

# Teardrop fracture

## Extension Teardrop Fracture

Extension Teardrop Fractures of the cervical spine are [subaxial cervical spine fractures](#) caused by forced extension of the [neck](#) with resulting avulsion of the anteroinferior corner of the [vertebral body](#).

## Flexion teardrop fracture

Flexion teardrop fractures represent a fracture pattern occurring in severe axial/flexion injury of the cervical spine. They are important to recognize because they indicate an extensive underlying ligamentous injury and spinal instability.

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