

Retractable Scalpels – Putting Safety First

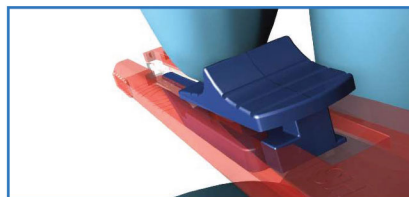


An extended retractable scalpel range with sharps safety compliance in mind.

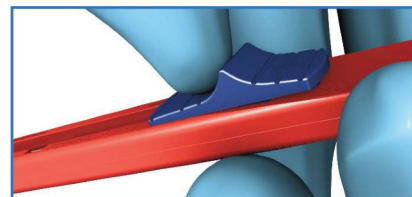
The EU Council Directive 2010/32/EU recommends that medical devices incorporating engineered safety mechanisms and protection should be “considered” by staff as “part” of their risk assessment process. This would include devices such as the Swann-Morton Retractable Scalpel now extended to include a Safety Stitch Cutter.



1 Temporary lock in the forward position has been strengthened so that the blade will stay extended even if it encounters a hard surface or bone during use.



2 The slider mechanism now contains a notch in the retracted position that holds the blade more securely in the passing/retracted position.



3 A permanent lock position has been added to the retracted position.

This requires a conscious amount of force to engage the slider into the permanent lock position.



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