

# Functional Control Document End of Life Indicators (EOLi) of Reusable Instruments

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Important note for medical professionals and OR staff: This document does not include all the information necessary for selection and use of a device. Please read the instructions for use and the DePuy Synthes brochure “Important Information” carefully before use. Ensure that you are familiar with the appropriate surgical procedure.

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide visual and functional information (i.e., End of Life Indicators) to the intended user to identify when the device should no longer be reused. In addition, this document provides recommended care information which may help to prevent or delay occurrence of the listed EOLi; however, devices that exhibit EOLi are not fit for use any longer. Consult your local Depuy Synthes representative to replace the device.

## Basic Instructions for Using the End of Life Indicator (EOLi) Document

End of Life (EOL) of a device is normally determined by wear and damage due to use. Evidence of damage and wear on a device may include but is not limited to the EOLi contained within this document. DePuy Synthes instruments should be inspected for the applicable EOLi of the device after processing but prior to sterilization.

This document contains representative images of the device type. It captures common design features within the device type that are pertinent to the function and safe use of the device. Each device may have one or more criteria provided that can be used to determine if the device is still within the recommended limits of its intended use (i.e., “Serviceable Device”), indicated by a green checkmark in the box in the lower right side of the picture, or outside its recommended limits of its intended use (i.e., “Defective Device”), indicated by a red ‘X’ in the box in the lower right side of the picture. When using this document, it is important to focus on the descriptive words for each feature as opposed to the accompanying picture only, as the picture is intended to document representative examples of types of wear and can therefore be applicable to multiple devices.

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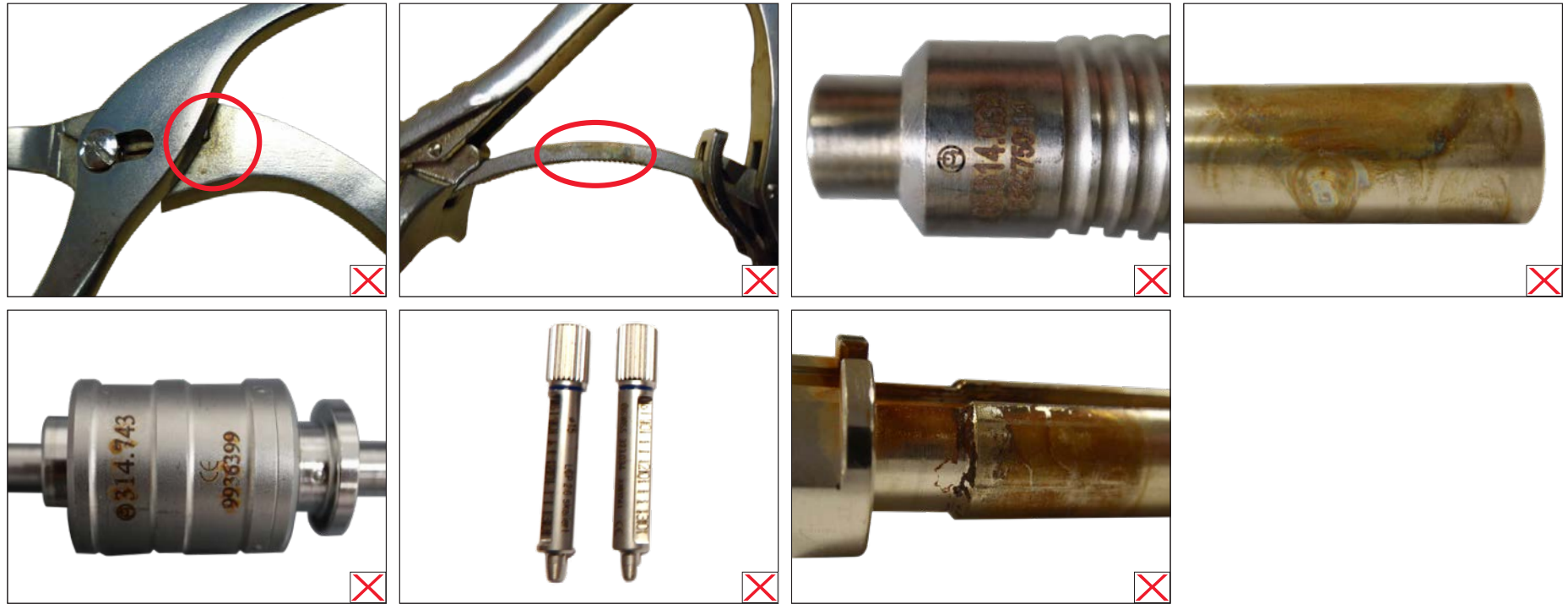
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1. There are no unique EOLi for this device type – see Generic and Feature indicators, as applicable.

2. Torque Limiting devices require periodic maintenance and calibration to ensure that the device is performing as intended. Refer to device specific IFU to determine service frequency and other applicable information. If the audible click stops functioning or other concerns regarding functional performance, immediately return and replace the device to your DePuy Synthes representative.

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.1 Corrosion, Rusting, Pitting



#### EOLi

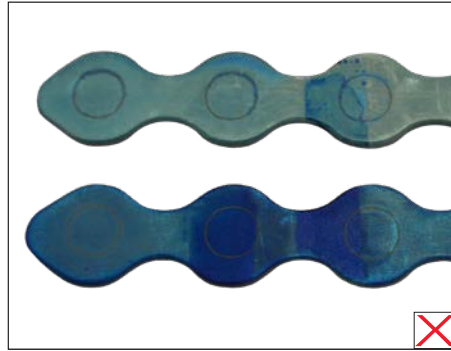
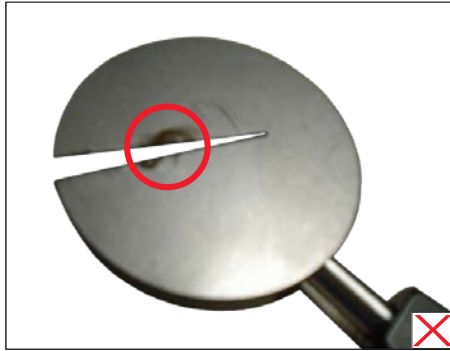
- Corrosion that effects traceability or functionality, corrosion on patient contact surfaces

#### Recommended Care

- Follow "Important Information" for reprocessing instructions of reusable devices

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.2 Discoloration/Fading



#### EOLi

- Discoloration on plastic, anodized (i.e., color coded) aluminum and titanium devices

#### Recommended Care

- Follow "Important Information" for reprocessing instructions of reusable devices

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.3 Excessive Scratches, Dents

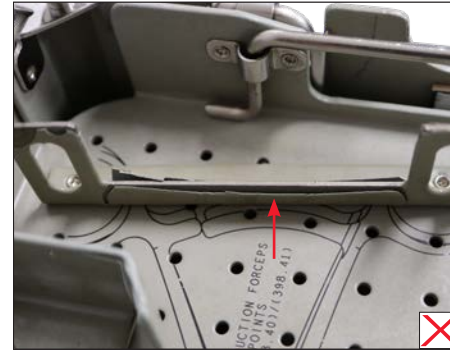
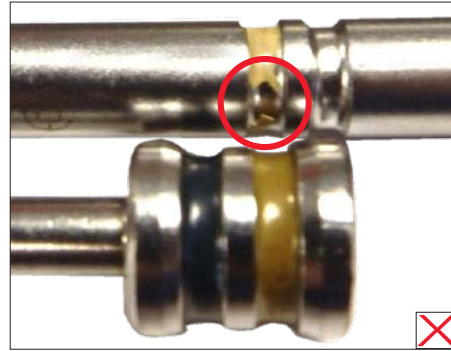


#### EOLi

- Excessive scratches or dents on surfaces that mate with other instruments or surfaces held by the user (e.g., handles)
- Creation of burrs

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.4 Flaking/Peeling



#### EOLi

- Paint coating peels off (e.g., color-coded devices and graphic cases)



## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.5 Devices With Unrecognizable Markings, Etches/Buffered off or Missing Part Numbers

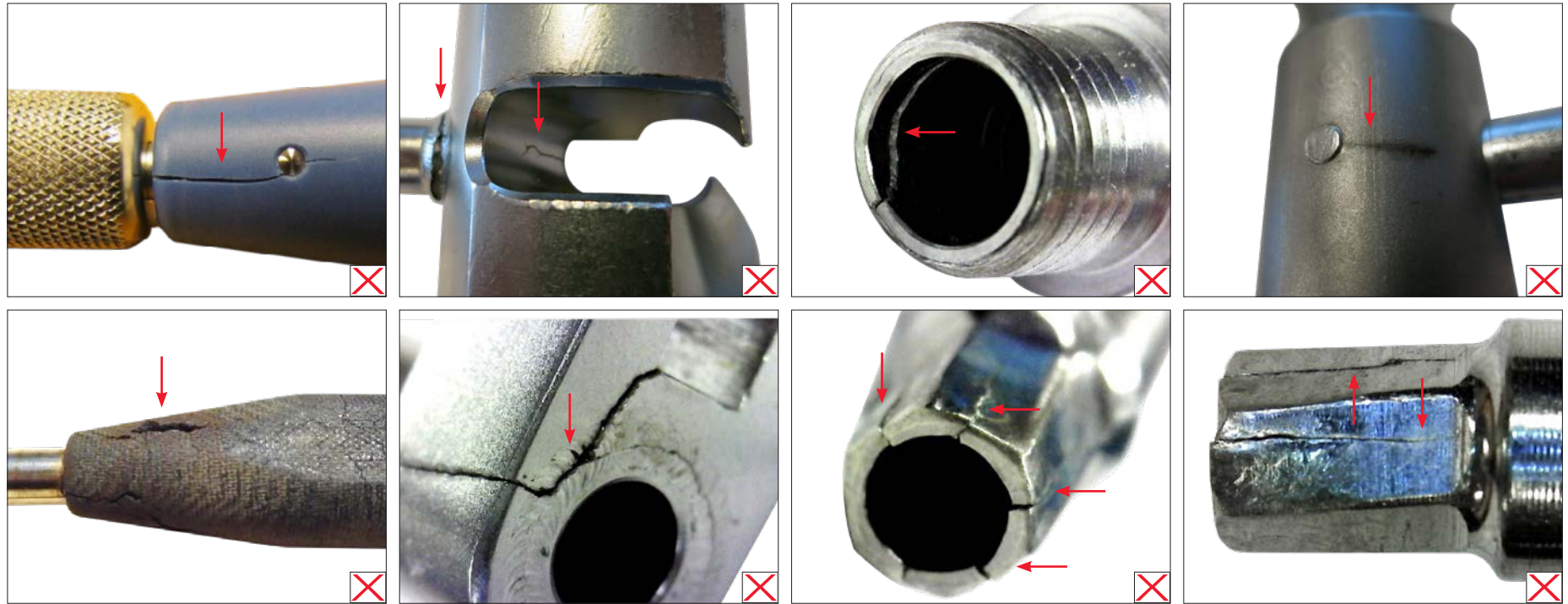


#### EOLi

- Scratches, fading, anodization

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.6 Cracks



#### EOLi

- Cracks at welded joints, cracks at assembly joints (e.g., pins), cracks in cannulated devices (e.g., threads, screwdriver tips)

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.7 Broken (2+ Pieces)



#### EOLi

- Broken at welded joints, driver/tip breakage, broken at assembly joints (e.g., plastic handles)

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.8 Bent/Deformed/Twisted

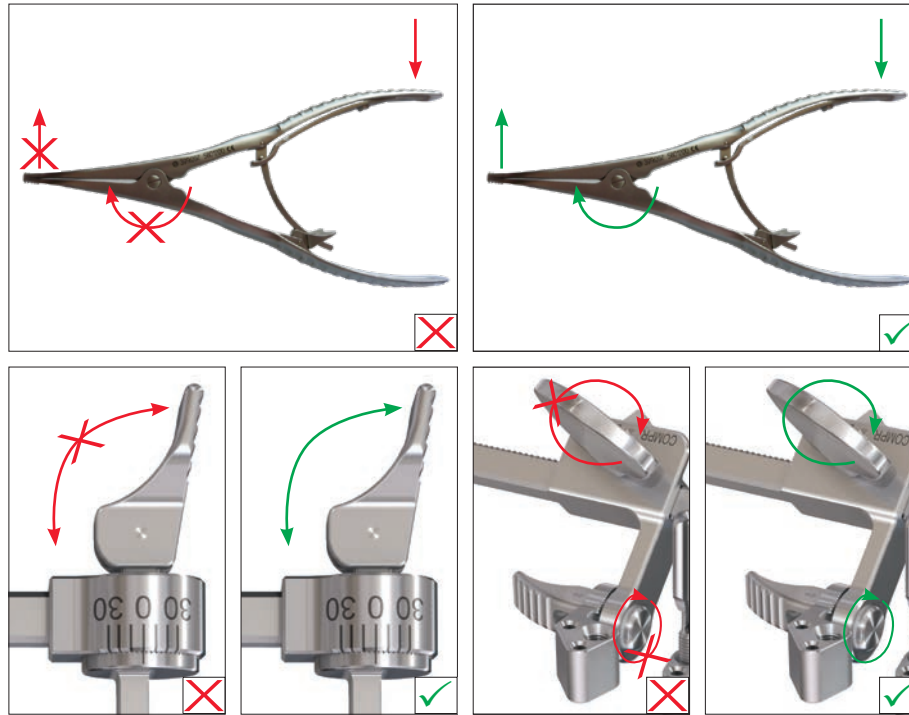


#### EOLi

- Bent shaft or body, tips/drivers deformed or twisted

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.9 Seized (Multi-Component Device)



#### EOLi

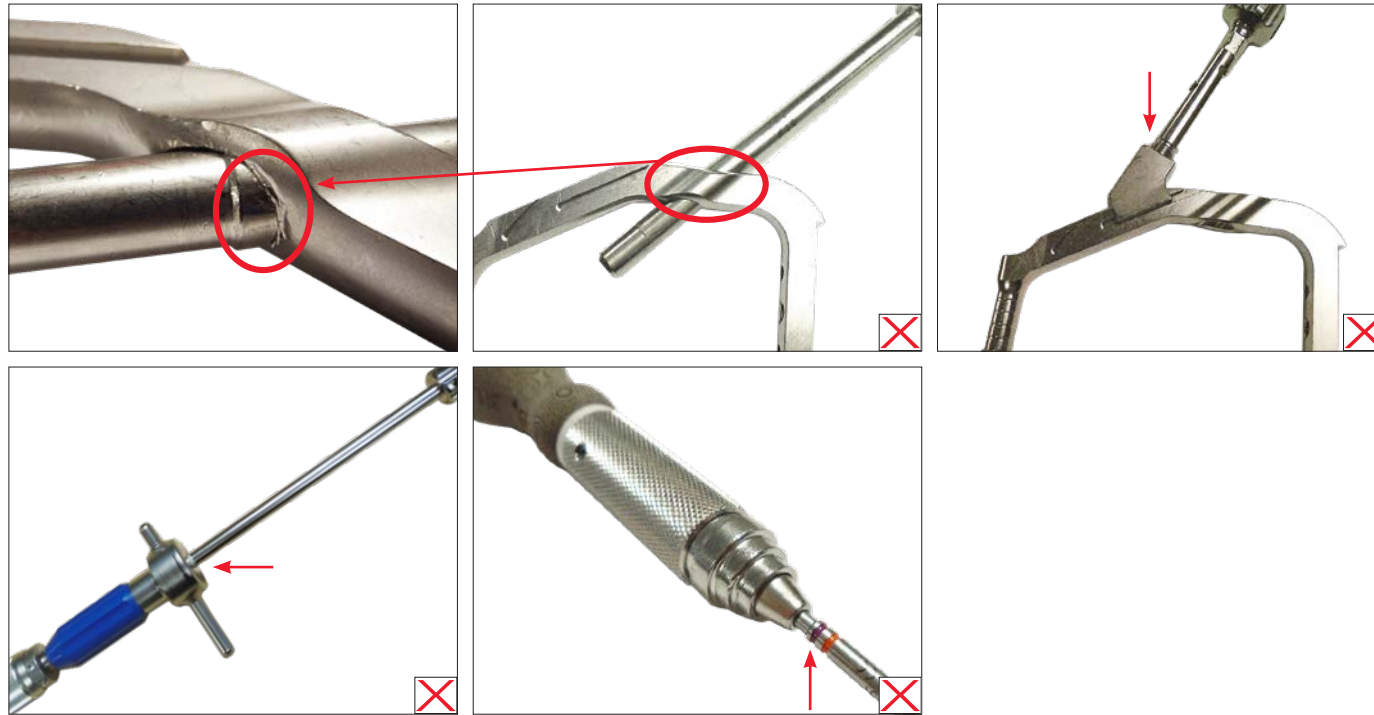
- Restricted range of motion
- Will not open or close

#### Recommended Care

- Clean and lubricate hinges and joints

## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.10 Seized (2+ Instruments)



#### EOLi

- Seized coupling, bent shaft or deformed holes, threads deformed or stripped

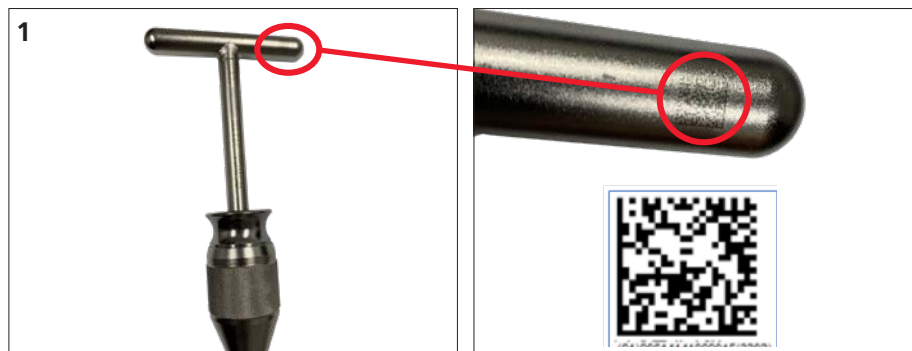


## 1.0 Generic EOLi (As Applicable)

### 1.11 Missing Components; Assembly/Disassembly

Disassembled devices should be reassembled prior to sterilization unless otherwise noted or the case is not configured. Further detailed instrument dismantling instructions are available from your local sales representative or for download at <http://emea.depuysynthes.com/hcp/reprocessing-care-maintenance>.

### 1.12 UDI Marking Unable to be Read



#### EOLi

- Scanner does not read/recognize the UDI marking

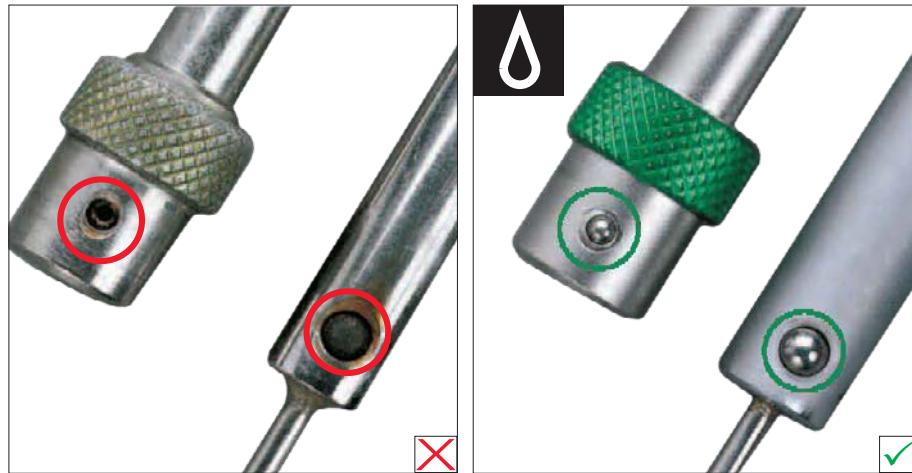


#### Recommended Care

- A Direct Part Marking (DPM) scanner is required. Prior to replacing the device, try scanning another device, clean the part surfaces, adjust the scan distance/angle, or adjust lighting distance/angle

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.1 Instruments With Spring-Loaded Ball Bearings



#### EOLi

- Ball-bearing jammed
- Ball-bearing lost

#### Recommended Care

- Lubricate as needed



## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.2 Instruments With Hexagon Sockets or Bolt Heads



#### EOLi

- Hexagon bolt head worn or damaged
- Hexagon socket widened

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.3 Instruments With Cams



#### EOLi

- Cams bent, twisted or broken off
- Misalignment between mating features

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.4 Instruments With Shanks or Sleeves



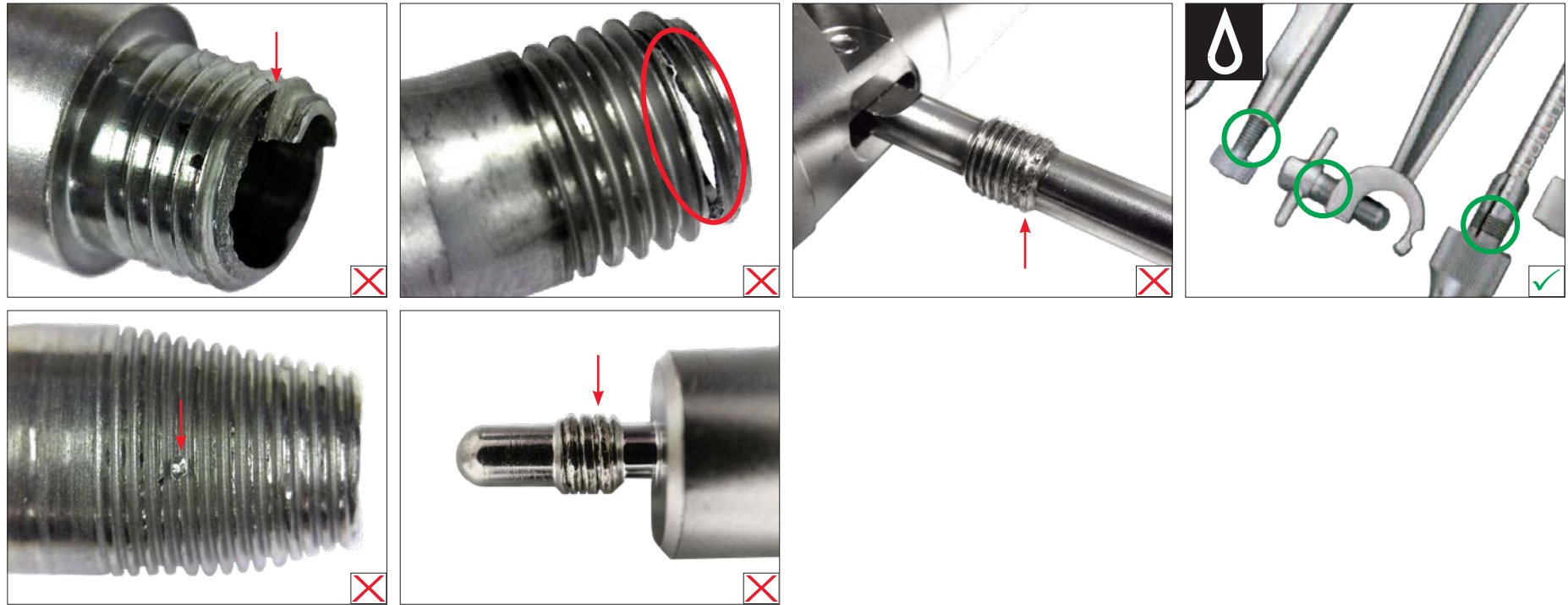
#### EOLi

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- Shank or sleeve bent or blocked

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.5 Threaded Instruments



#### EOLi

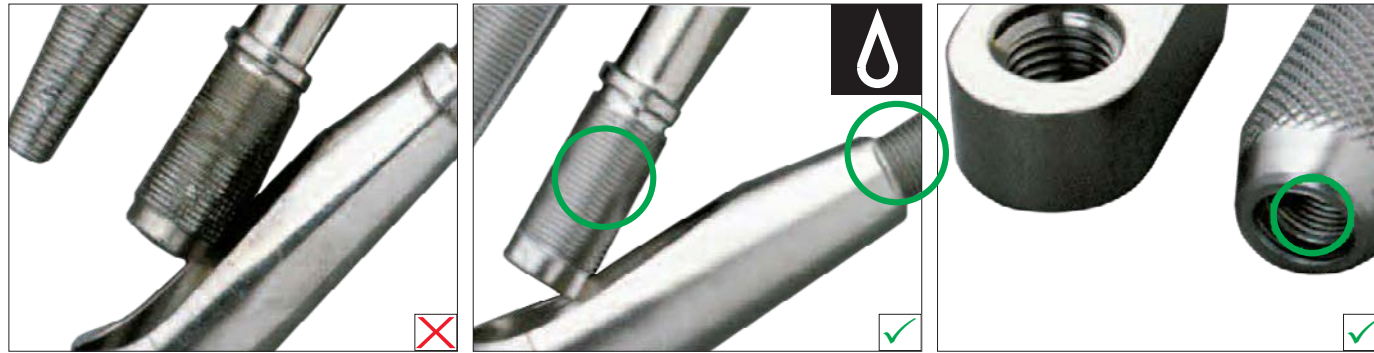
- Difficulty in screwing in and unscrewing
- Threads damaged/peeling

#### Recommended Care

- Remove any incrustations with a suitable detergent. Then carefully clean instrument and apply lubrication regularly
- Clean the threads carefully. Always fully unscrew the screws
- Do not use excessive force

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.6 Instruments With Interlocking Threads



#### EOLi

- Threads damaged, stripped or destroyed (e.g., hammer blows)
- Difficulty in screwing in and unscrewing

#### Recommended Care

- Ensure that the instruments are securely screwed together before use
- Do not subject the instruments to excessive force
- Do not grip threads with pliers
- Dissolve any incrustations with a suitable substance. Then carefully clean the instrument and apply lubrication to threads
- Do not grip threads with pliers

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.7 Instruments With Plastic Handles



#### EOLi

- Parts cracked or broken off
  - Surface is brittle, soft or has a burnt appearance
  - Discoloration or delamination of handle
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- Shank is loose in the handle

#### Recommended Care

- Do not sterilize instrument in hot air
  - Avoid using excessively strong disinfectants or detergents
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- Do not drop instrument

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.8 Anodized Aluminum Items



#### EOLi

- Anodized surface discolored or flaky
- Surface scratched

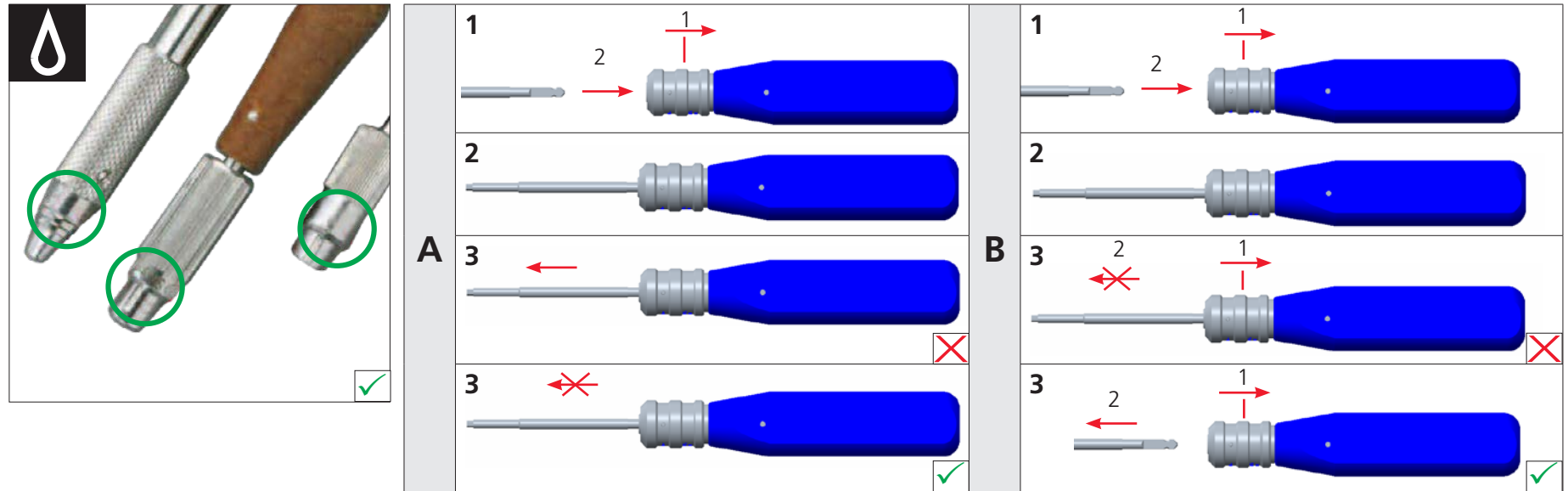
#### Recommended Care

- Do not use disinfectants or detergents containing iodine and metal salts such as mercury, or strongly alkaline solutions
- Never use wire brushed or steel wool for cleaning



## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.9 Instruments With Coupling Features (e.g., Quick Coupling)



#### EOLi

- Will not hold/retain (A)
- Will not release (B)

#### Function Check

Check for proper functioning as follows:

A. Insert the shaft into the coupling (1) and engage the locking mechanism (2). Pull onto the shaft in the opposite direction and ensure that the assembly is secure (3). Replace the instrument if it does not retain the shaft.

B. Insert the shaft into the coupling (1) and engage the locking mechanism (2) to ensure a secure assembly. Disengage the locking mechanism to pull the shaft out of the socket. Replace the instrument if it does not release the shaft.

#### Recommended Care

- Lubricate the coupling joints as needed

- Flexibility of coupling piece impaired or restricted
- Instrument cannot be fitted



## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.10 Plastic Items and Rubber Hoses



#### EOLi

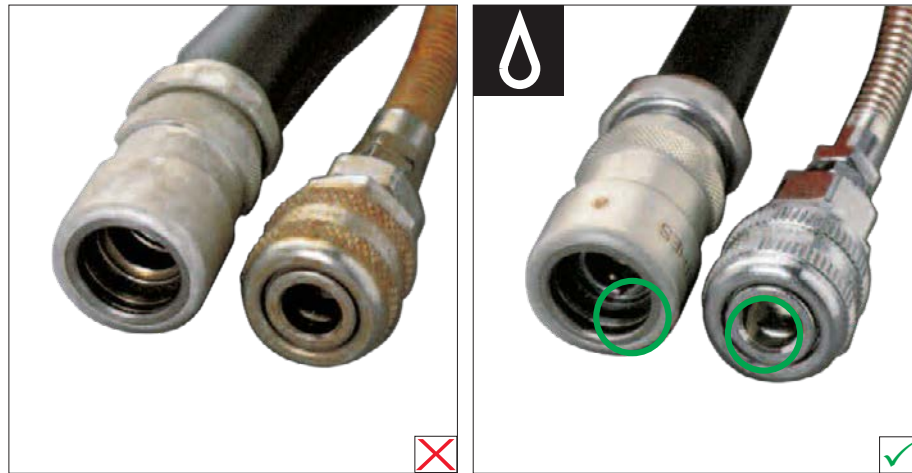
- Helical or rubber hose deformed, split, soft or brittle due to overheating
- Medullary tube discolored, hard or brittle

#### Recommended Care

- Allow hose to cool down before use
- Never lay metallic items on top of hoses during sterilization
- Do not attach couplings together and never sterilize in hot air
- When disconnecting a hose, never pull on the hose itself but on the connector
- Never use a double air hose when blowing an air and oil mixture through an air drill
- Check the flexibility of a plastic medullary tube regularly. Do not sterilize in hot air

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.11 Compressed Air Hose Couplings



#### EOLi

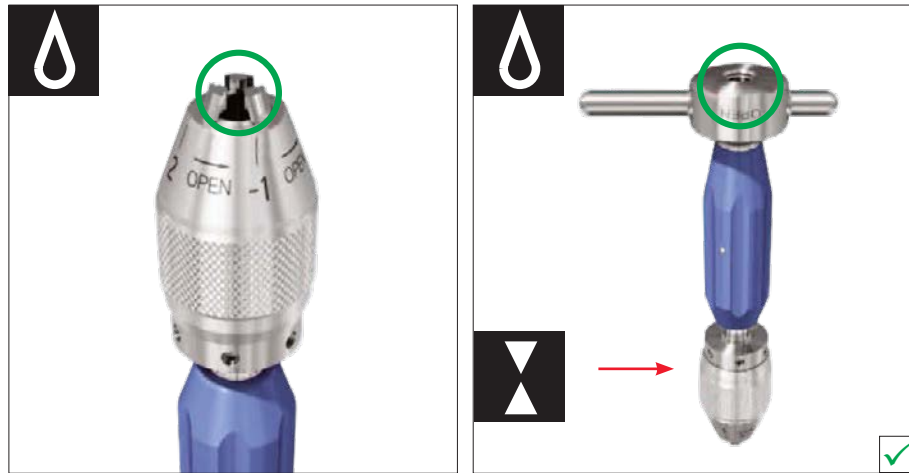
- Sleeves difficult to move
- Retention pins jammed or air valve blocked

#### Recommended Care

- Clean all couplings thoroughly while moving parts
- Apply lubrication

## 2.0 Feature EOLi (As Applicable)

### 2.12 Instruments With Chuck



#### EOLi

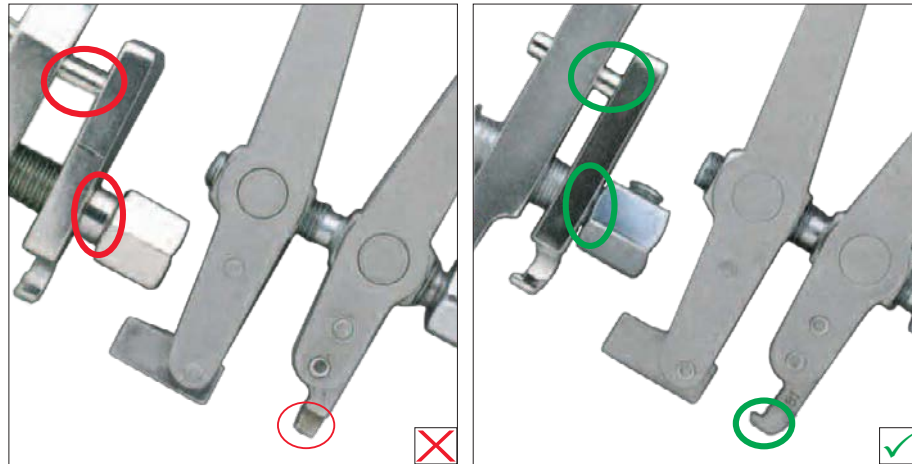
- Chuck jamming
- Device will not open or close

#### Recommended Care

- Lubricate the chuck and the cannulation at the back of the instrument previous to sterilization with autoclavable Synthes oil
- Fully open and close the chuck without implants and check its frictionless function before and after each use

## 3.0 Cable and Wire Instruments (Tension Devices, Cerclage Instruments...)

### 3.1 Tension Devices

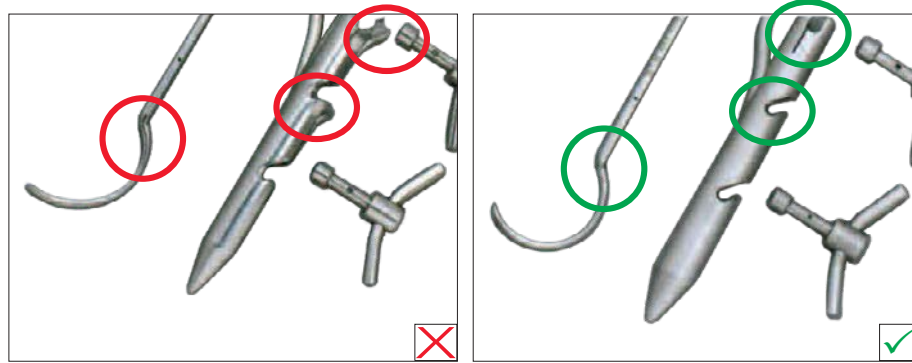


#### EOLi

- Distraction or tensioning hooks are bent or broken
  - Guide pin bent
  - Hexagonal nut damaged
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- Movement of the nut is impaired
  - See also 2.2 – *Instruments With Hexagon Sockets or Bolt Heads* and 2.5 – *Threaded Instruments*

## 3.0 Cable and Wire Instruments (Tension Devices, Cerclage Instruments...)

### 3.2 Cerclage Instruments (Wire Tightener, Passer, Twister...)



#### EOLi

- Wire passer bent or flattened
- Guide tube of the wire tensioner split or deformed

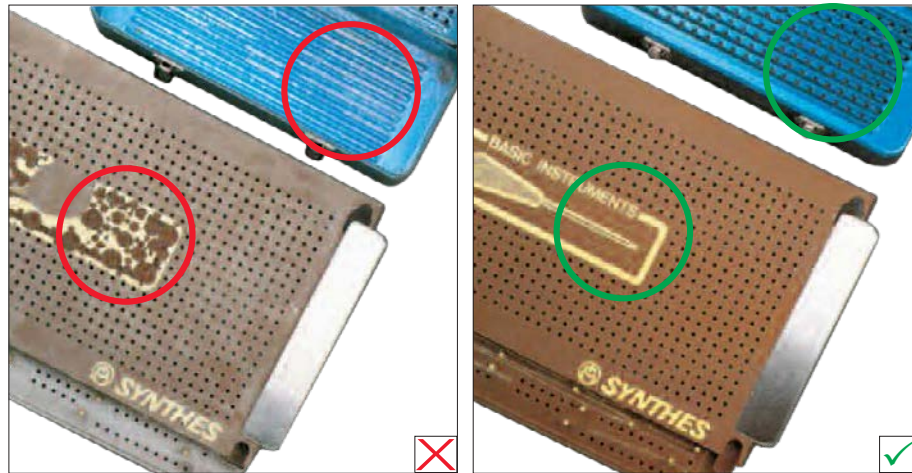
- Wire passer blocked

#### Recommended Care

- Slightly deformed slots can be bent back into position
  - Do not hold the guide tube of the wire passer with forceps
  - Feed the instrument around the bone without tilting it
  - Thread appropriate size cerclage wires into the coil
  - Before tightening wires, fit the coil fully into the slots in the guide tube
  - Do not apply excessive force to the instrument
  - Remove wire residues
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- Dissolve incrustations in the tube of the wire passer thoroughly with a suitable substance. Thoroughly clean and flush instrument

## 4.0 Cases (Anodized Aluminum Cases...)

### 4.1 Anodized Aluminum Cases



#### EOLi

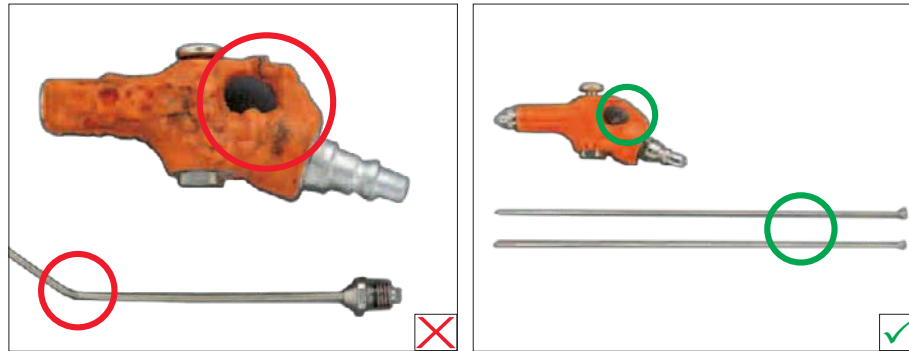
- Surfaces discolored, flaky or scratched

#### Recommended Care

- Do not use disinfectants or detergents containing iodine or heavy-metal salts such as mercury, etc
- Do not use strongly alkaline solutions
- Never use wire brushes or steel wool for cleaning
- Treat surfaces with care. Lay instruments in the cases carefully

## 5.0 Cleaning Instruments

### 5.1 Air Jet and Air Tube



#### EOLi

- Plastic deformed or melted
- Tube bent, broken or blocked

#### Recommended Care

- Never sterilize the nozzle
- Move the tube carefully back and forth when cleaning flexible shafts
- Rinse the air tube thoroughly after use

## 6.0 Cutting and Bone Removal Instruments (Chisels, Gouges, Osteotome, Cutters, Countersinks)

### 6.1 Cutting Instruments



#### EOLi

- Cutting edges damaged, chipped, or blunt

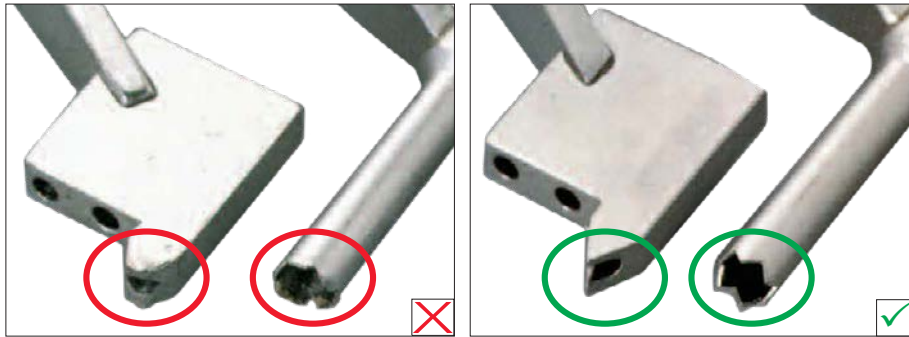
#### Recommended Care

- Regrinding is possible provided the cutting edges are not too badly damaged. Consult your Synthes representative
- Do not misuse instruments. The very function of these instruments means that such damage and wear is to be expected



## 8.0 Drills/Protection Guides/Sleeves/Cannulas/Trocars

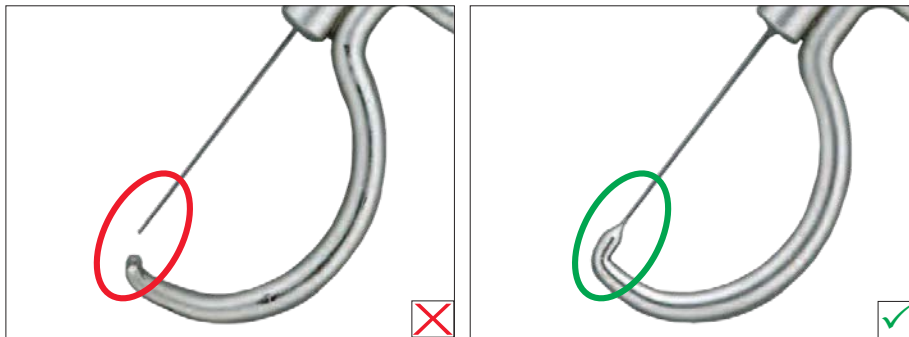
### 8.1 Drill Sleeves With Serrated Ends



EOLi

- Teeth damaged or worn
- The guide sleeve or drill cylinder bent and blocked

### 8.2 Pointed Drill Guide

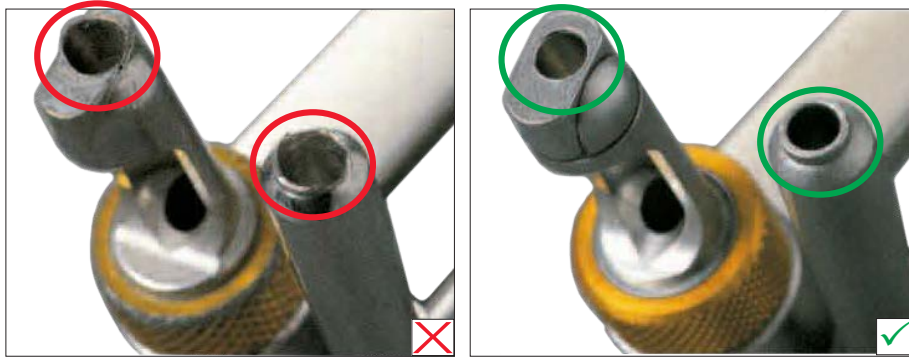


EOLi

- Alignment error—drill guide and tip not in line
- Tip damaged
- Guide damaged by drilling

## 8.0 Drills/Protection Guides/Sleeves/Cannulas/Trocars

### 8.3 Drill Guides for Plates



#### EOLi

- The base of the drill guide is damaged
- Guide cylinder blocked
- See also 2.1 – *Instruments With Spring-Loaded Ball Bearings*

## 9.0 Drill Bits

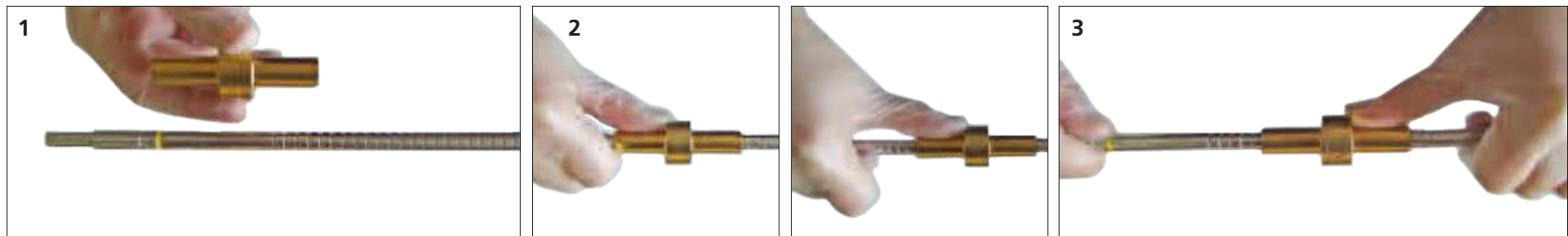


### EOLi

- Blunt, bent, broken, rounding of sharp edges
- Chipped, gouged, deep scratches
- Does not rotate concentrically; circular scratching due to intended rotation of the device
- Knocks and can thus break; damage due to impact

## 9.0 Drill Bits

### 9.1 Fixation Sleeve/Drill Stop for Reamers and Drill Bits



#### EOLi

- The fixation sleeve allows the reamer to stop at a predetermined depth. After multiple use, however, the holding force may become insufficient and the fixation sleeve may move under pressure

#### Function Check

- Check the stop of the fixation sleeve before use
- Proceeding:**
1. Slide the fixation sleeve on the reamer
  2. Press with the thumb onto the fixation sleeve without pressing the button. If the fixation sleeve moves under pressure, replace it
  3. Do the same test into the opposite direction. If the fixation sleeve moves, replace it

#### Recommended Care

- Drill only under periodic image intensifier control
- While reaming, do not use excessive force

## 12.0 Forceps, Pliers, and Holding Instruments



### EOLi

- Jaws deformed or worn
- Ratchet or adjuster spindle bent
- Joint damaged or corroded
- Forceps member bent
- Does not hold, retain, loose

### Recommended Care

- Do not subject forceps to excessive force
- Always use the correct size forceps according to the size of bone being held
- Carefully clean and lubricate joints
- Sterilize instrument only with locks open

## 14.0 Guiding Blocks and Aiming Instruments (Insertion Handle, Spacers)



### EOLi

- Aiming accuracy impaired
  - Tube damaged.
  - Hole widened
- 
- *See also 2.3 – Instruments With Cams*

## 14.0 Guiding Blocks and Aiming Instruments (Insertion Handle, Spacers)

### 14.1 Radiolucent Aiming Arms With Cam Lock Levers



#### EOLi

- The cam lock lever holds the protection sleeve in the aiming arm in place. After multiple use, however, the holding force may become insufficient and the protection sleeves may move under pressure

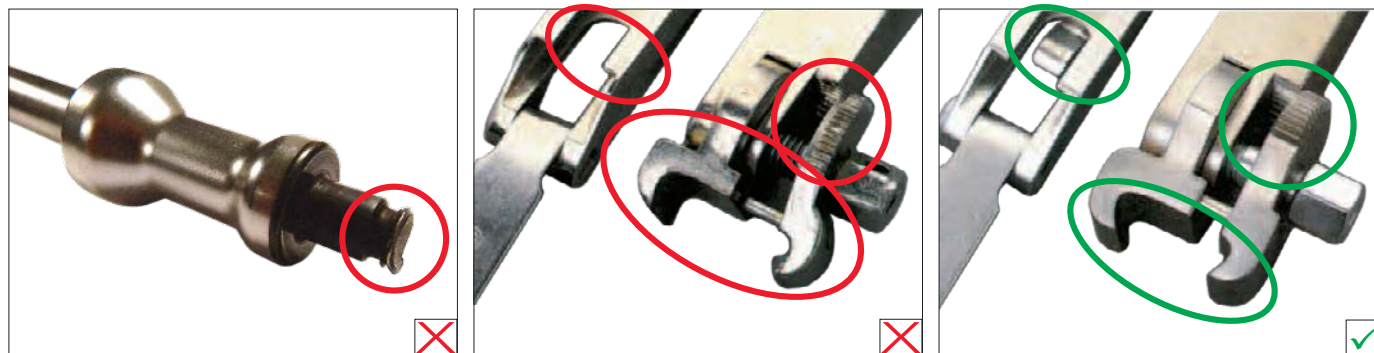
#### Function Check

- Check the cam lock lever of the aiming arm before use:
  1. Ensure the cam lever is not depressed. Insert the combination assembly with the protection sleeve into the aiming arm.
  2. After assembly, press the cam lock lever to secure the protection sleeve in the aiming arm.
  3. Slightly push and pull onto the protection sleeve to ensure it's held in place. If the protection sleeve moves, replace the aiming arm.

#### Recommended Care

- Do not exert excessive force on the aiming arm assembly. These forces may prevent accurate targeting through the proximal locking holes and damage the drill bits

## 17.0 Insertion and Extraction Instruments (Connecting Screws, Extraction Bolts)



### EOLi

- Damaged teeth
- Instrument with jaws: jaw grippers worn or widened
- Instrument with flat spring: flat spring of guide plate bent or broken off
- Instrument with drive pin: drive pin bent
- Instrument with guide plate: plate is deformed
- See also 2.2 – *Instruments With Hexagon Sockets or Bolt Heads* and 2.6 – *Instruments With Interlocking Threads*

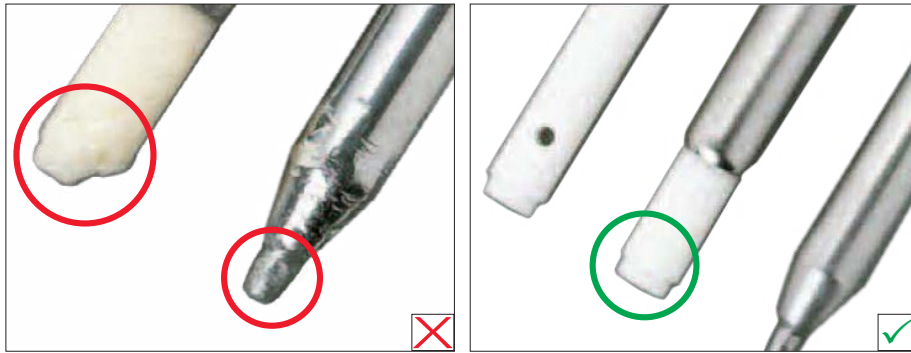
### Recommended Care

- Arrange angle plates so that several teeth are engaged (if necessary, turn or shift through 180°)
- Firmly tighten the locking nut
- If the guide plate spring no longer provides a grip, it can be slightly bent into position to regain tension
- Do not bend flat springs to and fro
- Do not subject drive pin to excessive force
- Do not subject guide plate to excessive force



## 17.0 Insertion and Extraction Instruments (Connecting Screws, Extraction Bolts)

### 17.1 Impactors



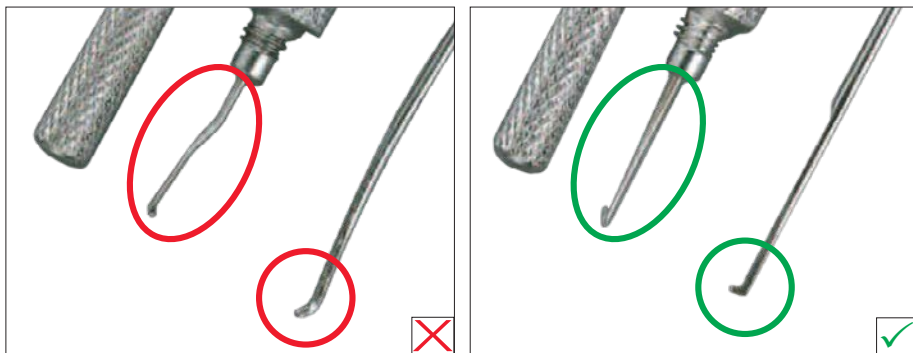
#### EOLi

- Front end damaged
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- Plastic heads broken off

#### Recommended Care

- Ensure that the end of impactor fits exactly into the hole of the plate before driving in the plate
  - Do not tilt the instrument during impacting
  - Avoid using excessive force
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- Ensure that the end of impactor fits exactly into the hole of the plate before driving in the plate
  - Do not tilt the instrument during insertion
  - Avoid using excessive force

## 19.0 Length Assessing Devices (Depth Gauges, Rulers/Estimators, Direct Measuring Devices)



### EOLi

- Measuring hook bent out of alignment or broken off
- Scaling no longer visible
- See also 2.1 – *Instruments With Spring-Loaded Ball Bearings*

### Recommended Care

- Insert gauge correctly
- Adequate care should be taken of the measuring hook

## 20.0 Light Cables

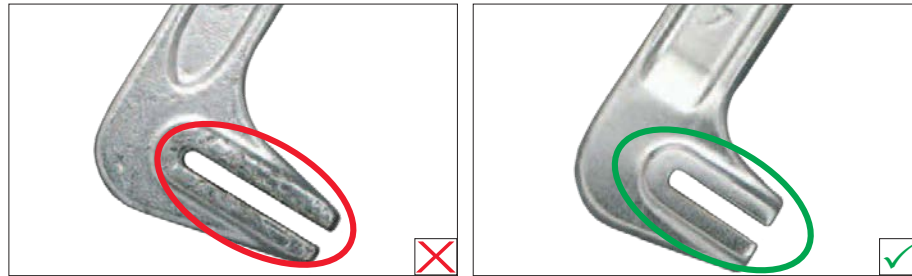


### EOLi

- Poor light transmission

## 22.0 Plate Bending and Cutting Instruments

### 22.1 Bending Iron



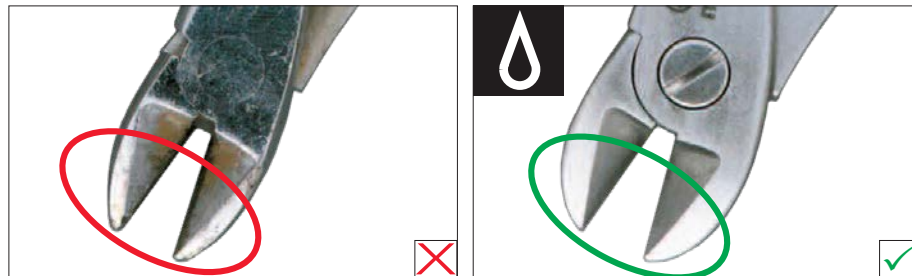
#### EOLi

- Jaws damaged or widened
- Leg or pin broken off

#### Recommended Care

- Use the irons only for twisting plates
- Do not use excessive force
- Do not use excessive force

### 22.1 Cutting and Bending Pliers



#### EOLi

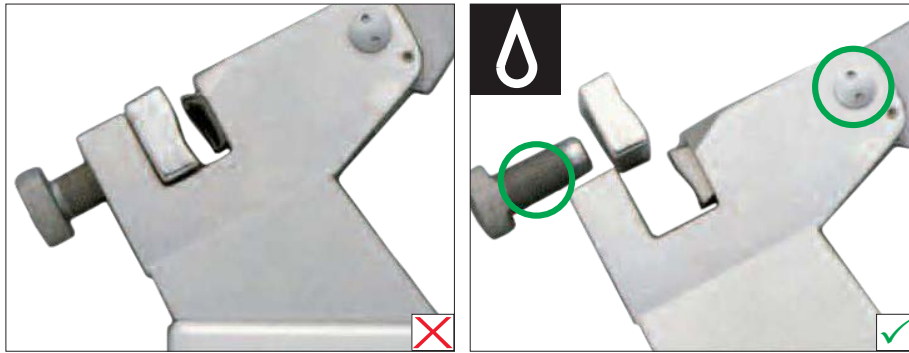
- Cutting edges damaged
- Jaw deformed

#### Recommended Care

- Do not apply excessive force to pliers
- Ensure that the appropriate cutting and bending pliers are used for the various diameters of wire
- Use lubrication
- Do not apply excessive force to pliers
- Ensure that the appropriate cutting and bending pliers are used for the various diameters of wire

## 22.0 Plate Bending and Cutting Instruments

### 22.3 Bending Press



#### EOLi

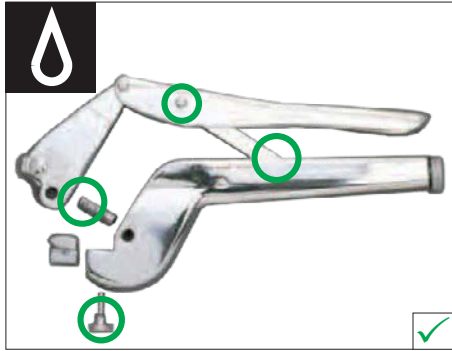
- Screw jammed or difficult to turn
- Anvil cannot be detached
- Surface damaged
- Punch damaged
- Lever stiff

#### Recommended Care

- Dismantle press for cleaning (screw and anvil)
- Carefully clean the thread of the adjuster screw
- Lubricate the screw, lever joint and punch
- Never force adjuster screw and anvil together. Punch profile must correspond to anvil profile

## 22.0 Plate Bending and Cutting Instruments

### 22.4 Plate Bending Pliers



#### EOLi

- Adjuster screw or thrust member damaged
- Anvil damaged
- See also 2.5 – *Threaded Instruments*

#### Recommended Care

- Dismantle the pliers when cleaning and carefully clean threaded parts
- Apply lubrication
- Use the correct size anvil according to plate size

## 24.0 Reamers and Awls

### 24.1 Medullary Reamer Heads

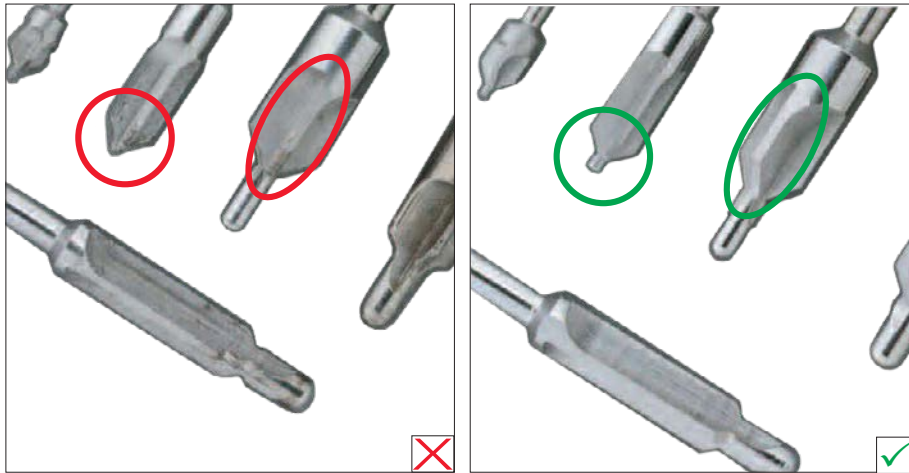


#### EOLi

- Chipped, gouged, deep scratches
- Circular scratching due to intended rotation of the device
- Cutting edge damaged; cutting edge corners broken off
- Rounding of sharp edges
- T-groove of drilling heads damaged or broken off

## 24.0 Reamers and Awls

### 24.2 Burrs



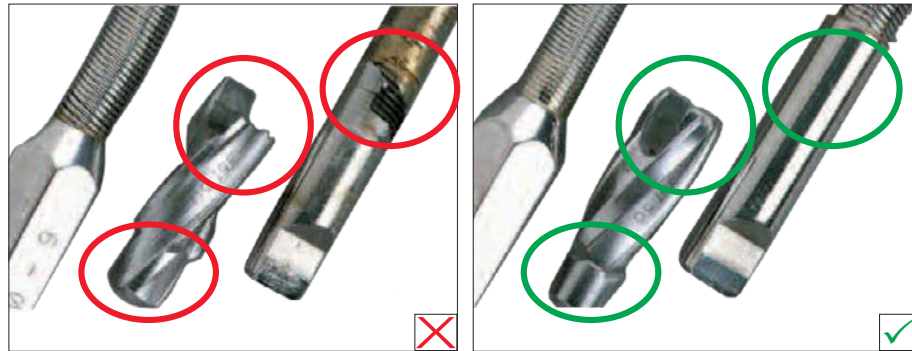
#### EOLi

- Conical or side-cutting edge damaged or blunt
- Centering tip damaged



## 24.0 Reamers and Awls

### 24.3 Flexible Shafts



#### EOLi

- Helix or shaft irregular or kinked
  - Connector worn at front or rear
  - Soldered point damaged
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- Shaft contaminated with dried-on drillings

#### Recommended Care

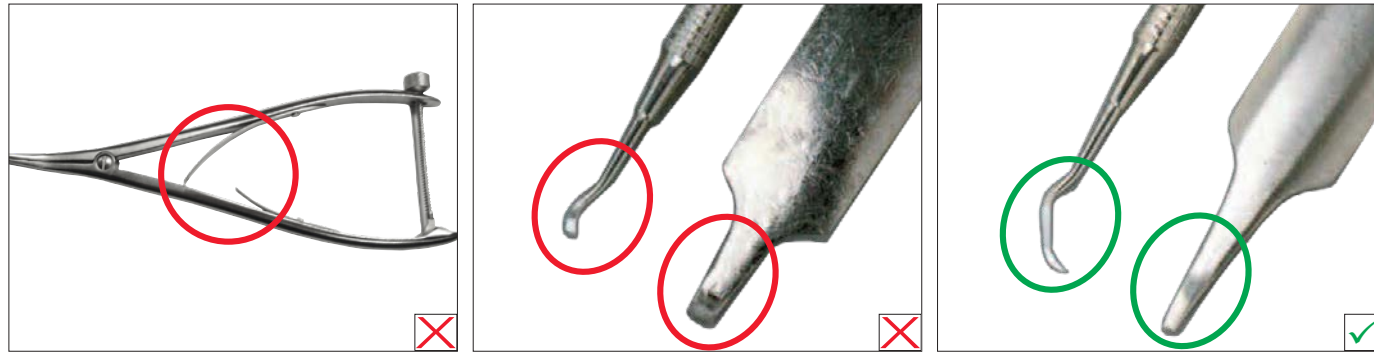
- Never reverse run a flexible shaft
  - Do not apply excessive pressure while drilling
  - Core drill in increments of 0.5 mm
  - Change shaft as required
  - Always core drill via the mandrel
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- During surgery, flush the shaft directly after use with Ringer-Lactate solution or saline solution. Never leave the shaft submerged in the solution
  - At the conclusion of surgery, clean the shaft by hand under water with a water jet, nozzle and detergent. Close the distal opening with a finger to force the solution through the wire walls. During cleaning, bend the shaft to and fro. Then dry with warm air
  - Dissolve incrustations with suitable agent. Clean the instrument thoroughly

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- See also 24.1 – Medullary Reamer Heads

### 24.4 Fixation Sleeve/Drill Stop for Reamers and Drill Bits

(See also 9.1 – Fixation Sleeve/Drill Stop for Reamers and Drill Bits)

## 27.0 Retractors/Elevators (Bone Spreaders, Hooks, etc.)



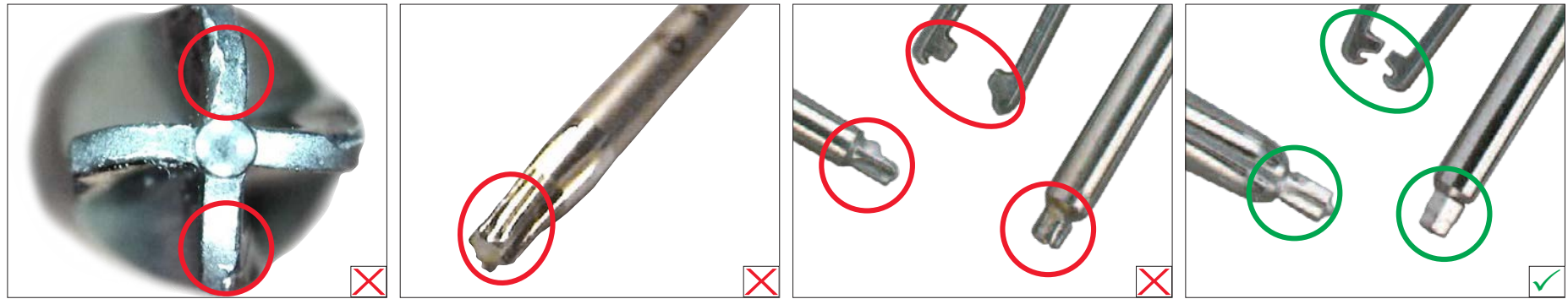
### EOLi

- Tips deformed or broken off
- Retractor accidentally drilled, bent or has sharp edges
- Spring on bone spreader damaged

### Recommended Care

- Do not apply excessive force to bone hooks
- Do not apply excessive force to retractors. Do not drill into retractors

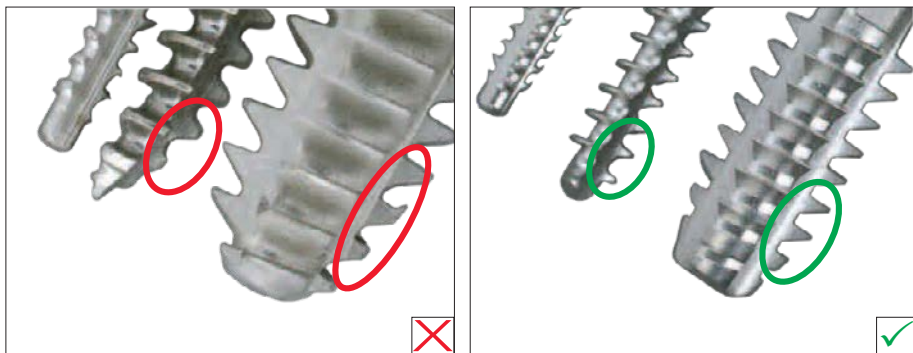
## 28.0 Screwdrivers



### EOLi

- Hexagon/Stardrive™/Cruciform tip damaged
  - Self-retaining screwdriver tips worn, do not retain
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- Spring action or holding force of the holding sleeve ineffective; end damaged

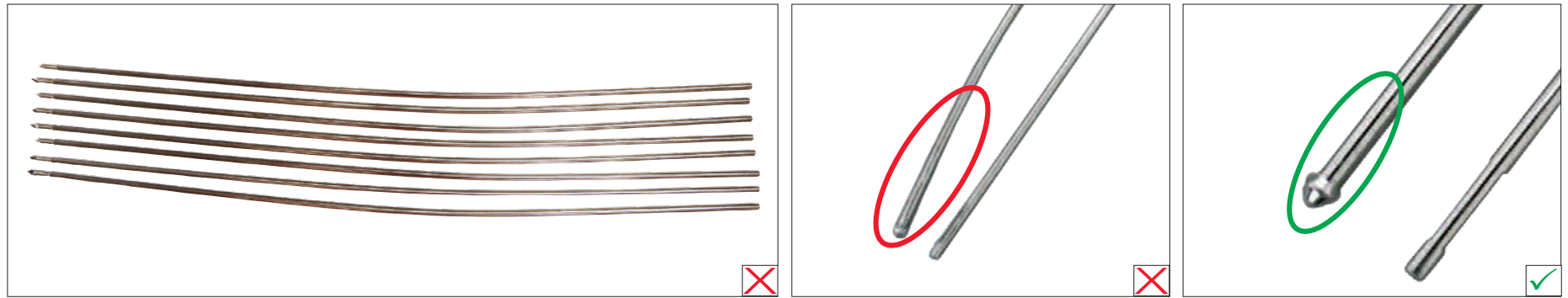
## 31.0 Taps



### EOLi

- Thread damaged. Teeth blunt or broken
  - Tap bent or twisted
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- Quick coupling end damaged

## 33.0 Wires



### EOLi

- Instrument bent, kinked or distorted
- Ends damaged, e.g., drilled into or twisted

### Recommended Care

- Straighten slightly bent instrument
- When drilling, do not tilt the drill over guide wire or rod
- Do not apply excessive pressure during the drilling
- Do not damage ballpoint end of guide pin during drilling. Take care with frontally cutting drill heads

## 34.0 Wrenches



### EOLi

- Hexagon worn or widened
- End of open-ended or box wrench damaged
- The front end of the DHS/DCS wrench has been widened