

Most energy storage feet have bare joint function

What are energy storage and return (ESAR) prosthetic feet?

1. Introduction Energy storage and return (ESAR) prosthetic feet are designed to emulate the compliant structures of the anatomical lower-limb via a spring-like construction of carbon fiber .

What is the difference between a prosthetic foot and energy storing feet?

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Does a prosthetic foot return too much energy?

The general invariability of energy returned by the prosthetic foot meant that in some conditions, (e.g. walking downhill) the prosthetic foot may be returning too much energy, while in other conditions (e.g. walking uphill), the prosthetic foot may not be returning enough energy.

How is energy stored in a hindfoot?

Initially there is storage of energy by the hindfoot during landing (shock absorption) as indicated by the downward direction of the graph during early stance (A). The amount of energy stored (A') is a measure of the stiffness of the hindfoot. The less the energy stored the stiffer is the hindfoot.

Are stiffness and energy storage nonlinear in prosthetic feet?

Methods: Force-displacement data were collected at combinations of 15 sagittal and 5 coronal orientations and used to calculate stiffness and energy storage across prosthetic feet, stiffness categories, and heel wedge conditions. Results: Stiffness and energy storage were highly non-linear in both the sagittal and coronal planes.



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