

SURGICAL STAPLER HAVING A PLASTIC CLOSURE PLATE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A surgical instrument for applying a plurality of surgical fasteners to body tissue. The surgical instrument includes a frame having a proximal end and a distal end, with a handle at the proximal end and a support structure at the distal end. The support structure is adapted to support cartridge containing the plurality of surgical fasteners. The instrument further includes a closure member for supporting at least a portion of the cartridge for movement from a proximal end of the support structure to a distal end of the support structure, wherein at least a portion of the closure member is made from plastic.

(Figure 1)