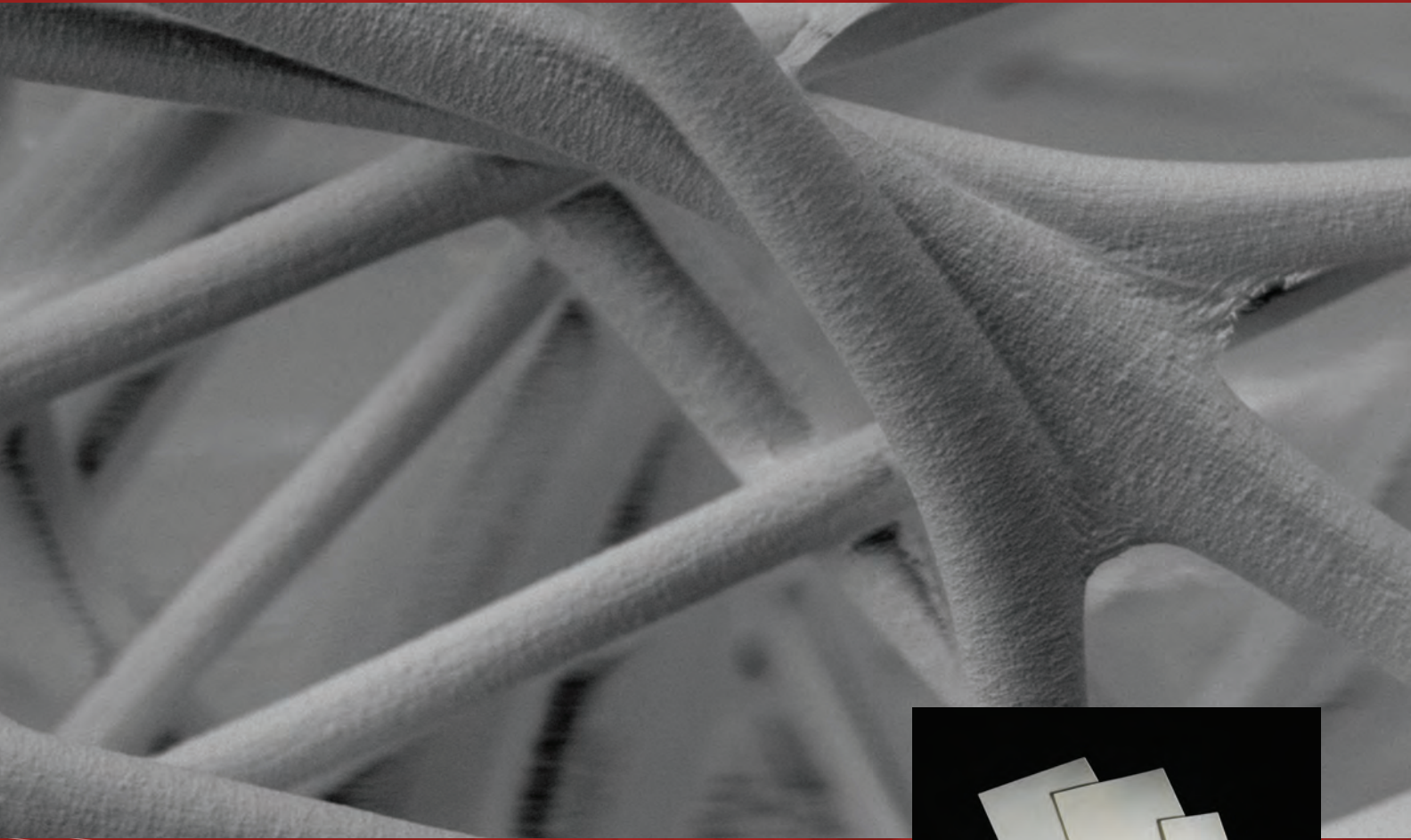
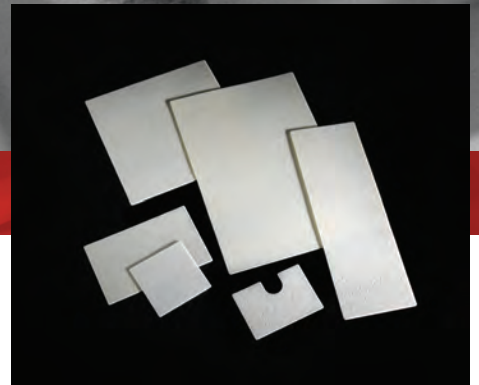


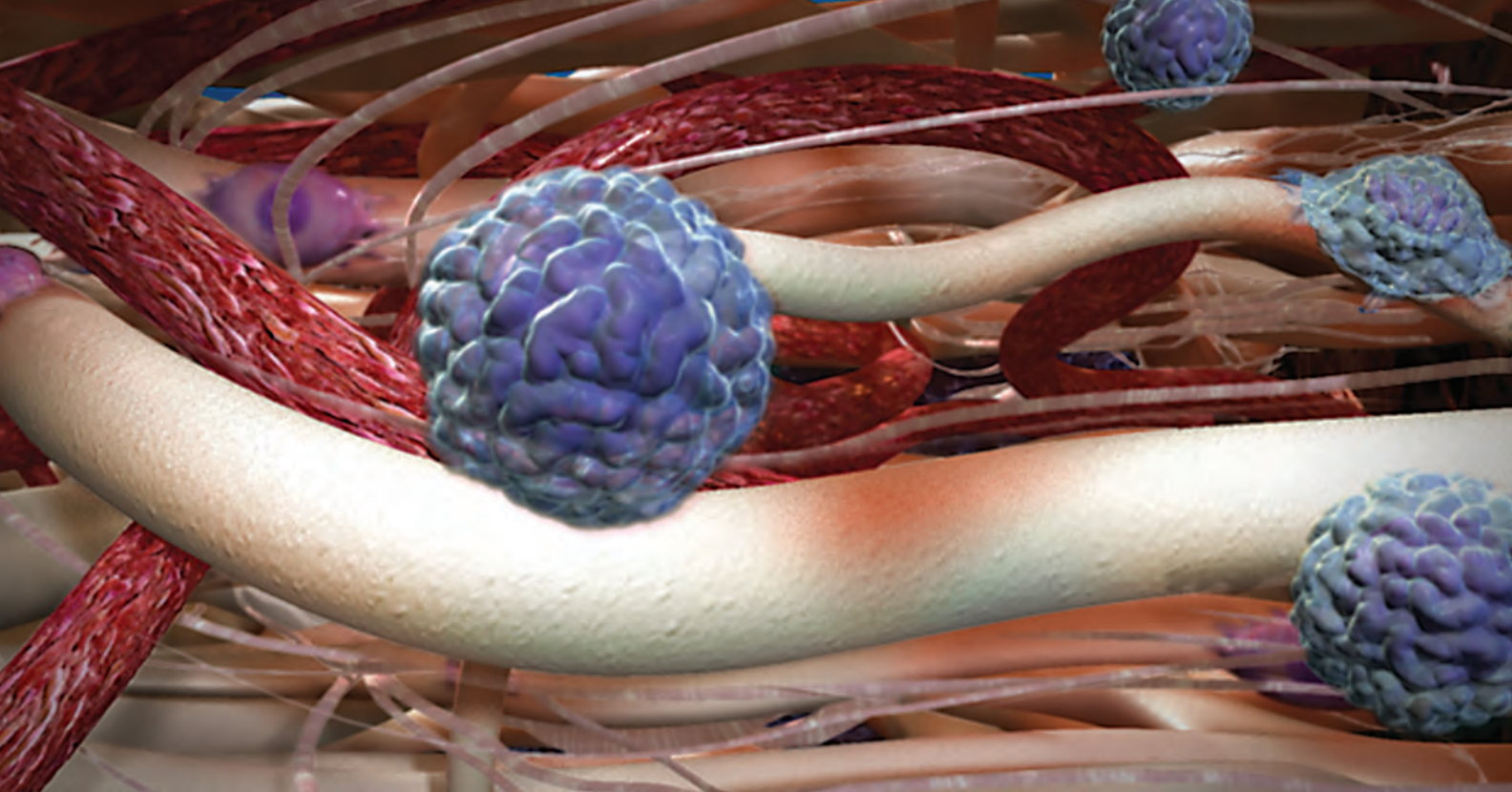
Matrix for Tissue Generation and Healing



PERFORMANCE through innovation



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REINFORCEMENT



Valuable alternative for complex soft tissue reinforcement

Intended for use in the reinforcement of soft tissue, GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement is a uniquely designed web of biocompatible synthetic polymers that is gradually absorbed by the body.

Its 3D matrix of open, highly interconnected pores facilitates cell infiltration and tissue generation, leaving no permanent material behind.

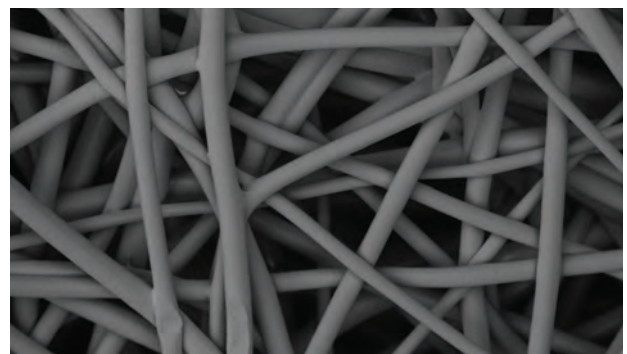
- 100% synthetic, bioabsorbable tissue scaffold
- Rapid cell population and vascularization
- Replaced 1:1 with native tissue
- Versatile for numerous applications
- Offers performance plus value

Gore bioabsorbable technology is proven and trusted. It is backed by more than 15 years of research and clinical use with a record of reliability in numerous parts of the body including:

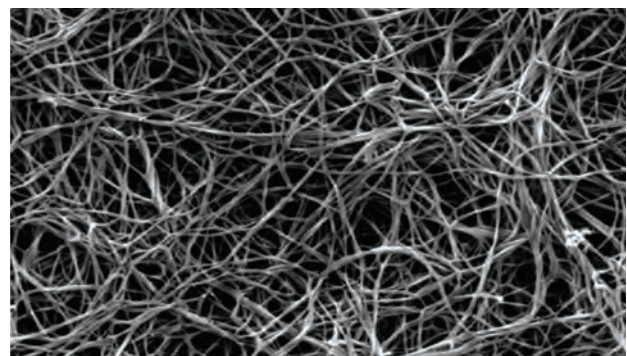
- Mouth
- Abdominal wall
- Colon
- Stomach
- Lungs
- Liver
- Stomach
- Pancreas
- Spleen

Structure: Open, highly porous 3D web

With a 3D matrix with highly interconnected pores, GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement provides tunnels for cell migration, resulting in a structure that is similar to a collagen fiber network.



GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement (SEM 100x)



Collagen Gel

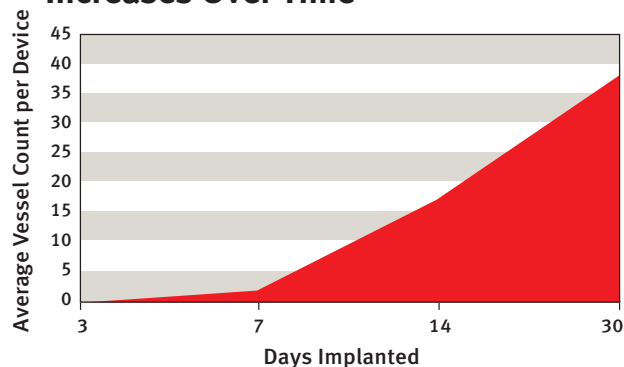
Material: 100% synthetic, bioabsorbable tissue scaffold

GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement is constructed with a proven, 100 percent bioabsorbable material, polyglycolic acid:trimethylene carbonate (PGA:TMC) fibers. Without the risks associated with biologics, this synthetic tissue scaffold provides uniformity and consistency.

Derived neither from human nor animal tissue, GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement is designed to break down primarily by hydrolysis. Within one to two weeks, the patient's cells migrate into the scaffold and begin generating vascularized soft tissue.

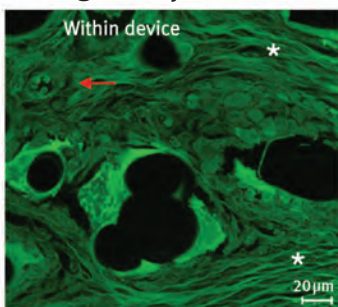
Gradually over approximately six months, the material is absorbed by the body and replaced 1:1 with the patient's own favorable type I collagen.

Vascularity Within Devices Increases Over Time†



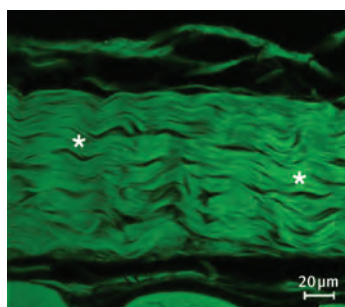
Generate Quality Tissue Fast

Collagen Deposition†



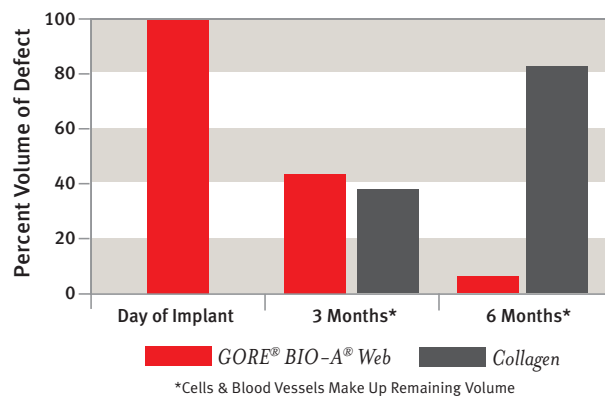
30 days: Collagen strands organized, blood vessel present (arrow)

Quantity & Quality Mimics Native Tissue



Adjacent native rabbit abdominal fascia. Organized collagen strands (*)

Material Replaced by Tissue at 1:1 Ratio¹



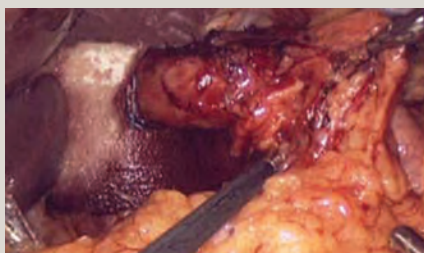
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† GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement; Rabbit abdominal wall implant. Data on file.

Versatile for numerous applications

GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement is intended for use in the reinforcement of soft tissue. Examples include hernia repair (in non-load bearing applications), muscle flap reinforcement and general tissue reconstructions. Applications include:

Paraesophageal/hiatal hernia repair

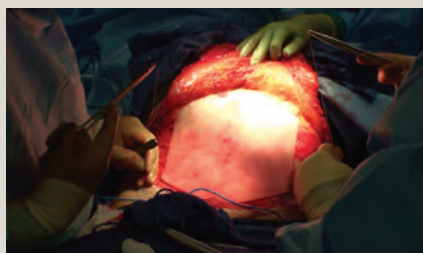


Onlay following primary closure of crura²

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Abdominal wall reconstruction

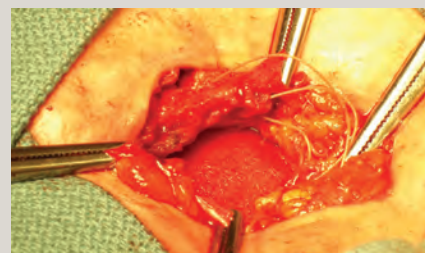


Suture line reinforcement following midline closure³

Jacobsen G. A new alternative to traditional biologics in complex abdominal wall reconstruction. Abstract presented at the 14th Annual Hernia Repair Meeting; March 16-19, 2011; San Francisco, CA. Page 264.

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Stoma reversal



Device placed between anterior sheath and rectus muscle prior to primary closure of anterior sheath

Shen RR. GORE® BIO-A® Tissue Reinforcement in Colostomy Reversal. Flagstaff, AZ: W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc; 2008. [Case report]. AM3014-EN1.

Performance Plus Value



Ease of use for surgeon and hospital

- No soaking, refrigeration or tracking required
- Trimmable
- Three year shelf life
- Available in large sizes up to 20 cm x 30 cm
- Good value per cm²

Product configuration and sizing chart

PRODUCT	SIZE
HH0710	7 cm x 10 cm*
FS0808	8 cm x 8 cm
FS0915	9 cm x 15 cm
FS1030	10 cm x 30 cm
FS2020	20 cm x 20 cm
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*Configured for hiatal hernia repair



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