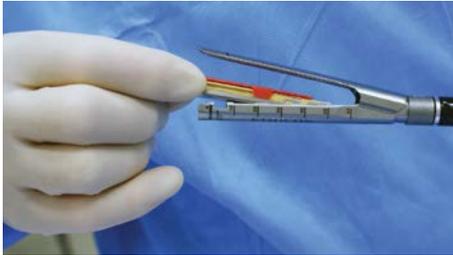


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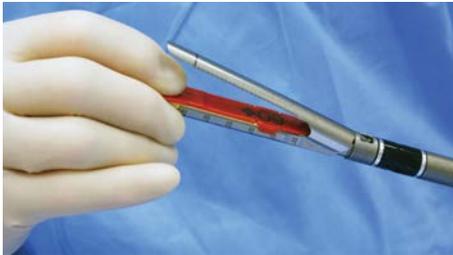
Optimal Device Performance Guide

Loading the Device

Proper Reload Selection: Tissue thickness should be carefully evaluated prior to using the instrument. Refer to the **Reload Product Codes Chart**, located in the Instructions for Use, for proper reload selection. Selection of the appropriate staple reload should be based upon the combined thickness of both the tissue and the staple line reinforcement material.



1. Ensure that the staple retaining cap is present. Insert the reload by sliding it against the bottom of the reload jaw until the stapler alignment tab stops in the reload alignment slot of the jaw.



2. Snap the reload securely in place before removing the staple retaining cap.



3. Remove the staple retaining cap by lifting it straight up and discard.
4. Observe the surface of the new reload to ensure no colored drivers are visible and that the reload lies flat in the jaw channel.

Loading the Device (cont.)



5. Verify that the reload size matches the instrument size to be used (e.g., use 60mm reload with 60mm stapler).

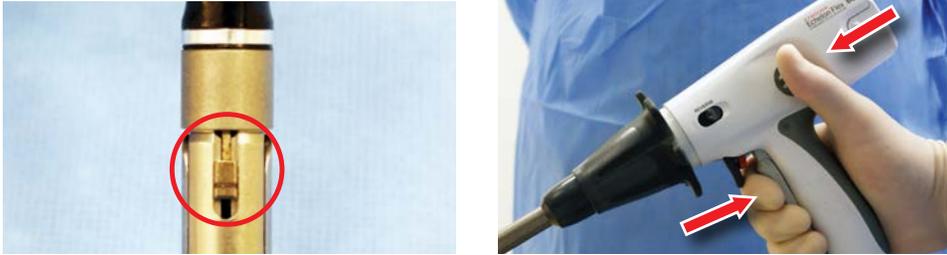
Firing the Device



1. After closing the jaws and prior to firing, holding the jaws in place for 15 seconds may result in better compression and staple formation.

Note: Alternatively, for enhanced tissue compression when using the ECHELON FLEX™ Powered Plus Stapler, the user may pulse the firing trigger throughout the firing cycle until the transection is completed.

Opening the Jaws



1. Ensure the knife is in the home position by doing a visual check on the underside of the reload jaw. (Jaws will not open if knife is not in the home position.)
2. To open the jaws, first squeeze the closing trigger, and then simultaneously push the anvil release button on the side of the device. Maintaining pressure on the anvil release button, slowly release the closing trigger.

Stapler Lockout

Under certain circumstances the stapler will lock out, including instances where there is no reload, an incorrect reload or a used reload. At any time, if the knife reverse switch does not return the knife to the home position and the jaws will not open:



1. **Reverse:** Slide the knife reverse switch forward.

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Stapler Lockout (cont.)



2. **Battery:** Remove and re-install the battery to check that it is securely installed and that the device has power.
3. **Reverse:** See Step 1.



4. **Override:** If the knife does not return, use the manual override (remove the access panel labeled "Manual Override" on the top of the handle).

Note: After the manual override is used, the device becomes nonfunctional.



5. **Override:** Apply force to move the lever forward and backward until it can no longer be moved.