

# Second lower Molar

The second Lower Molar is the largest tooth on the mandible (crown width 11 mm, root length 14 mm, tooth length 21.5 mm). It is a pillar class I tooth according to Voldrich. The first lower molar is mesiodistally elongated, the shape is given by the bumps of the masticatory plate.

The buccal surface of the dental crown: has the shape of a mesiodistally elongated trapezoid. It is very convex, the central bump protruding buccally. The fissure between the mesiobuccal and median tubercle is deep to the buccal plate, where it often ends in a blind hole (*foramen caecum*). It separates the mesial and distal parts of the buccal plate. The buccal area is larger and higher than the lingual area and is tapered towards the neck of the tooth.

## Lingual surface

convex and shorter than the buccal surface.

## Mesial approximal

the surface is flat. It tends to be higher than the distal surface.

## Distal approximal surface

is convex.

## Occlusal surface

has a five-pronged arrangement. The interdistally running fissure divides the masticatory surface into two unequal parts - the lingual part has two bumps, the buccal part three. The lingual bumps are equal in size, unlike the buccal bumps, where the largest bump is interbuccal.

## Roots

there are two and they are placed in the dental arch one mesially and the other distally. They tend to be massive, the mesial being broader, the mesiodistal being sheathed. They slope distally.

## Gingival cavity

has a cylindrical shape. It is extensive. It projects into three root canals.

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