Endo GIA[™] Black Reloads with Tri-Staple[™] Technology

Designed with Bariatric Surgery In Mind

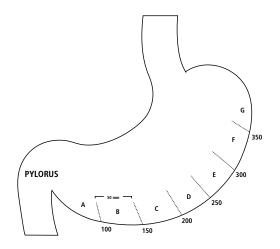


Stapling Made Smarter

Enabling surgeons to confidently and consistently staple in extra thick tissue applications previously beyond the indications of any MIS stapler



We understand that consistent staple formation in thick tissue bariatric applications, such as laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, can be challenging. That's why we have designed the Endo GIA[™] Black Reload with Tri-Staple[™] Technology to provide superior staple formation in thick tissue applications.



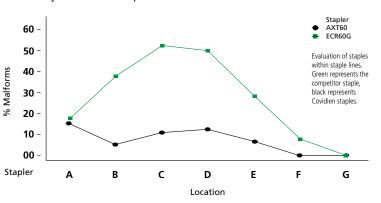
| Side-by-Side | Staple Formation | Comparison |
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Staple line evaluation of two stapler designs (Endo GIA[™] Black 60mm Reloads with Tri-Staple[™] Technology and Echelon Flex^{™*} Green 60mm Reloads) in explanted porcine stomachs.

*Malformed staple is defined as any staple that had at least one leg less than parallel to the back span or both legs parallel to the back span.

| Location | Distance from Pylorus (mm) |
|----------|----------------------------|
| А | <100 |
| В | 101-150 |
| С | 151-200 |
| D | 201-250 |
| E | 251-300 |
| F | 301-350 |
| G | >350 |

Individual Value Plot of % Staple Malforms* by Location and Stapler



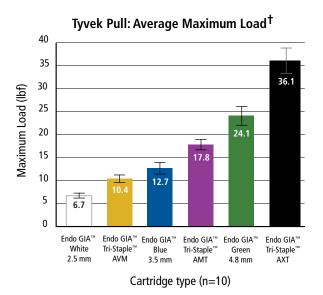
Increased Staple Line Strength

We know the importance of staple line strength in bariatric surgery, so we have designed the Endo GIA[™] Black Reload with Tri-Staple[™] Technology to provide a higher level of strength than any other reload available on the market.

- Thickest indicated tissue range for any stapler currently on the market (2.25mm-3.00mm)
- Designed for extra thick, dense tissues commonly found in challenging bariatric procedures such as revisions and sleeve gastrectomies
- 50% thicker tissue range when compared to the Echelon Flex[™]* green reload¹
- Provides a smooth firing force through extra thick tissue due to stronger knife bar, higher compression force and improved firing mechanism
- Variable staple heights (4.0 mm, 4.5 mm, 5.0 mm) and stepped cartridge face increase the compressibility of tissue and provide optimal staple formation in variable tissue thickness

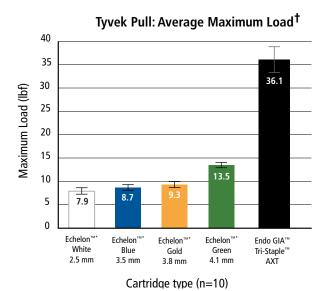
¹Indicated tissue thickness range: Endo GIA^{**} Black Reload with Tri-Staple^{**} Technology (2.25 mm to 3.00 mm) vs. Echelon Flex^{***} green reload (2.00 mm) per respective product IFUs

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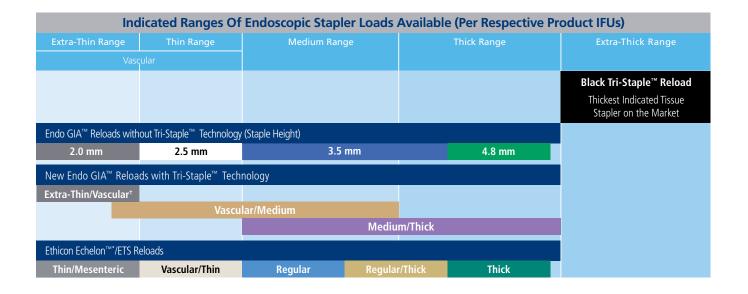
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Staple lines were fired into Tyvek[®] media and pulled apart until failure (n=10). These tests demonstrated that the Endo GIA[™] with Tri-Staple[™] technology provides superior (p < 0.004) staple line strength compared to Echelon[™] and Endo GIA[™] Universal[™] stapling product. The Endo GIA[™] AXT (black) reload with Tri-Staple[™] Technology has more than double the strength compared to the Echelon[™] green reload.





| Reorder Code | Description | Color | Staple Size |
|--------------|---|-------|------------------------------|
| EGIA45AXT | Endo GIA [™] 45 mm Articulating Extra-Thick Reload with Tri-Staple [™] Technology | Black | 4.0 mm, 4.5 mm, 5.0 mm |
| EGIA60AXT | Endo GIA [™] 60 mm Articulating Extra-Thick Reload with Tri-Staple [™] Technology | Black | 4.0 mm, 4.5 mm, 5.0 mm |

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