Tarso Open Toe Boots are designed to be used to help maintain correction in babies with Clubfoot and Metatarsus Adductus. **Tarso Open Toe Boots** are made on both our **Tarso Medius** straight last and our **Tarso Pronator** full abduction last.

With the growing widespread use of the **Ponseti Method** of treating Clubfoot, Markell Shoe Company is pleased to offer two models of our **Tarso Medius Straight Last Boot**. These Tarso Medius Straight Last Boots have been specially constructed and provide superior comfort and support for babies' tender feet. Since newborns treated using the *Ponseti Method* are ready for shoes and a bar as early as age 6-8 weeks, we offer Tarso Medius Straight Last Boots as small as 0000 (see sizing chart).

Model 1644/2644 is a Symmetrical Straight Last Boot, made with soft tanned leathers, a well defined heel pocket, soft rolled top line and special built in padding at the back of the boot and under the tongue. These boots are made in a full range of sizes, from 0000 for newborns, up to size 9 for the older 3-4 year child.

New model 1645 is a **Tarso Medius Straight Last Boot**, which is both open at the toe, and has a cut-out for the heel. This newly designed boot is made with the younger clubfoot patient in mind. Young infants with atypical or hyper-sensitive feet, can sometimes experience difficulty in adjusting to boots and bars after serial casting. For these young clubfoot patients, we have designed our #1645 boot with a special cut-out in the heel, to help see that the heel is down in the correct position, to help relieve pressure, and also to better hold the foot and prevent slipping, pulling out, and blistering. Model 1645 is made in sizes 0000 to 1, and in 3 different widths, Narrow, Medium, and Wide, to accommodate the full range of infants with slender, normal, or pudgy feet.

**Tarso Pronator style 1934** is made on a special full abduction last, which has a more pronounced curvature than our closed toe boots. The full abduction last is made to provide maximum correction for the patient with Metatarsus Adductus, and also for the corrected Clubfoot.

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**FITTING SUGGESTIONS**

**Tarso Open Toe Boots** should be fitted somewhat shorter than comparable closed toe types - often a full size shorter. For your guidance, please refer to our Tarso Fitting Scale. It shows the actual insole length of each open toe boot size.
Directions: Place heel of foot on this line. Determine size line closest to big toe.
For proper shoe size add growth room (usually 1/4 inch).
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The Ponseti Method calls for “foot abduction bracing” after the deformities have been corrected by serial casting and tenotomy. The “Foot Abduction Brace” consists of Markell Open Toe Straight Last Boots mounted on a Denis Browne Bar Splint. Correction is maintained by holding both feet in an abucted position, shoulder width apart, in boots which are mounted to a splint with foot plates. Markell offers Denis Browne Splints with foot plates in either fixed or adjustable bar lengths. All of the Denis Browne Splints with foot plates come with two pre-drilled holes in the plate for easy mounting to the screw receptacles in our open toe boots, using our splint adaptor screws.

A. STANDARD SPLINT
140-DB - Denis Browne Type - With foot plates. Made of quality 24ST aluminum Alloy. Gold anodized bar. Bar sizes: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12.
All foot plates have two large pre-drilled holes for splint adaptor screws, and have protractors ruled in 5 degree increments and clearly labeled with the most widely used settings of 45 and 70 degrees.

B. TARSO ADJUSTABLE BAR SPLINT WITH PLATES
240 AJP Medium: 6 to 10 Inches of heel separation in three steps
Large: 10-14 Inches of heel separation in three steps
Plates and 1 inch knurled nuts are the same as for 140-DB Standard Splint.

C. 165 FPL FILLAUER PLATE SPLINTS
Red anodized aluminum bar.
BAR LENGTHS: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 inches.
FILLAUER PARTS: Fillauer bars, clamps, hex nuts and plates are available separately. They do not interchange with Tarso Splint parts.

D. 265 AJP FILLAUER ADJUSTABLE PLATE SPLINTS
Red anodized aluminum bar.
BAR LENGTHS: 7” to 11” and 9 to 15”.
FILLAUER PARTS: Fillauer bars, clamps, hex nuts, barrel clamps, allen wrenches, and plates are available separately. They do not interchange with Tarso Splint parts.

E. 164 FIL FILLAUER CLAMP SPLINTS
Red anodized aluminum bar.
BAR LENGTHS: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 inches.

F. 264 AJC FILLAUER ADJUSTABLE CLAMP SPLINTS
Red anodized aluminum bar.
BAR LENGTHS: 7” to 11” and 9 to 15”.

The newly re-designed Tarso Adjustable Bar Splints provide the three most commonly prescribed settings in each of two age/size ranges. Heel separation is set precisely to the optimum position for the individual patient, and may be reset during treatment. Splint stocking is simplified, since two sizes satisfy most prescriptions.

Note: The settings on each adjustable bar denote inches of heel separation with the feet set at 45-70 degrees of external rotation.