

What happens if.....

Buttons won't engage

- Check that the liner is not twisted.
- Make sure that you push the buttons down and forward toward the tip of the aspirator.
- Use enough force to click the buttons into place.

Valve body won't close

- Make sure that the liner is in correct position – that the internal ridges are aligned and the liner tabs fit into the notches of the valve body.

Plunger is hard to pull

- Lubricate the o-ring with one drop of silicone or non-petroleum based oil such as vegetable oil; rub the oil around the o-ring and move the plunger back and forth in the barrel.
- Check the barrel for mineral deposits.
 - If so, rinse with vinegar or soak in water and wash well to remove the mineral deposits.
 - Brush with a soft brush if needed.

Plunger pulls out of cylinder

- Make sure that the collar-stop is in place and the pins are fully engaged.

Vacuum is not established

- Remove the collar stop, withdraw the plunger and check that the o-ring is free of damage or foreign material.
- Make sure that the o-ring is properly lubricated and properly positioned in the groove on the plunger head.
- Make sure the cylinder is firmly placed in the valve.
- Make sure that the buttons are locked into place before pulling the plunger back.

Fluid path appears blocked

- Open the valve body and check that the valve liner is not twisted.
- Remove the valve liner and ensure that it is clean and intact.

Mineral deposits appear to be building up in the cylinder or on the valve hinges

- Soak the instrument briefly in vinegar and brush with a soft brush as needed; rinse with clean water.
- If you cannot remove the deposits, replace the aspirator.

The device becomes misshapen in the autoclave

- Check that the temperature setting on the steam autoclave is at 121°C (250° F) and that the instrument is in the autoclave for 30 minutes at 106kPa (15 lbs/in²).
- Do not use a “flash” setting.
- Replace the aspirator if it has become misshapen



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