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In-service Best Practices: Troubleshooting the Device Will Not Open

If the surgeon needs to manually return the knife and/or release the anvil, the following steps may be followed:

1. Ensure the firing trigger is fully open.

2. Move the red knife reverse switch fully down until the knife direction arrow is pointing in the reverse direction (e.g., toward the user).

   **Note:** The red knife reverse switch will not go down unless Step 1 has been completed.

3. Fire one stroke fully plastic to plastic with the firing trigger to return the knife to the home position.

   **Note:** This position can now be confirmed using the stroke count indicator (at “0”).

4. Ensure the firing trigger is fully open.

5. Press the anvil release button and open the jaws of the device.
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In-service Best Practices: Cartridge Loading

Properly Loaded Cartridge

The sled is flush to the back of the cartridge. Proper loading technique prevents accidental sled movement.

Proper Loading Steps

Result of Improperly Loading the Cartridge

“U” shape formed by the inadvertently advanced sled.

Improper Loading Examples

Inadvertently Pushing The Sled Forward

Movement may cause staples to deploy and the safety lock-out to engage.