

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE (EN) SCALPEL BLADES AND SCALPEL HANDLES



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### PLEASE READ BEFORE REPROCESSING AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE

#### PRODUCT

These instructions for use refer to the assembly and disassembly of RUDOLF Medical scalpel blades and scalpel handles.

You are receiving a high-quality product, the proper handling and use of which are described below.

**For professional use only:** The instruments are intended for use by the professional users only (surgeons, operating room nurses, medical device reprocessing technicians).

**Patient population:** There are no restrictions concerning the patient population. It may be left to the discretion and experience of the medical professional to decide whether the benefit outweighs the risk in the given population.



The following instructions refer to disassembly after the surgical procedure and to assembly after cleaning and disinfection.

Detailed instructions for reprocessing can be found in the IFU D1494:



RUDOLF medical instruments are supplied non-sterile and must be cleaned, disinfected and sterilized before the first use and immediately after each use. Protective caps and transport packaging must be removed beforehand.

Before sterilization, we recommend treating the mechanical parts of the instrument with a maintenance oil.

A comprehensive visual and functional inspection of the instruments should be carried out before each use.

#### INTENDED PURPOSE

Scalpels and knives are intended to make skin incisions and cuts through tissue.

#### CONTRA-INDICATION

The medical devices are not intended for the use on the central nervous and circulatory system.

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Be careful when using and handling scalpels; there is a risk of injury.
- When selecting a scalpel blade and handle, make sure that they are compatible with each other in terms of the connection.
- When assembling/disassembling, avoid applying excessive force or pressure to the scalpel blade, as it may break and cause injuries.

#### PRIOR TO EACH USE: VISUAL AND FUNCTIONAL INSPECTION

Check for:

- External damage (e.g. dents, burrs, cracks or sharp edges)
- Correct functioning
- Cleaning agent or disinfectant residues

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

⚠ Scalpel blades can be combined only with handles of the same connection type.

### Scalpel handles for blades with short clamping length

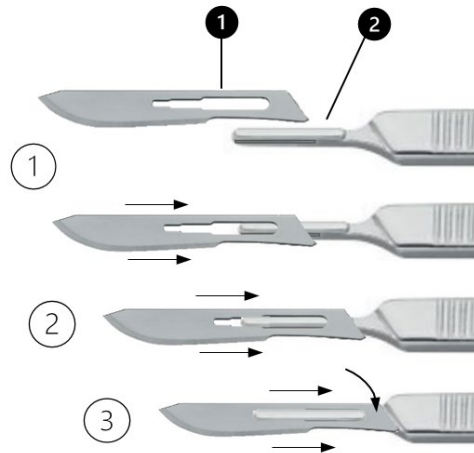
The scalpel handles of the models 3, 3L, 3LA, 5, 5A, 7 and 7K have a connection for scalpel blades with a short clamping length.

### Scalpel handles for blades with long clamping length

The scalpel handles of the 4, 4L and 4LA models have a connection for scalpel blades with a long clamping length.

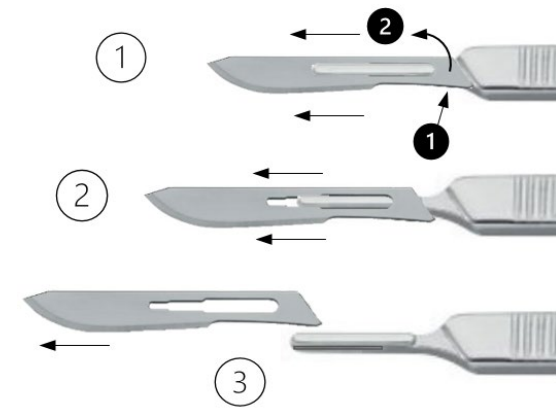
#### **Assembly:**

1. Place the scalpel blade with the eyelet (1) on the connection of the scalpel handle (2).
2. Insert the scalpel blade into the grooves of the handle connection.
3. Push the scalpel blade completely into the handle connection. The blade end snaps into place.



#### **Disassembly:**

1. Press the springy end of the scalpel blade (1) out of the handle connector until it can be pushed back through the connector's grooves (2).
2. Slide the scalpel blade back out of the handle slot until the handle is released from its eyelet.
3. Remove the scalpel blade from the handle.



### Scalpel handles for the mini scalpel system

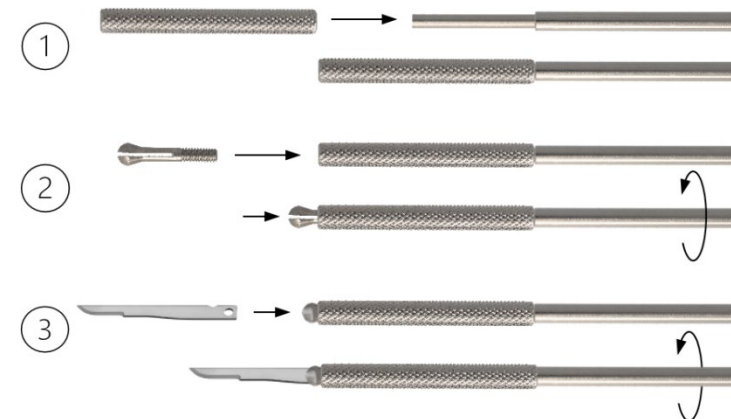
Scalpel handles for mini scalpel blades have a clamping device into which a mini scalpel blade can be clamped.

These handles are three-part and can be disassembled. They consist of a collet (1), knurled nut (2) and handle (3).



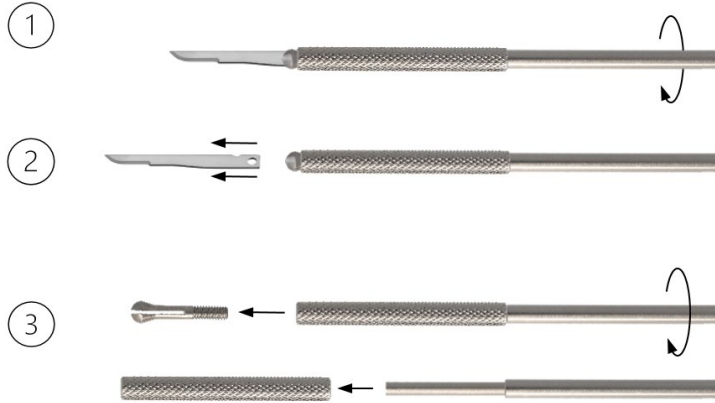
#### **Assembly:**

1. Place the knurled nut (2) on the handle (3).
2. Insert the collet (1) through the knurled nut into the handle and screw it in clockwise with the handle.
3. Insert the end of the scalpel blade completely into the collet. Hold the knurled nut and tighten the scalpel blade with the handle.













### Disassembly:

1. Release the collet (1) by turning the handle (3) anticlockwise while holding the knurled nut (2) firmly.
2. Remove the scalpel blade.
3. Now disassemble the handle for reprocessing. Release the collet (1) from the handle by turning the handle further anticlockwise. Then remove the knurled nut from the handle.



### SYMBOLS

	Consult instructions
	Batch code
	Article no.
	No. per package
	Non-sterile
	Caution
	Manufacturer
	Date of manufacture
	CE marking according to Regulations (EU) 2017/745 for medical devices with notified body identification number
	Medical Device