive to increases in body temperature (for example, patients with fever, cardiac failure, or impaired perspiration)

## Cautions – RF Coil

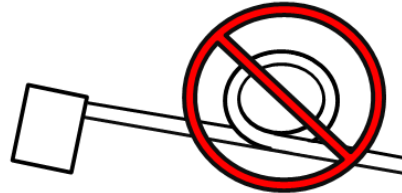


Do not place any disconnected devices (RF coils, cables, etc.) in the gantry during scanning.



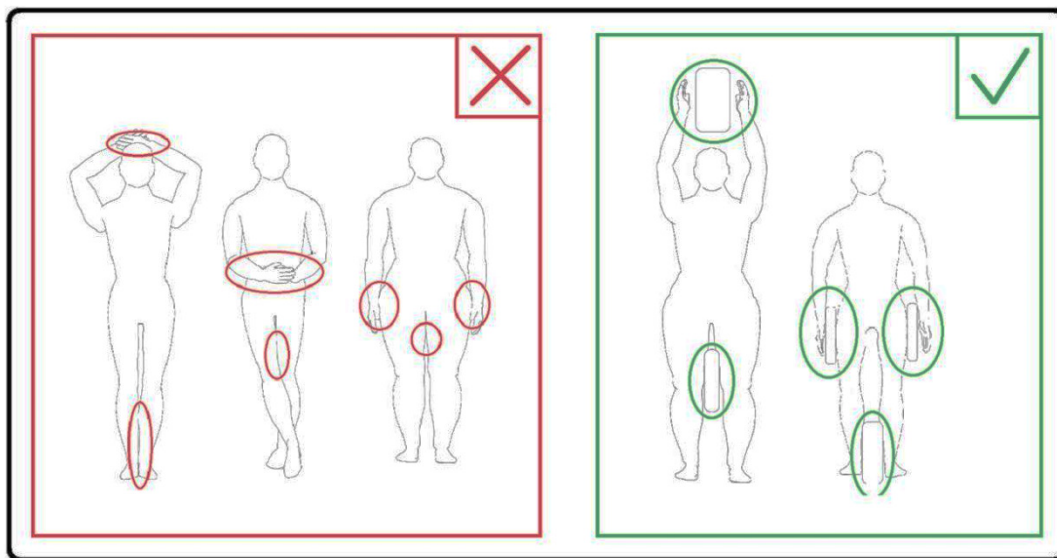
Connect only the designated RF coils to the RF coil connection port.

- ⚠ Remove all metal objects, including clothing with metal threads or metal parts, watches, and coins, and all materials that may contain metal powder, such as cosmetics, tattoos, poultices, patches, and tape, before scanning.
- ⚠ Do not use a defective RF coil, especially if the outer covering has been damaged or if metal parts are exposed.
- ⚠ Do not attempt to change or modify the coil.
- ⚠ Do not cross or loop coil cables.
- ⚠ Ensure that the patient does not come into direct contact with the coil cables.
- ⚠ Ensure that the coil does not come into contact with liquids, such as water or medications.
- ⚠ If a coil is found to be defective, stop using the coil immediately and contact your GE representative.
- ⚠ Use only the accessories described in this manual with the coil.



## Cautions – MRI System

- ⚠ Do not allow the patient to form a loop with any body parts. Use pads to ensure that the patient's hands and legs do not touch the coil, MRI system, patient table, or another body part that may form a loop.







Do not allow the patient or RF coil to touch any part of the MRI system. Use pads to separate the patient from the bore, if necessary.



Stop the scan immediately if the patient complains of warming, tingling, stinging, or similar sensations. Contact a physician before continuing with the scan.



Do not scan patients with ferromagnetic metal implants.



Do not allow persons with cardiac pacemakers or other implanted electronic devices to enter the magnetic field. Consult the MR system manufacturer for safe distance information.



The use of medicinal products in transdermal patches can cause burns to the underlying skin.



Patients who work in environments in which there is a risk of having embedded metallic fragments should be carefully screened before undergoing an MR exam.

## Emergency Procedures

In case of an emergency during the scan, stop the scan immediately, remove the patient from the room, and obtain medical assistance, if necessary.

## Chapter 3 – TR Port Location

### TR Port Location

The 18ch T/R Knee Coil is a Transmit and Receive coil. In order to properly use the coil, the system interface connector must be connected to the correct connector port, which supports both transmit and receive functions. The following table lists the GE 3T MRI system(s) compatible to the coil and the respective connector port to use for this coil.

Supported 3T MRI System	Designated T/R Connector Port
SIGNA Pioneer	P2

## Chapter 4 – Quality Assurance

### Scanner Verification

Perform system level Signal to Noise Check. Refer to Service Methods CD; System Level Procedures; Functional Checks; Signal to Noise Check.

### SNR Test

#### Tools/Fixtures Required

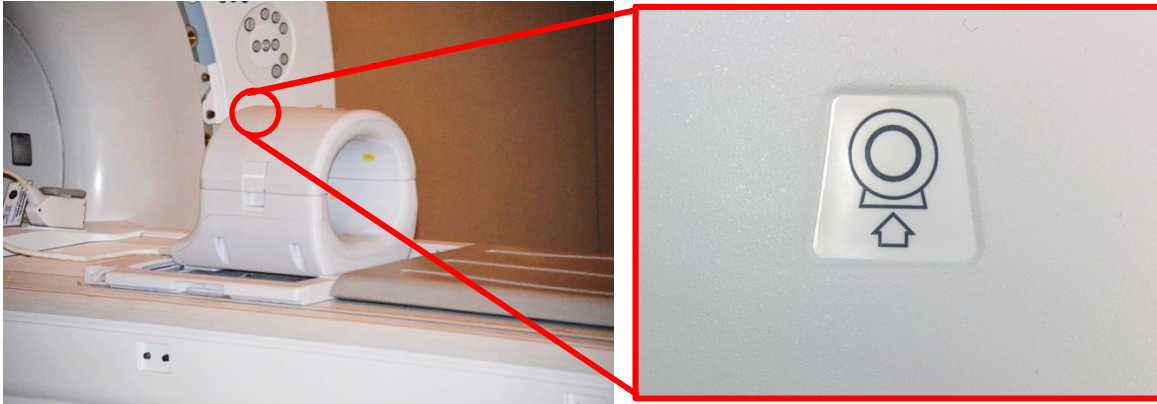
Description	GE Part #	QED Part #	Qty
Large Cylindrical Unified Phantom, SiOil	5342679-2	N/A	1
18ch T/R Knee Coil - Bottom Pad, 0.5"	5561409-8	3003885	1

#### Coil and Phantom Setup and Procedure

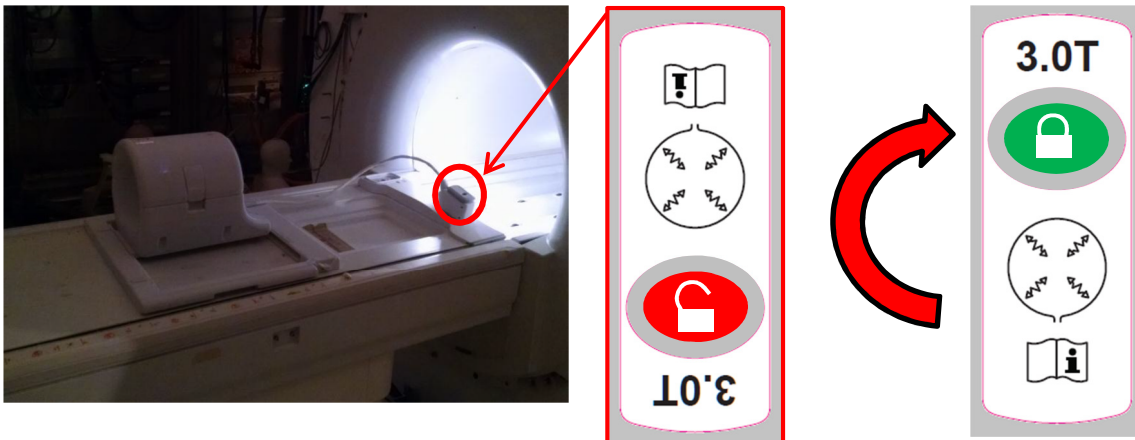
1. Record the serial number of the coil(s) being used, as well as software build version (from testrecord or getver).
2. Remove any other surface coils (if present) from the patient cradle.
3. Transport the Knee coil to the patient cradle. In the case the coil is transported by hand, be sure to carry the coil with both hands by the handle on the frame.



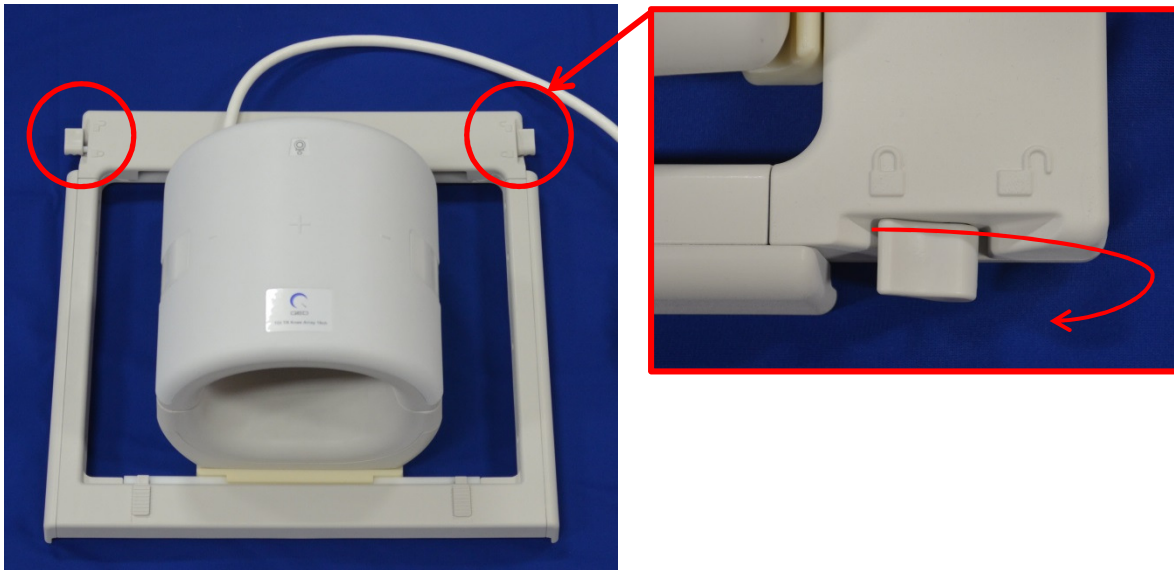
4. Place the coil onto the patient cradle. Note that the bore direction arrow pictured below should be pointing **towards** the bore.



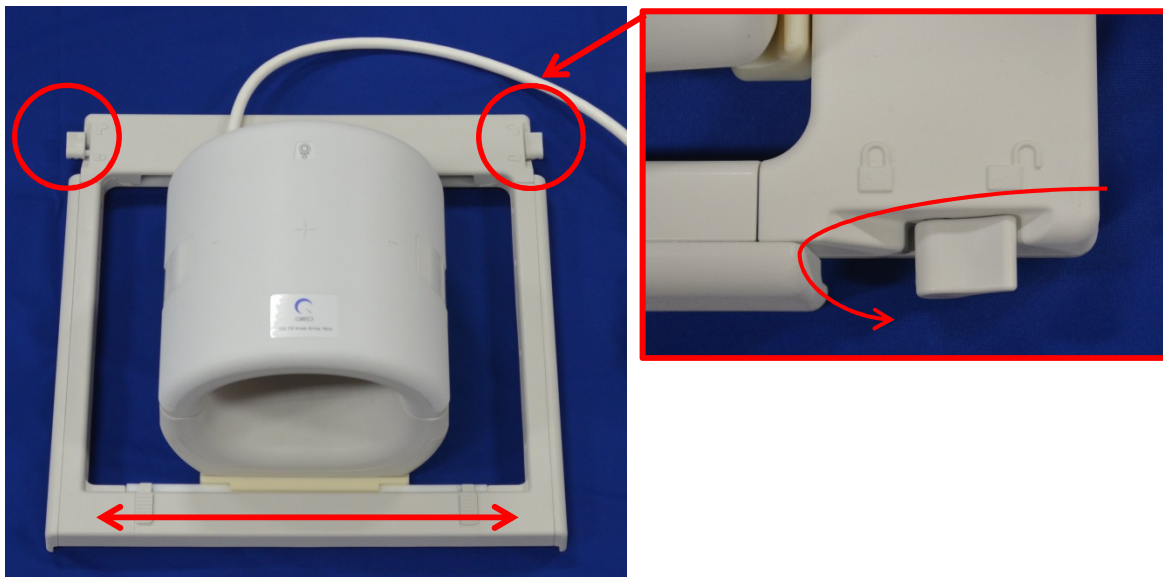
5. Connect the coil connector to the appropriate Transmit Port of the system. (Refer to Chapter 3 – TR Port Location). Turn the end of the P-Port connector around such that it exhibits the LOCKED position, see picture on right.



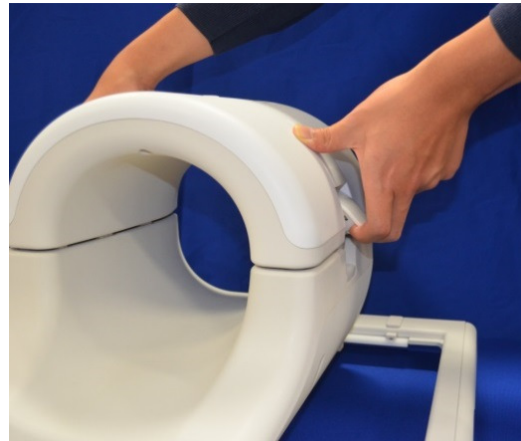
6. Ensure the Left-Right position of the coil is in the center of the frame. If adjustment is required, turn the knob on the coil frame to unlock the coil and slide it to its desired position.



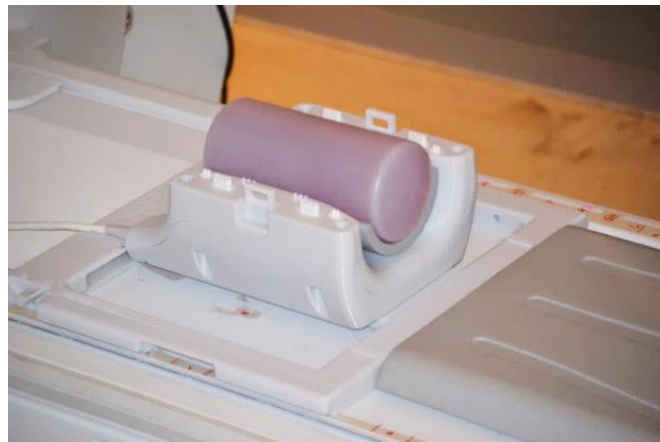
7. Once the coil has reached the desired position, turn the knob again to the lock position to secure the coil in place.



8. Separate the anterior coil by pulling both of the latch flaps simultaneously until the two halves are fully disengaged.

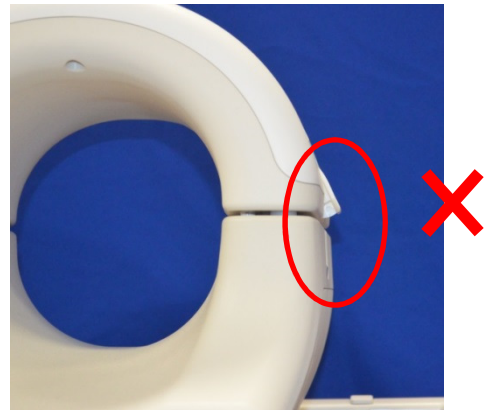
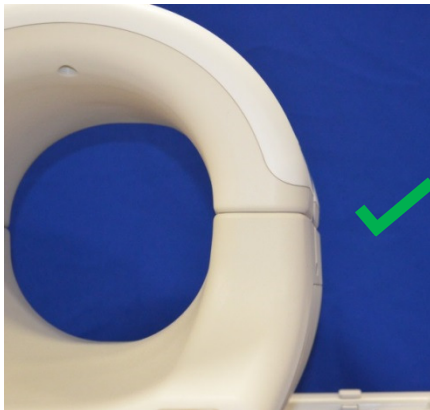


9. Place the 18ch T/R Knee Coil - Bottom Pad, 0.5" (5561409-8) and Large Cylindrical Unified Phantom, SiOil (5342679-2) onto the coil as shown below.



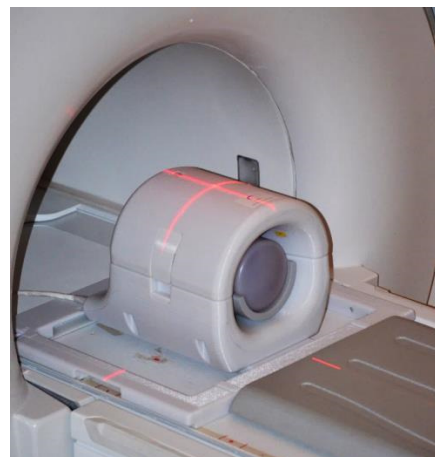
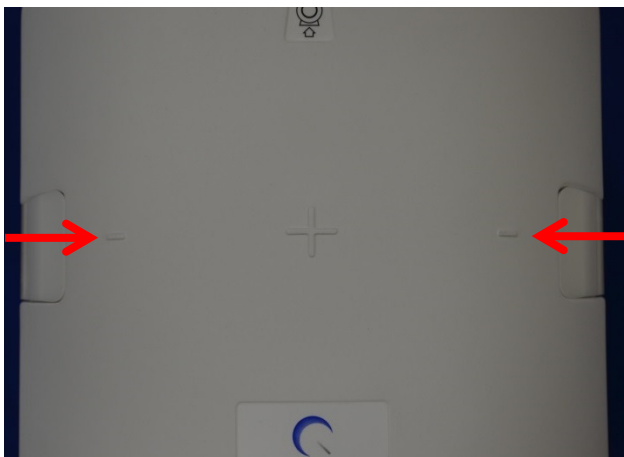


10. Reattach the anterior coil half. **Ensure the two halves are fully closed and the latch flaps are pushed in.**



Caution: Take care to not place fingers underneath the latch. Hold only the accessible flaps as shown in the picture above.

11. Landmark the coil at the marks shown below and move coil into the bore.



## Multi-Coil Quality Assurance (MCQA) Tool

All RF coil related tests must be run on a system that is well calibrated. EPIWP (White Pixel from install in spec) shall pass.

Test ID	Parameter Description	Expected Result
1	EPIWP in spec	PASS

To initiate MCQA:

- From Common Service Desktop (CSD), go to Service Browser and select [Image Quality] “Multi-Coil QA Tool” and then “Click here to start this tool” as shown in Figure 1.

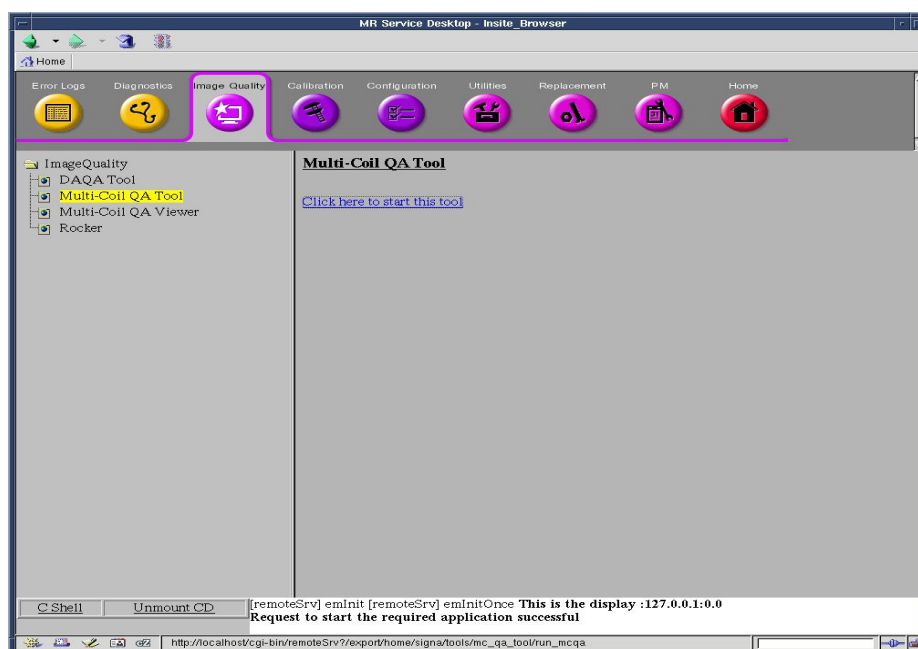


Figure 1

*Note: If a “No valid MCR-V (or MCR2/3)” warning (Figure 2) pops up select [Yes] and proceed with test. MCR-V diagnostics must be run before turning over system to customer.*

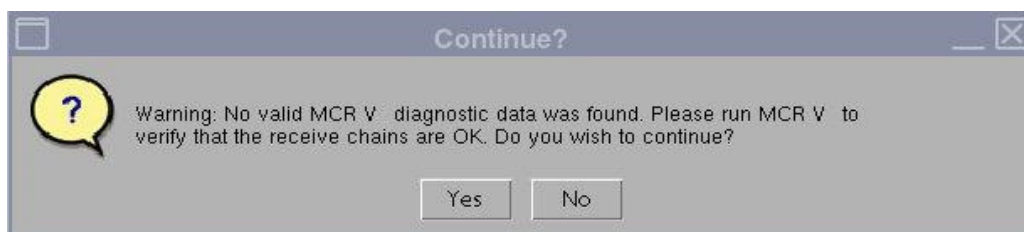
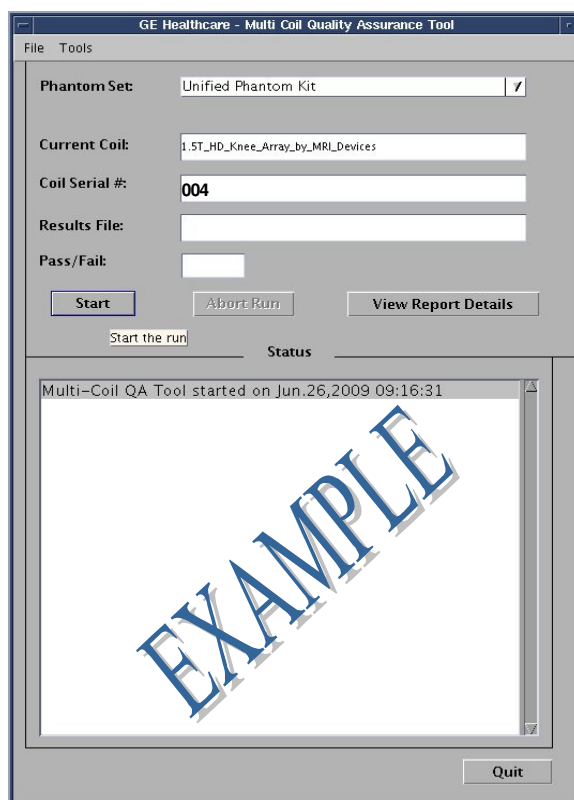


Figure 2



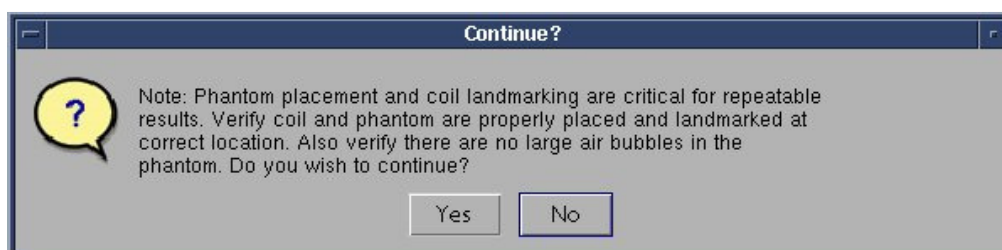
The current coil field will be automatically filled in (Figure 3), based on the CoilID of the coil connected to the LPCA. Enter the serial number of the coil being tested in the Coil Serial number field.

13. Click on **[Start]** to begin the automated test as shown in Figure 3. Depending on the number of test locations (complexity of the coil) the test may take from 3 to 5 minutes.



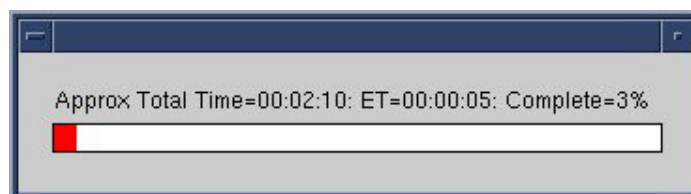
**Figure 3**

14. Upon start-up, a Note stating, "Phantom placement and coil landmarking are critical for repeatable results" will appear. If the landmark has been set correctly and there are no air bubbles in the phantom, click **[Yes]** to continue. (Figure 4).



**Figure 4**

**Note:** The Status window of the MCQA Tool GUI will continuously update to give information on what the tool is doing at any point in time. A time bar (Figure 5) will appear, showing approximate total test time, elapsed time and percent complete.

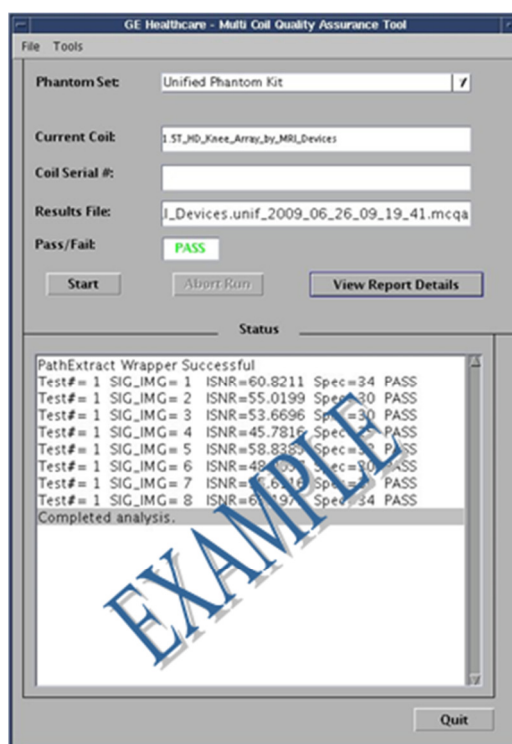


**Figure 5**

When the test is complete, test results display on the screen (Figure 6). The PASS/FAIL status shows PASS if all coil elements are functioning properly. The MCQA Tool GUI displays “Fail” for one of the following possible reasons but not limited to:

- Bad Coil Element
- Incorrect phantom used for the test
- Incorrect positioning/placement of the phantom

More information on the MCQA test can be found on the MR service methods DVD or website via the path: Troubleshooting -> System -> Multi-Coil Quality Assurance Tool



**Figure 6**

15. Click on **[Quit]** button to exit MCQA Tool.

## Using MCQA Viewer

In case if the results are to be viewed at a later stage follow the below steps:

1. In the MCQA Tool window select File, Open Results File and select the desired coil results file select [View Report Details] to review the results.

**Note:** The Results Viewer will open as shown in Figure 7. The Results file name and Pass/Fail Results shown on the tool GUI will also be listed across the top of the viewer.

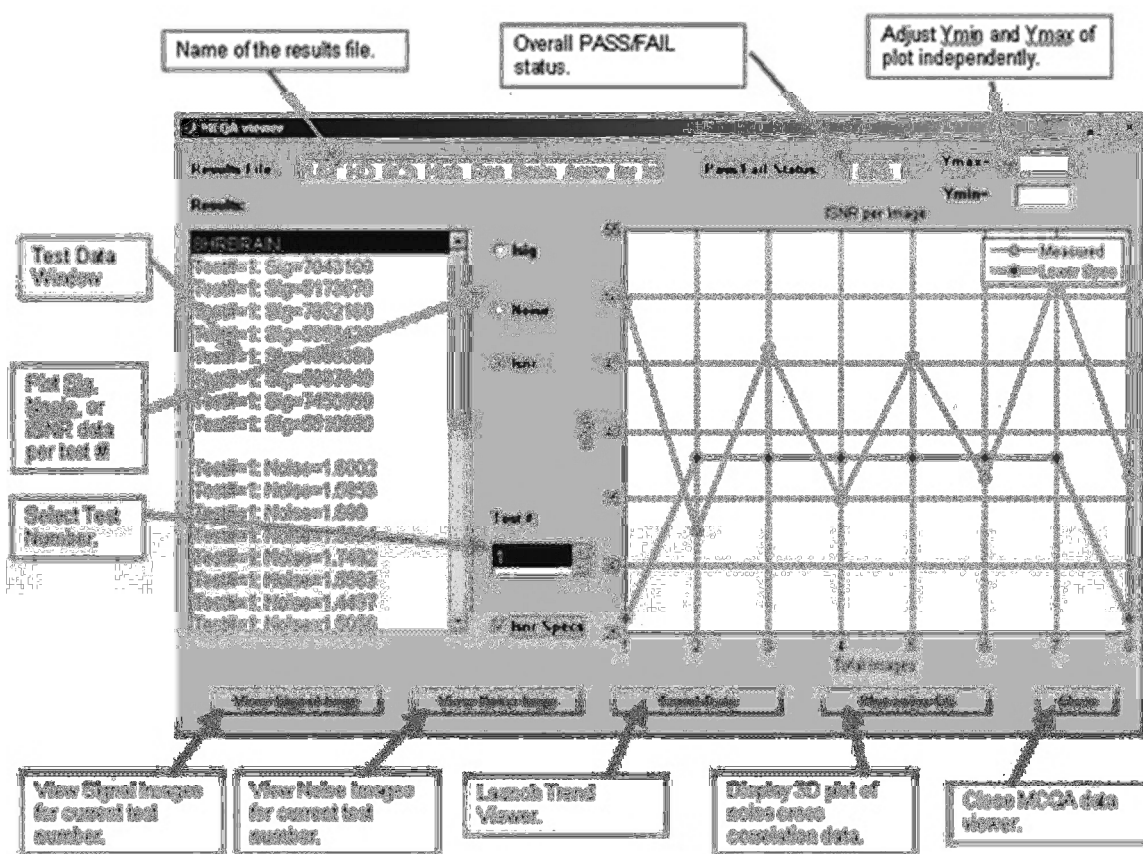


Figure 7

2. Select the ISNR option and the ISNR Specs check box in the middle portion of the Results Viewer to view the results.

Test ID	Parameter Description	Expected Result
1	EPIWP in spec	PASS

## Chapter 5 – Coil Setup and Use

### Positioning the 18ch T/R Knee Coil on the System Table

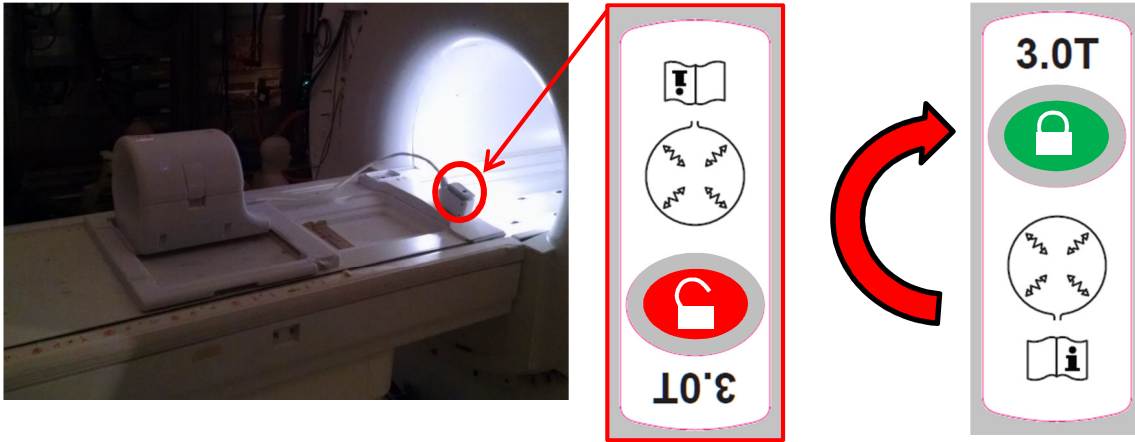
1. Remove any other surface coils (if present) from the patient cradle.
2. Transport the Knee coil to the patient cradle. In the case the coil is transported by hand, be sure to carry the coil with both hands by the handle on the frame.



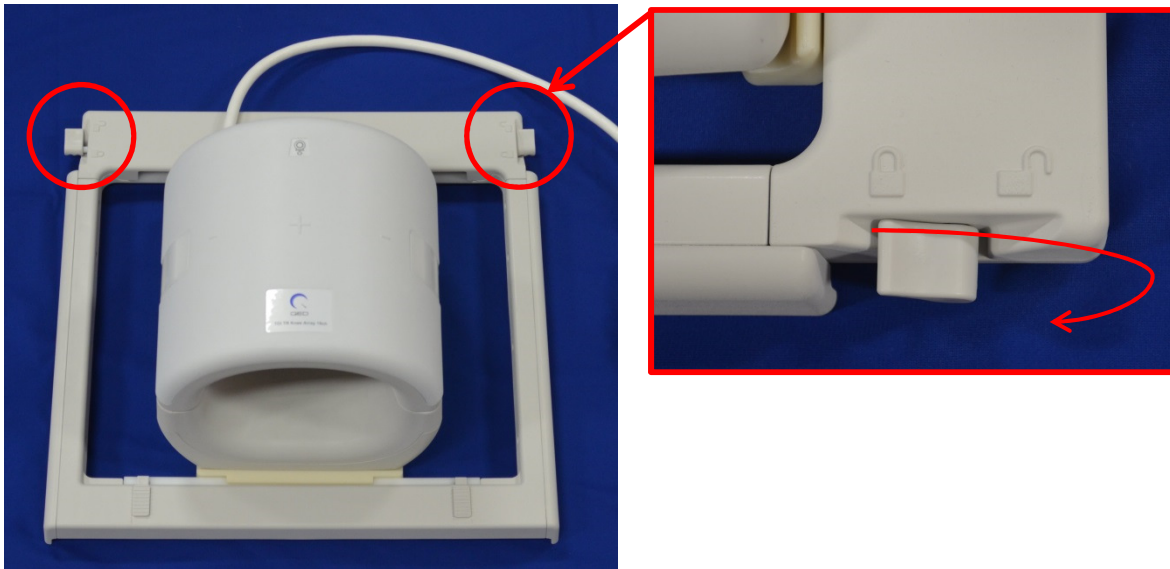
3. Place the coil onto the patient cradle. Note that the bore direction arrow pictured below should be pointing **towards** the bore.



4. Connect the coil connector to the appropriate Transmit Port of the system. (Refer to Chapter 3 – TR Port Location) Turn the end of the P-Port connector around such that it exhibits the LOCKED position, see picture on right.



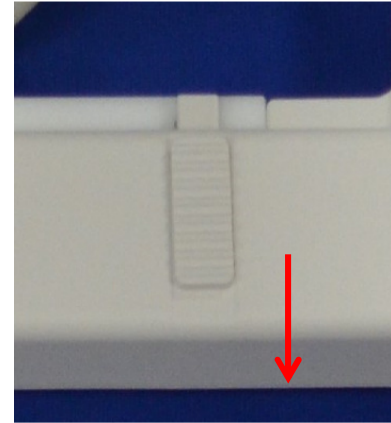
5. Adjust the coil left/right to facilitate patient comfort. If adjustment is required, turn the knob on the coil frame to unlock the coil and slide it to its desired position.



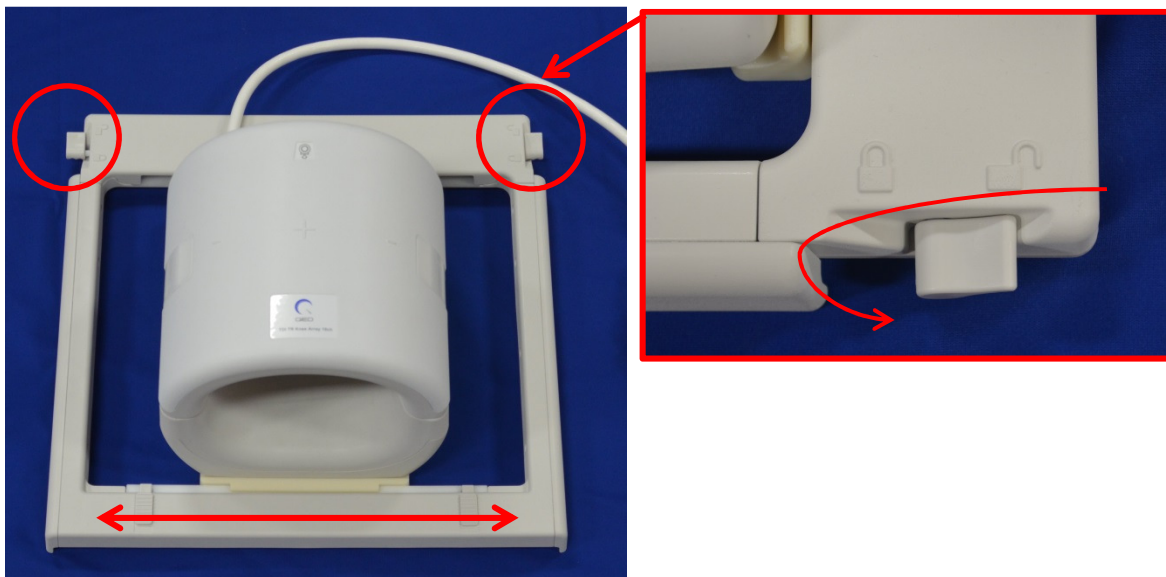


**NOTE:** If a coil position beyond 8cm from iso-center in the lateral direction is desired:

- Push coil as far as it will go against stop
- Retract the stop by pulling back on the grip
- Push the coil past the stop to the desired position.



- Once the coil has reached the desired position, turn the knob again to the lock position to secure the coil in place.

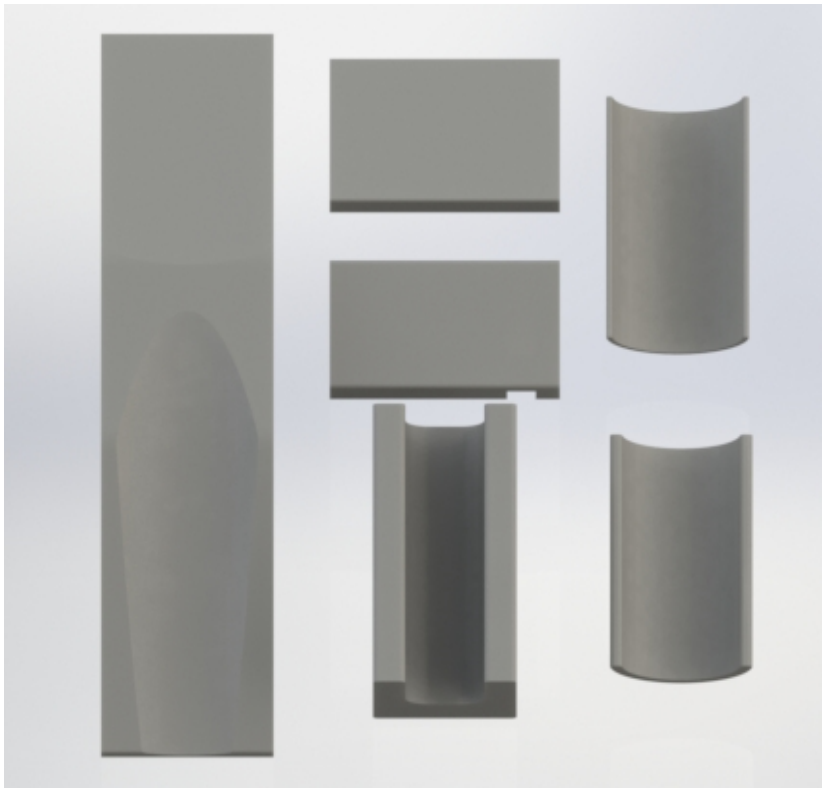


- Separate the anterior coil by pulling both of the latch flaps simultaneously until the two halves are fully disengaged.



## Pad Configuration

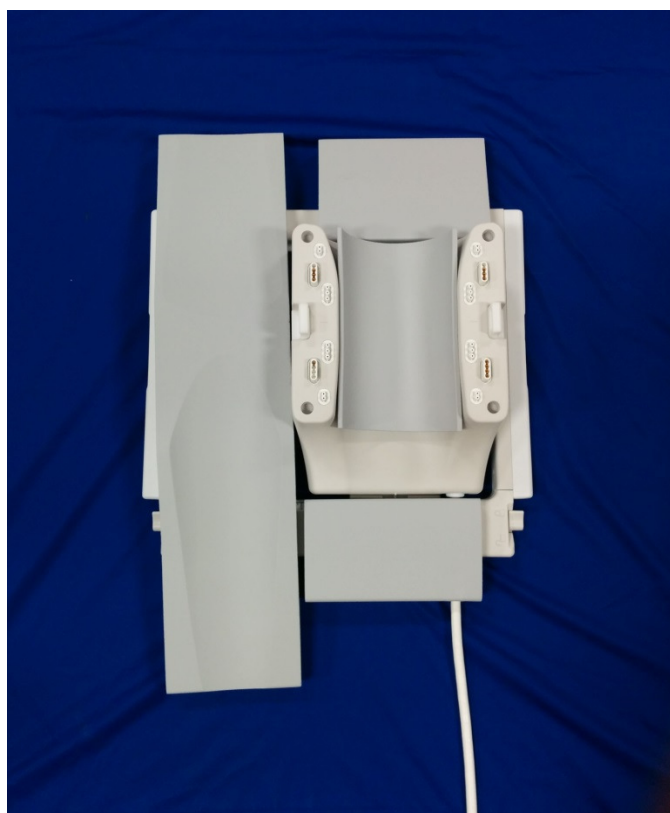
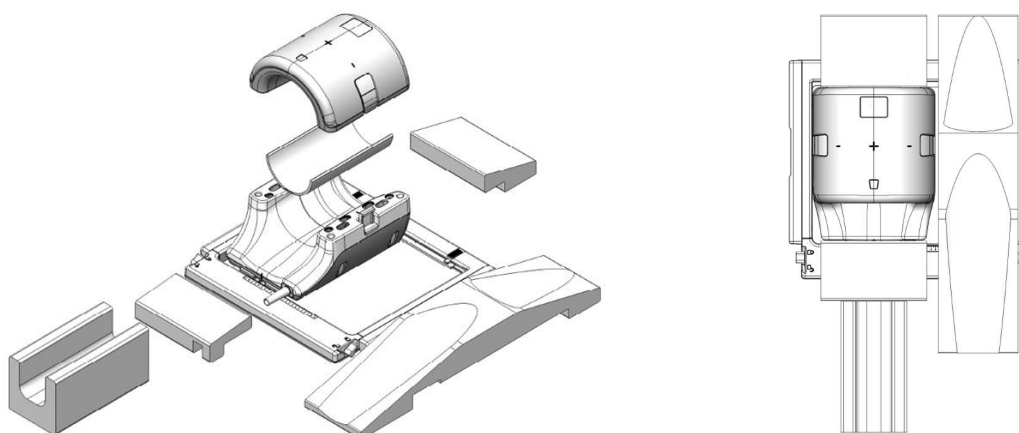
Various pads are supplied with the 18ch T/R Knee Coil to minimize motion artifact and to provide patient comfort. In addition, some pads provide insulation between the patient body and the cable to help prevent any potential hazards from cable contact and/or electrical burns.



## Positioning the Patient

The 18ch T/R Knee Coil is designed to image either the left or right knee with the patient laying on his/her back, feet first into the magnet.

8. Place coil and pads prior to patient positioning. The 18ch T/R Knee Coil comes with a variety of pads to facilitate patient comfort. Below is an example of the recommended layout:





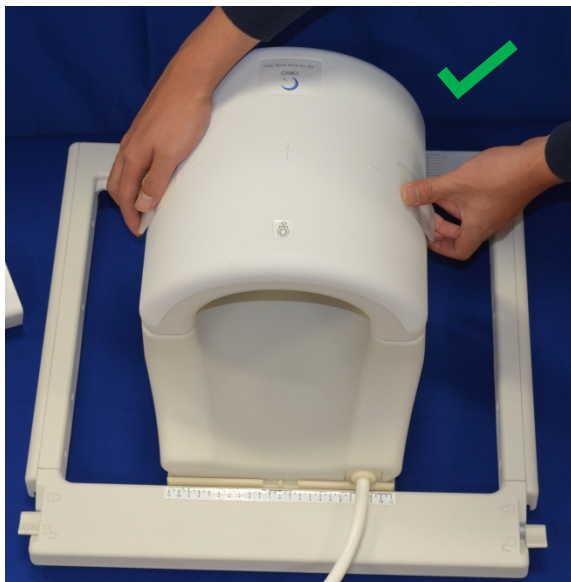
9. Position the patient's knee into the posterior half of the coil. Appropriate pads should be used to properly immobilize the patient's knee and to ensure patient comfort.



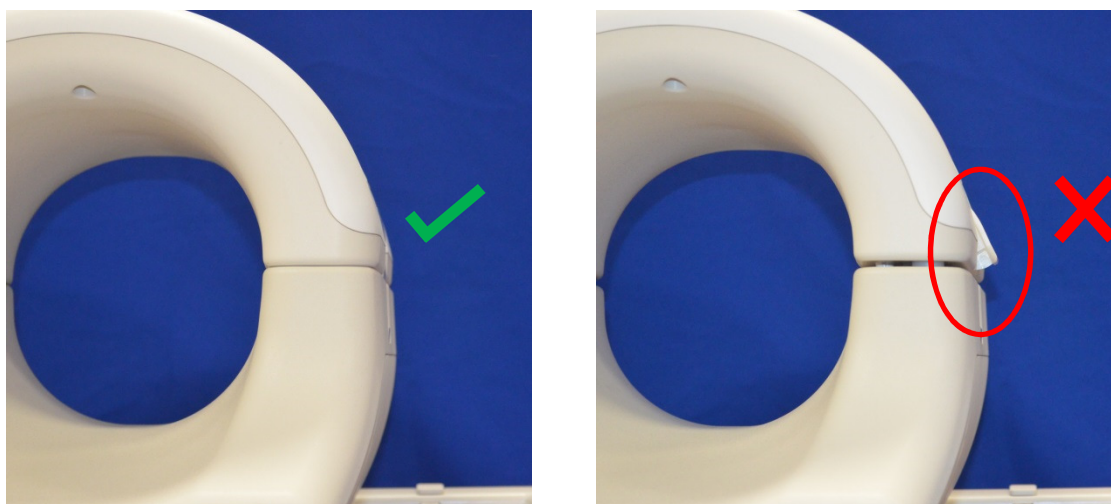
## Locking the Coil

10. Close the coil, making sure not to pinch the patient, gown, or bedding material between the coil halves. This would cause poor image quality and possibly result in damage to the coil.

The two coil halves are designed such that the coil can only be closed in the correct orientation.



11. Once the anterior half is closed completely, push the latch flaps down on both sides against the coil surface to fully engage the mechanical latches. In the case the latches are not fully engaged, the coil may disengage during the scan and cause a total loss of connection or intermittent connection between the coil halves, which will result in poor image quality or damage to the coil.



Caution: Take care to not place fingers underneath the latch. Hold only the accessible flaps as shown in the picture above.

## Coil Landmark

12. Advance the patient into the magnet and landmark the coil using the reference marks on the top of the 18ch T/R Knee Coil.



## Chapter 6 – Cleaning, Maintenance, Service, and Disposal

### Cleaning the RF Coil



Caution: Do not pour cleaning solution directly onto the coil or accessories.



Caution: Do not sterilize the coil or accessories.

The RF Coil and patient comfort pads must be cleaned after each use using the following procedure:

1. Disconnect RF coil from the MRI scanner before coil cleaning.
2. Wipe off any dirt on the coil surface using a dry cloth. If dirt is difficult to remove, clean it according to the procedures described below.
3. Wipe with a cloth that has been dampened in a solution of 10% bleach and 90% tap water, or 70% ethanol and 30% tap water.
4. Should the coil need to be returned to GE Healthcare for service, wipe it down with a 10% bleach solution (as described above) to minimize risk of exposure to potentially infectious agents.
5. Dispose of any materials used to clean the coil and the pads according to all federal, state, and local regulations.

### Disinfection

If disinfection of the RF coil or patient comfort pads is necessary, clean as described above then use the following procedure:

#### Pre-Disinfection Steps:

1. Wet all surfaces with CaviCide (using spray applicator or using towelettes for certain surfaces such as those close to electrical contacts). Ensure all surfaces are visibly wet and remain wetted for a minimum of 30 seconds.
2. Use a soft nylon bristle brush and/or additional cleaner/disinfectant towelettes to loosen hardened or difficult to remove debris or bioburden. Apply additional cleaner/disinfectant (using spray applicator or using towelettes for certain surfaces such as those close to electrical contacts) to areas subjected to any previous brushing or wiping. Ensure these previously brushed or wiped areas remain visibly wetted with cleaner/disinfectant for a minimum of 30 seconds.
3. Wipe surfaces with clean paper towels to remove debris.
4. Discard used brushes, used cleaner/disinfectant towelettes and used paper towels.

5. Repeat steps 1 through 4.
6. If debris remains on the surfaces, repeat pre-disinfection steps.

**Disinfection Steps:**

7. Apply CaviCide (using spray applicator or using towelettes for certain surfaces such as those close to electrical contacts) directly to pre-cleaned surfaces and ensure all surfaces are wet and remain wetted for a minimum of two (2) minutes.
8. Wipe with clean paper towels to remove residual cleaner/disinfectant.
9. Discard used cleaner/disinfectant towelettes and used paper towels.

Allow coil and accessories to dry before use.

## **Maintenance**

No regularly scheduled maintenance is required for the RF coil.

## **Service**

Please contact your GE representative with questions regarding service of the RF coil.

## **Disposal**

Please contact your GE representative with questions regarding the return or disposal of the RF coil.

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