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The Story of how the 90° rotated Woodpecker® came about

Several years ago I slipped in the corridor of the operating room on a floor smeared with soap. During the fall I incurred a dislocation of the right metacarpophalangeal joint of the thumb. While I was getting up I reduced the thumb myself and continued my OR program.

Making a forceful closure of the fist was very painful for about three months. Working normally with the Woodpecker® would not have been possible if the manufacturing company had not produced very quickly a custom-made design with a 90° pivotable rasp holder.



While working with the broach rotated 90°, it occurred to me that the grip displays the direction of the bent lower leg, laid across the opposite leg in the Patrick's Test. As a result, the femur antetorsion can be controlled better than with the usual position of the hand grip.

Meanwhile my hand has long since healed. The 90° rotation of the broach has remained. The modification became the standard.

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