

Spray Hook / Snooker Hook

Description:

The **Spray Hook**, also known as **Snooker Hook**, is a specialized surgical instrument designed for precision retraction or manipulation of soft tissues during procedures. Its unique curved structure allows for access into difficult areas with minimal tissue trauma.

Specifications:

- **Design:** Curved or semi-curved with a rounded blunt tip
- **Length:** Standard surgical size (varies per set)
- **Finish:** Matte / Satin for reduced glare
- **Grip:** Smooth or serrated handle for improved control

Sizes & Shapes:

- Available in **standard and custom sizes**
- **Curved “snooker” shape** ideal for narrow space access
- Designed to reduce tissue slippage during use

Material:

- Premium **Stainless Steel (Surgical Grade)**
- Rust-resistant and **corrosion-proof**
- Reusable and autoclavable for long-term use

Category:

- **Surgical Instruments**
- Sub-category: **Retractors / Hooks**

Product Form:

- **Reusable**
- Non-disposable/ Single-piece forged or welded construction

Usage:

- Gently retracting tissue during surgical or clinical procedures
- Commonly used in **ENT, gynaecological, and minor surgical setups**
- Assists in visualization and access during procedures

Advantages:

- Minimizes soft tissue damage
- High control with minimal pressure
- Allows visibility in tight operative fields
- Lightweight and easy to handle

Disadvantages:

- Not suitable for heavy retraction
- Must be used with care to avoid over-manipulation
- Improper sterilization may lead to corrosion over time

Precautions:

- Always inspect for tip integrity before use
- Avoid applying excessive force
- Ensure proper sterilization before and after each use

HS / HSN Code:

- **HS Code:** 9018.90.99
- **HSN Code:** 9018 (Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences)

Handling Instructions:

- Hold with a firm but gentle grip
- Use in conjunction with other soft tissue instruments when necessary
- Do not drop or bend to maintain precision

Sterilization Details:

- **Autoclave-safe** (Steam sterilization at 134°C)
- Can be sterilized using ETO or cold chemical methods
- Store in dry, clean conditions to preserve finish

Veterinary Application:

Used for **small animal surgeries** where fine tissue retraction is needed, especially in **oral or nasal procedures**. Allows better field view without traumatizing delicate tissues.

Human Application:

Commonly used in **ENT, obstetric, or minor surgical settings**, the Spray Hook aids in tissue handling and retraction in compact operative zones, enhancing procedural efficiency.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Is the Spray Hook reusable?**
Yes, it is made of surgical-grade stainless steel and designed for repeated use after proper sterilization.
2. **What is the difference between Spray Hook and Snooker Hook?**
They are essentially the same instrument, referred to differently based on region or preference.
3. **Can it be used in dental surgeries?**
Yes, particularly in soft tissue manipulation and retraction in confined spaces.
4. **Is it suitable for paediatric surgeries?**
Yes, but smaller size variants should be selected for paediatric applications.
5. **Does it come in different finishes?**
Typically available in matte/satin to reduce surgical light glare.