

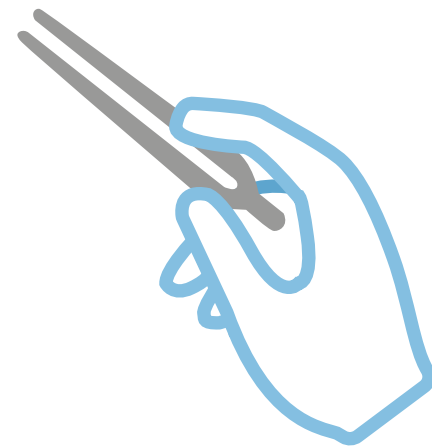
SURGICAL INSTRUMENT CARE

TIPS FOR INSPECTING FORCEPS



OVERALL INSPECT

Look for any visible debris, residue, or organic matter. Look for signs of corrosion, rust, discoloration, or pitting on the surface of the forceps. Check the joints, handles, and tips for any signs of damage, such as cracks, chips, or bent areas.



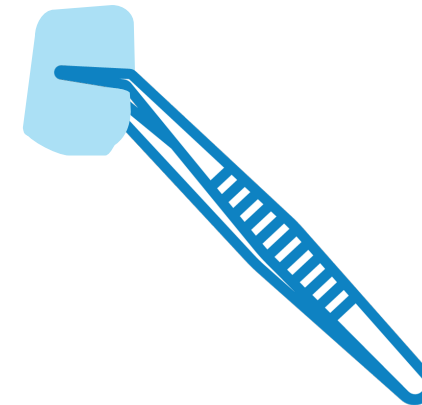
FUNCTION TEST

Gently open and close the forceps to check the functionality of the mechanism. If there is any abnormality or difficulty in movement, it may indicate a problem that needs further attention.



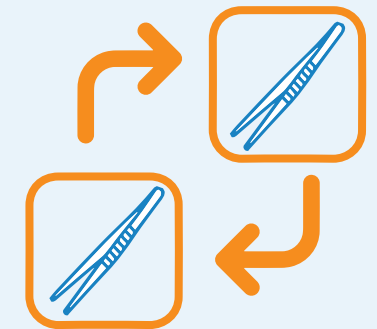
INSPECT THE HINGE

Hemostatic forceps should lock and unlock easily, and the joints should not be too loose. Excessive play in the hinge mechanism may affect the precision and reliability of the forceps.



CLAMP TEST

Clamp the forceps on a plastic surface. You should see a clear and consistent impression on the plastic when the forceps are removed.



DETERMINE VIABILITY

If you encounter any significant damage, malfunction, or concerns during the inspection, it is probably time to replace your laboratory forceps.

