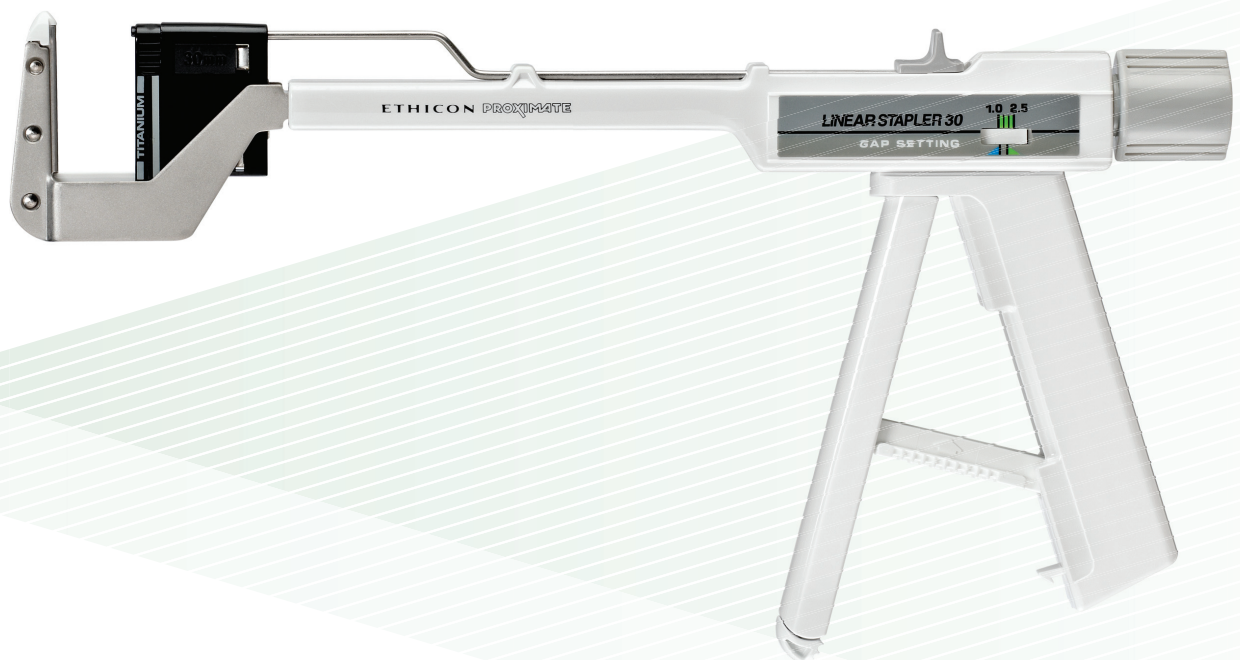


# PROXIMATE® TL Reloadable Linear Stapler

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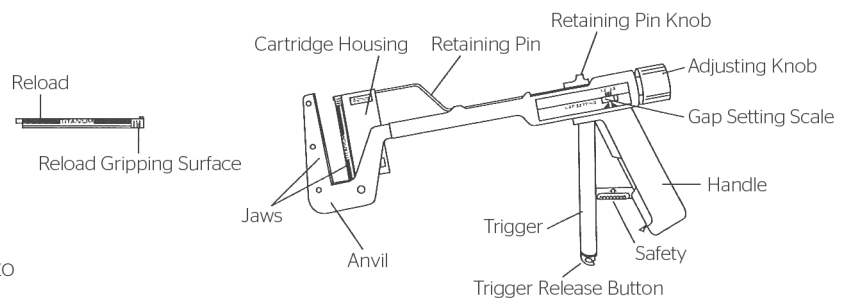
Models available:

TL30, TL60, TL90, TLH30, TLH60, TLH90, TLV30

Reloads available:

TR30, TR60, TR90, TRH30, TRH60, TRH90, TRV30

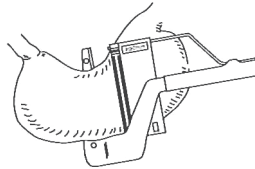
Verify compatibility of all instruments and accessories prior to using the instrument (see Instructions for Use).



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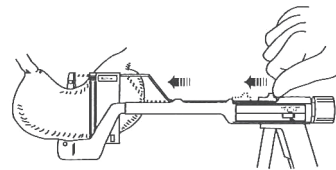
Using sterile technique, remove the instrument from the package. To avoid damage, do not flip the instrument into the sterile field.

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The instrument is packaged in the open position. Position the tissue to be transected or resected in the Jaws of the instrument.

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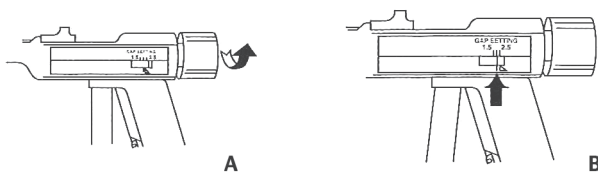


Push the Retaining Pin completely through the Anvil and into the distal jaw of the instrument by using the Retaining Pin Knob. This aligns the Anvil and Cartridge Housing to provide the correct staple formation and also prevents compressed tissue from slipping from the Jaws.

**Caution:** Make sure the Retaining Pin is seated correctly in the Anvil hole. This is critical for correct staple formation.

**Note:** The instrument has been designed with a “lockout” feature which, during the first application, prevents turning the Adjusting Knob unless the Retaining Pin is pushed completely forward.

4



**For the Reloadable Linear Stapler:** Adjust the gap between the Jaws by rotating the Adjusting Knob clockwise until the proper reading is indicated on the Gap Setting Scale. Discrete settings are provided on the scale which correspond to a 1.5 (blue arrow) and a 2.0 (green arrow) closed staple height **(A)**. These settings form staples to the predetermined heights of linear staplers of other manufacturers and may be used as a guide in gap setting.

**Caution:** The indicator must be in the green zone for proper staple formation.

**Note (B):** Tissue blanching and resistance to closing may be observed as the gap setting is achieved. The instrument is now ready for firing.

**Note:** The scale is calibrated to measure the inside dimension of the closed staple.

**For the Reloadable Vascular Linear Stapler:** Adjust the gap between the Jaws by rotating the Adjusting Knob clockwise until the indicator lines up with the “1.0” on the Gap Setting Scale.

**Note:** Tissue blanching and resistance to closing may be observed as the gap setting is achieved. The instrument is now ready for firing.

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Actuate the instrument in the following manner:

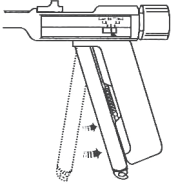
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Draw the Safety back toward the Handle.

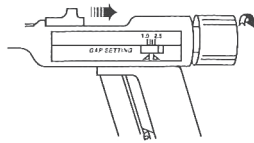
**Note:** The reloadable Linear Stapler is designed to inhibit release of the Safety unless the gap is set in the appropriate range.

7



Pull the Trigger back firmly to the Handle. The Trigger will remain in the "fired" position.

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Open the instrument by rotating the Adjusting Knob counterclockwise. (The Retaining Pin may be pulled back to its original position to facilitate instrument removal.)

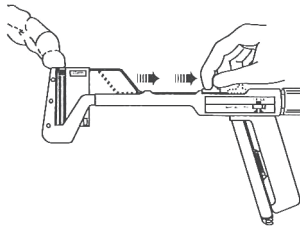
**Caution:** Examine the staple line for hemostasis/pneumostasis and proper staple formation. If hemostasis/pneumostasis is not present, appropriate techniques should be used to achieve hemostasis/pneumostasis.

## Reloading the Linear Stapler

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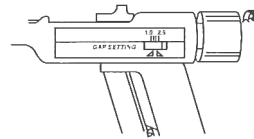
Using the sterile technique, remove the instrument from the package. To avoid damage, do not flip the instrument into the sterile field.

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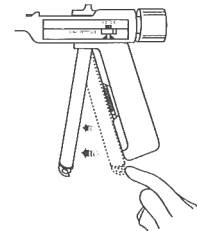
Make sure the Retaining Pin is returned to the original completely open position.

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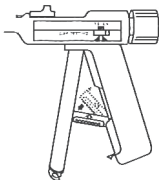
Open the Jaws completely by rotating the Adjusting Knob counterclockwise, until it stops.

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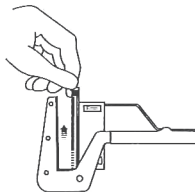
Press the Trigger Release Button. The Trigger will spring back to its original position.

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Reset the Safety.

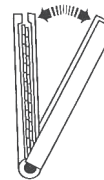
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Grasp the Gripping Surface of the empty Reload and slide it from the Cartridge housing. Properly discard the used Reload. Inspect the instrument's anvil and jaw's surfaces after rinsing in sterile solution and wipe away any unused staples or debris.

**Note:** The Reload will not slide out of the instrument unless the Trigger is reset.

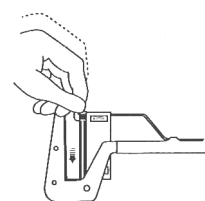
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Remove and discard the Staple Retaining Cap from a new Reload.

**Note:** The Reload will only fit and operate properly in the Linear Stapler for which it has been designed.

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Insert the new Reload into the Cartridge Housing. The Reload will snap into position. The instrument is ready for use.