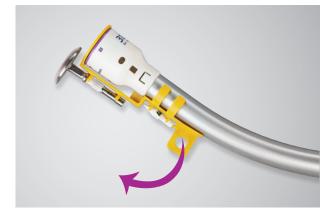
Setup guide

EEA[™] circular stapler with Tri-Staple[™] technology



1. Detach



Detach the yellow shipping wedge.

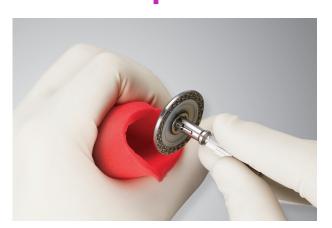


Remove anvil and trocar tip(s).



If the white trocar accessory is desired, it can be attached to the hollow shaft on Tilt-Top™ anvil/central rod assembly and removed after usage by depressing the black release button.

2. Set-up



Insert anvil.



Tighten purse-string suture around purse-string notch. To avoid excessive tissue within the closed anvil and cartridge, secure purse-string sutures no more than 2.5 mm from the cut edge of the tissue.

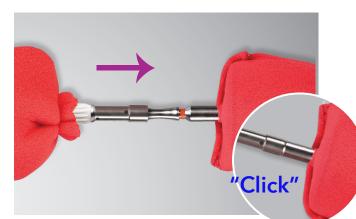


Insert the shaft into the closed lumen and extend the trocar until the tissue is pierced and the instrument shaft is fully extended. The orange band must be fully visible.

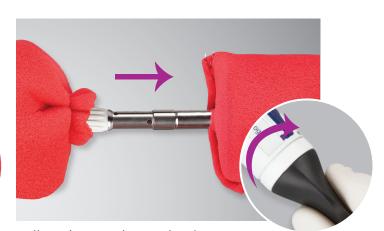
3. Close



Attach anvil to trocar



Tilt-Top™ anvil must click in its fully seated position and orange band must be completely covered.



Fully tighten with twist knob until the green bar is visible in the indicator window.

4. Fire



Ready to fire indicator – green bar must be visible in the indicator window before releasing the safety lever and firing. This indicates that the stapler is ready to be fired.



Remove red safety lever. Red safety lever will only release when the green bar is visible.



Handle must be fully squeezed, until it comes in contact with instrument body.

5. Open



Red safety needs to be reset for proper opening. **IMPORTANT:** To ensure proper staple formation, the handle should only be squeezed once.



Rotate twist knob two full turns counter-clockwise, stopping once an audible click is heard. Gently remove the instrument by pulling it straight out of the new anastomosis. Do not twist as the instrument is removed.

IMPORTANT: Relieve any tension by pushing the instrument slightly forward and then pulling straight out



Inspect tissue specimens.



In-service guide is for both purple and black EEA reloads

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EEA™ circular stapler with Tri-Staple™ technology

Staple height recommendations

If you normally use a 4.8 mm green thick tissue circular stapler, or larger, for anastomosis, then you should consider converting to the black extra-thick EEA™ circular stapler with Tri-Staple™ technology. The black stapler provides an approximate staple height of 4.0 mm, 4.5 mm, and 5.0 mm.



If you normally use a 4.8 mm green thick tissue circular stapler, or larger, for anastomosis, but the patient's tissue seems thinner than the indicated range, you should consider converting to the purple medium/thick EEA™ circular stapler with Tri-Staple™ technology. The purple stapler provides an approximate staple height of 3.0 mm, 3.5 mm, and 4.0 mm.



If a black extra-thick EEA[™] circular stapler with Tri-Staple[™] technology is not available, and the tissue exceeds the indicated range of either a 3.5 mm blue circular stapler or the purple medium/thick circular stapler, then you should consider using a 4.8 mm green thick tissue circular stapler with DST[™] Series[™] technology.

