CAFLON ORIGINAL EAR PIERCING SYSTEM

**OPERATOR'S MANUAL** 



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PURCHASE OF THE CAFLON ORIGINAL PIERCING SYSTEM!

You now own one of the most trusted, FDA-approved ear-piercing systems, designed to provide safe, hygienic, and efficient piercings with unmatched precision. Our commitment to quality and innovation has made us a leading choice for professionals worldwide.

The Caflon Original Piercing Instrument is the most reliable and fast piercing system, delivering utmost accuracy for a seamless and consistent piercing experience. It is the result of over five decades of design improvements, ensuring superior performance and ease of use. The instrument features a lightweight body and an ergonomic handle, providing a comfortable grip to reduce hand fatigue during procedures.

Trusted by professionals in over 80 countries, the Caflon Original Piercing System adheres to the highest standards of safety and hygiene. Engineered for precision and reliability, it streamlines the piercing process with an advanced yet easy-to-use design, making it suitable for both seasoned professionals and beginners.

This system incorporates pre-sterilized components and a carefully designed mechanism to ensure a consistent and flawless piercing experience for every client. By choosing Caflon, you are investing in a professional-grade tool that guarantees safety, efficiency, and superior results.

Thank you for being a part of the Caflon family and for upholding the highest standards in professional ear piercing!



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**CAFLON ORIGINAL PIERCING SYSTEM** is designed for safe, professional, and precise ear piercings with minimal discomfort. Combining advanced technology and strict hygiene standards, it ensures a quick and sterile procedure with utmost accuracy.

## **KEY BENEFITS**

- Ergonomic Design:
   Lightweight with a comfortable grip, reducing hand fatigue.
- Precision Engineering:
   Ensures accurate stud placement for consistent results.
- Safety Mechanism:

  Secure locking system prevents accidental discharge.

✓ Sterile Operation:

Comes with pre-sterilized blister packs to maintain hygiene.

- Versatility:
  Suitable for both ear lobe and cartilage piercings.
- Consistency: Guarantees straight and even placement for better aesthetics.

## INTENDED USE

The Caflon Original Piercing System is designed exclusively for trained professionals in salons, beauty clinics, and piercing studios. It is intended for ear lobe and cartilage piercings only and must be used with Caflon-approved pre-sterilized studs to ensure safety, precision, and effectiveness.

This system is not suitable for home use or for piercing areas other than the ear lobe and cartilage. Proper training and expertise are required to ensure accurate placement, minimal discomfort, and adherence to strict hygiene standards.

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## SAFETY COMPLIANCE

This FDA-approved Caflon Original Piercing System meets global safety standards, ensuring a safe and hygienic experience. All components are pre-sterilized to prevent contamination, and hypoallergenic materials minimize skin irritation, making it ideal for sensitive skin.

## Hygiene & Sterilization Guidelines

Maintaining proper hygiene and sterilization is crucial for preventing infections and ensuring client safety. Follow these guidelines to uphold professional standards:

- Wash hands with antibacterial soap before every procedure.
- Wear disposable gloves and change them between clients.
- Disinfect all surfaces, tools, and equipment before and after each use.
- · Use only Caflon pre-sterilized, single-use ear studs to ensure a hygienic procedure.
- · Clean and disinfect the piercing instrument before and after each use.
- Do not reuse ear studs or single-use components to prevent contamination.
- Clean the ear properly with cleansing wipes before marking and piercing.
- Ensure ear studs remain in sealed packaging until use to maintain sterility.
- · Avoid touching sterile components to prevent contamination.
- · Dispose of used gloves, wipes, and packaging in a waste container.
- · Instruct clients on aftercare to prevent infection and ensure proper healing.

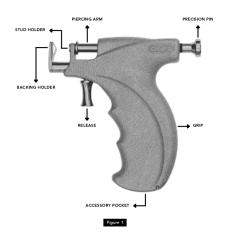
## Contraindications

## (Who Should Not Get Pierced)

Contraindications for ear piercing typically involve conditions that may increase the risk of infection, slow healing, or cause complications. People with any of the following conditions should seek medical advice before proceeding with an ear piercing:

- Circulation Disorders Poor circulation of blood may delay healing.
- High or Low Blood Pressure Can lead to dizziness or excessive bleeding.
- History of Thrombosis / Embolism Increased risk of clotting complications.
- Epilepsy The person must be accompanied by someone during the procedure.
- · Pregnancy Hormonal changes can affect healing and increase infection risk.
- · Diabetes May result in slower healing and higher infection risk.
- Nervous System Disorders Conditions affecting nerve function may complicate healing.
- Skin Disorders Conditions like eczema, psoriasis, or dermatitis may cause irritation.
- · Bruises, Recent Haemorrhage, or Swelling Skin should be fully healed before piercing.
- Scar Tissue or Keloids Individuals prone to keloid formation should avoid piercing.
- Warts or Moles Piercing should be avoided near these areas, but freckles are fine.

## CAFLON ORIGINAL PIERCING SYSTEM





#### Stud Holder

The Stud Holder (See Figure 1) securely holds the ear stud in place, ensuring it is stable and perfectly aligned with the intended piercing location.



#### **Backing Holder**

The Backing Holder (See Figure 1) is designed to position the Stud Backing with precision, ensuring it seamlessly attaches to the stud as it is pushed through the ear.



#### Piercing Arm

The Piercing Arm (See Figure 1) serves as the central mechanism that delivers controlled force to drive the stud through the ear.



#### Precision Pin

The Precision Pin (See Figure 1) acts as a guide for the stud, ensuring it is delivered straight and accurately through the marked piercing site.



#### Release Gear

The Release Gear (See Figure 1) activates the piercing mechanism with a smooth and controlled motion.



#### **Accessory Pocket**

The Accessory Pocket (See Figure 1), located at the base of the instrument, offers convenient storage space for large, regular and mini size stud holders.

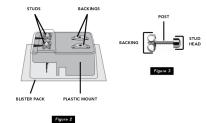


#### Grip

The Grip (See Figure 1) is ergonomically designed to provide a comfortable and steady hold for the instrument operator.

## **CAFLON EAR STUDS & BACKINGS**

Caflon ear studs (See Figure 2) and their backings (See Figure 3) are made from hypoallergenic, surgical-grade materials and are safe for sensitive skin and also reduce the risk of irritation or allergic reactions. All studs come in pre-sterilized blister packs, ensuring hygiene and preventing contamination before use.



## **CAFLON NATURAL SOLUTION**

Caflon Natural Solution is specially formulated to support the aftercare process following ear piercing. Its gentle, skin-friendly composition helps reduce the risk of infection while keeping the pierced area clean, soothed, and protected.

- Alcohol-Free Formula
- Hypoallergenic
- Non-Stinging & Gentle
- Easy Application





Figure 4

## **Pre-Piercing Preparation**

#### Client Consultation & Consent

- 1. Explain the piercing process, expected healing time, and aftercare requirements.
- 2. Have the client carefully read and sign the release form as part of the standard procedure before proceeding with the piercing.
- 3. Assist the client in selecting their preferred ear stud from the available options.
- 4. Obtain written consent, especially for minors, as required by local regulations.
- 5. Ensure that the client is seated comfortably in the designated piercing area.

## **Hygiene & Workstation Setup**

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the Caflon piercing instrument and pre-sterilized studs (See Figures 1 & 3). A professional and confident approach helps ease client anxiety.
- 2. Wash hands thoroughly and wear disposable gloves before handling any equipment.
- 3. Ensure all tools, including the piercing instrument, are clean and properly set up.
- 4. Arrange pre-sterilized ear studs in their sealed blister packs on a sanitized surface.
- 5.Inspect the client's ear for cysts, scars, or any irregularities that may affect piercing placement.

## **Instrument & Skin Preparation**

- 1. Before and after each piercing, clean the instrument's backing holder using disinfectant wipes (See Figure 1 Backing Holder). Store the instrument properly when not in use.
- 2. Clean the ear using alcohol cleansing wipes to remove any dirt, oil, or bacteria.
- 3. Allow the skin to dry completely before proceeding.

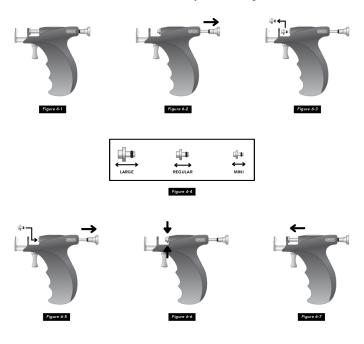
## **Positioning & Marking**

- Ask the client to remove any existing earrings before proceeding.
- 2. Ensure the client is seated upright and relaxed for accurate placement.
- Use a non-toxic marking pen to indicate the piercing location, ensuring proper symmetry and alignment (See Figure 5).
- 4. Show the client the markings for approval before proceeding with the piercing.



## REPLACING THE EARRING HOLDER

Caflon Original Piercing System includes three Stud Holders: Large, Regular, and Mini (See Figure 6-4). The Regular Stud Holder comes pre-installed in the instrument. If using Mini or Large Studs, you must replace the Regular Stud Holder with the appropriate size. The additional Stud Holders are stored in the Accessory Pocket (See Figure 1) of the instrument.



- Ensure the instrument is uncocked before proceeding. (See Figure 6-1)
- Pull the Precision Pin back past the cocked position until the Piercing Arm stops moving and locks into position. (See Figure 6-2)
- The Stud Holder will loosen from the Piercing Arm, making it easy to remove and replace.
   (See Figure 6-3)

- Select the appropriate Stud Holder based on the Studs being used for the piercing. (See Figure 6-4)
- With the Piercing Arm still cocked and locked into position, insert the selected Stud
   Holder into the front of the Piercing Arm until it is securely fixed in place. (See Figure 6-5)
- Verify that the Stud Holder is fully seated in the Piercing Arm. (See Figure 6-6)
- Once properly installed, release the Piercing Arm by pulling the Release, returning it to the uncocked position. (See Figure 6-7)

## LOADING THE INSTRUMENT

## Step 1:

Cock the instrument by pulling the Precision Pin back until it locks into position and you have the sound of a click. (See Figure 7-1)



## Step 2:

Peel back the seal-paper from the blister pack to expose the inner plastic mount containing the studs and their backings. (See Figure 7-2)



Figure 7-2

## Step 3:

Using your fingers and thumb, gently remove the plastic mount from the blister packaging, avoiding any direct contact with the contents. (See Figure 7-3)



Figure 7-3

## Step 4:

Hold the plastic mount by the sides in a way that the studs are facing down and the backings are facing up. (See Figure 7-4)



Figure 7-4

## Step 5:

Insert one Stud Head into the Stud Holder. Then, pull the plastic mount straight upward to release the stud from the plastic mount. (See Figure 7-5)



Figure 7-5

## <u>Step 6</u>:

While holding the instrument upright, slide down the corresponding Stud Backing from the plastic mount into the Backing Holder. (See Figure 7-6)



igure 7-6



WARNING



AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH BOTH, THE STUDS AND THEIR BACKINGS THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, TO PRESERVE THEIR STERILITY.

## PERFORMING THE EAR PIERCING



## Step 1:

Gently position the client's ear between the Backing Holder and the Stud Holder, making sure the pin point of the stud is aligned precisely with the marking on the ear. Slowly begin squeezing the Release until the ear is held securely in place by the instrument. (See Figure 8-1)

#### Step 2:

While maintaining the alignment with the marked spot, continue squeezing the Release. The Piercing Arm will advance forward, swiftly performing the piercing. The Stud Backing will automatically attach to the stud, and the Precision Pin will return to its uncocked position, completing the piercing process. (See Figure 8-2)

## Step 3:

Release the pressure from the Release lever, then carefully pull the instrument straight downward, avoiding any side-to-side movement to prevent disturbing the fresh piercing. (See Figure 8-3)

Repeat the same procedure for any additional piercings.

#### Once all the piercings are complete:

- · Check in with the client and ask if they are feeling okay.
- Invite them to stand up slowly. If they feel lightheaded or dizzy, have them sit back down
  and rest until they feel better.
- Provide comprehensive Aftercare Instructions to ensure proper healing and minimize the risk of infection.

## **Post-Piercing Care**

Proper aftercare is essential to minimize discomfort and prevent infection following the earpiercing procedure. All the clients must be educated on how to care for their new piercings from the moment they leave the piercing site.

## **Immediate Aftercare Instructions:**

- 1.Do not remove the studs for at least 6 weeks (ear lobe) or 12 weeks (cartilage). Early removal may cause the piercing to close or become irritated.
- 2.Do not touch or twist the studs unnecessarily. Only touch the piercings with clean hands when applying aftercare.
- 3. Avoid pressure or trauma to the piercing site. Do not sleep on the pierced ear, wear tight headwear, or apply excessive pressure during activities.
- 4. Use Caflon Natural Solution twice a day as instructed, to cleanse the piercing area. Apply gently around both, the front and back of the piercing and avoid tightening the backing.

### Daily Cleaning Routine:

- 1. Wash hands thoroughly before touching the ear or studs.
- 2. Apply Caflon Natural Solution directly to the front and back of the ear.
- 3. Gently rotate the studs 180° left and right to help the solution reach inside the piercing.
- 4. Allow the area to dry naturally. Avoid using alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or other harsh chemicals.

#### **General Guidelines:**

- Before and after engaging in exercise, sports, or any activity that causes sweating, apply Caflon Natural Solution to help keep the pierced area clean and free from buildup.
- Avoid swimming in pools, lakes, or hot tubs during the initial healing period, as these can introduce bacteria to the piercing site.
- · Avoid using makeup, perfumes, hair sprays, or other cosmetic products near the piercing.
- If signs of infection occur (such as excessive redness, swelling, pus, or pain), advise the client to seek medical attention and avoid removing the studs unless directed by a healthcare professional.

## Long-Term Care:

After the initial healing period:

- When changing the studs for the first time, choose high-quality, hypoallergenic options such as gold, titanium, or surgical-grade stainless steel to minimize the risk of irritation.
- Continue to monitor the piercing for any signs of irritation, and keep the area clean.

## **EAR ANATOMY & CARTILAGE PIERCING**

Understanding the anatomy of the ear is essential to ensure safe and precise piercings. The ear is composed of various regions, each with different tissue structures and healing characteristics. See to Figure 9 for a basic overview of ear anatomy, including the lobe, cartilage, auricle, and pinna.

**Lobe:** The soft, fleshy lower part of the ear. Ideal for standard piercings due to its minimal cartilage and faster healing time (typically 6 weeks).

Cartilage: The firmer, upper area of the ear (see shaded region in Figure 9). This includes the outer rim and areas near the auricle. Healing time can extend to 12 weeks or more.

Auricle & Pinna: Form the outer structure and support, often involved in cartilage-based piercings.



## **Cartilage Piercing Guidelines**

**Instrument Positioning:** Always hold the Caflon instrument perpendicular to the ear surface. Misalignment can lead to an improper piercing angle and prolonged healing.

Handling Thick/Curled Cartilage: In case of very thick or curled cartilage, gently pull and flatten the cartilage to "unroll" it. This will help you position the instrument correctly and avoid piercing into a difficult angle.

**Avoid Piercing the Rolled Edge:** Never pierce directly through the curled edge of the cartilage area. Doing so may increase the risk of uneven pressure, discomfort, and improper healing.

Aftercare Importance: Cartilage requires more diligent aftercare than lobes. Reinforce to clients the importance of following all aftercare steps. They should avoid unnecessary pressure, sleeping on the pierced side, or exposure to unclean environments.

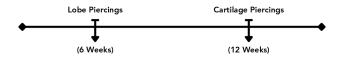
## **Important Notice for Clients**

- Inform the client that cartilage piercings may remain tender, red, or swollen for several weeks.
- . At the first sign of extreme pain, swelling, or discharge, client should seek medical advice immediately.
- Failure to care properly for cartilage piercings can result in infection or permanent ear damage.

#### Daily Cleaning Routine

- · Wash Hands Thoroughly: Before touching the pierced area, always wash your hands with antibacterial soap and water to avoid transferring bacteria.
- Clean the Pierced Area: Use the Caflon Natural Aftercare Solution to cleanse the area twice daily. Spray or apply the solution to both the front and back of the piercing using a clean cotton pad or swab.
- Keep the Area Dry & Clean: Gently pat the area dry with a clean tissue or cotton pad. Avoid using towels, which may carry bacteria. Refrain from using alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or ointments, as these may delay healing.

## **Average Healing Time**



During this time, do not remove the studs or switch to other earrings. Early removal may lead to closure or infection.

## Signs of Normal Healing

- Mild redness
- Slight swelling
- Occasional itching
- · Clear or pale yellow fluid that may dry and form a crust

These are all common signs and should subside gradually over time.

## Warning Signs of Infection /\



Clients should seek medical advice if they experience any of the following:

- Persistent or increasing pain
- Redness that spreads or worsens
- Continuous swelling
- Thick yellow or green discharge with odor
- Heat or throbbing around the piercing area
- Fever or feeling unwell

Prompt medical attention is essential if signs of infection appear to prevent further complications.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

#### Common Issues During Piercing & How to Resolve Them

The best way to be prepared for any problem that may occur during an ear piercing is to familiarize yourself with this section before the problem occurs. With just a few simple steps, you'll be equipped to handle nearly any situation quickly and professionally.

YOU ARE THE PROFESSIONAL — Always remain calm, composed, and confident. If something goes wrong during the process, reassure the client that it's nothing to worry about and that you'll resolve the issue in a moment.

In a normal operation, the Stud does not get released from the Stud Holder until the backing has successfully attached itself to the Stud. If this does not occur, follow the procedures below:

#### If the Backing does not get clipped and the Stud remains in the Stud Holder:

- Push the Precision Pin all the way forward with your thumb pressed firmly against and behind the Precision Pin. This prevents the Piercing Arm from retracting.
- Make sure the Stud Backing is properly seated inside the Backing Holder.
- Fully squeeze the Release until it stops don't be afraid to use a firm squeeze.
- Let go of the Release.

This usually causes the Backing to securely attach to the Stud, allowing the Stud to release properly from the Stud Holder.

#### If the Stud has not completely pierced through OR if the above method doesn't work:

- . Saturate a clean cotton ball with Caflon Natural Solution or use a Cleansing Wipe.
- Ask the customer to carefully remove the Stud and apply pressure to the pierced area using the cotton ball or cleansing wipe.
- Discard the incomplete Stud set.
- . With a new pre-sterilized Stud, carefully re-pierce through the same hole as the original attempt.
- · Follow standard Aftercare procedures provided in the guide.

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE

If you need to remove a stud and re-pierce, always wear gloves and have clean supplies (cotton, wipes, etc.) ready before starting. Dispose of all used materials, including gloves, cotton, and any opened but unused stud sets, in a proper biohazard or waste container.

For more information about ear piercing, instrument usage or supplies, please visit our official website: www.caflonusa.com, Or call: +1 (310) 871-7981

## Tips for a Successful Caflon Retail Program

- Train All Staff Members: Ensure every staff member is trained and confident in performing ear piercings using the Caflon Original System.
- Visibility is Key: Display a clear, eye-catching sign at your store entrance advertising your ear piercing service. Use phrases like "We Pierce Ears Here!" or "Professional Ear Piercing with Caflon."
- Promote In-Store: Use posters or countertop displays near the checkout area to inform walk-in customers about the Caflon Ear Piercing Program.
- Custom Labeling: Place a store-branded sticker or label on the aftercare products to serve as a reminder of where to return for follow-ups, new studs, or repeat purchases.
- Follow-Up Opportunity: Use the customer's consented contact info to follow up after 4-6
  weeks. Invite them in for a complimentary check-up, and use the visit to upsell additional
  Studs or Aftercare products.
- Loyalty Starts Here: Offer a discount or loyalty card for customers who return for new ear studs or recommend a friend. Word-of-mouth works wonders!
- Host "Piercing Days" or Events: Run promotions or mini-events on weekends, holidays, or back-to-school seasons. Offer special pricing or a free aftercare product with each piercing.
- Create a Photo Wall or Social Moment: Invite customers (with consent) to take a photo
  after their piercing for your store's "Earspiration" wall or social media.
- Staff Appearance Matters: Have your staff wear Caflon-branded pins or lanyards to reinforce professionalism and brand trust.
- Educate and Empower: Make sure staff can explain the benefits of Caflon's hypoallergenic studs, safety standards, and aftercare products. Knowledge sells!
- Keep Your Station Spotless: A clean, well-lit, and organized piercing station sends a strong signal of professionalism and care.
- Seasonal Displays: Rotate earring display stands with seasonal trends or holidays (e.g. Birthstone studs, Valentine's studs, Spring sparkles, Back-to-school specials).

## WELCOME TO THE CAFLON FAMILY!

Trusted by professionals worldwide, our legacy in Ear Piercing is now a part of your journey.

Thank you for your trust!



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