

What are the differences between Interchangeable and S-Lock®?

Thinking of upgrading your Thompson Retractor to S-Lock® Handles and Blades? Here's what you need to know:



DEFINING FEATURES	INTERCHANGEABLE (Older Style)	NEW S-LOCK® (Indicated by 'SL' or 'SO' at beginning of part number)
 SWIVELS 360°	 YES Blade nipple contains one groove: Swivel 360° (does not lock)	 YES Blade nipple contains two grooves: Top swivels 360°; Bottom locks in place where desired *
 LOCKS IN PLACE FOR PRECISE RETRACTION	 NO	 YES *
 BLADE + HANDLE CONTAIN MATCHING SERRATIONS	 NO Blade and handle are smooth	 YES * Blade and handle contain matching serrations *
 NIPPLE + PLUNGER COLOR	Silver Blade nipple and handle plunger are silver colored, and compatible only with each other	Gold Blade nipple and handle plunger are gold colored, and compatible only with each other

i NOTE:
S-Lock® Handles and Blades are compatible with older frame components. Frame upgrade is not required to use S-Lock.



* S-Lock Blades with an 'SO' at the beginning of the part number are Swivel Only, and do not lock in place, do not contain serrations, and have only one groove on the blade nipple, but are compatible with S-Lock Handles only.