

I Hate Staplers!

Is there a stapler made that works twice in a row without jamming? I don't care what it costs-I will buy it!!!!!! Suggestions appreciated, especially for one of those staplers that goes through a half inch of papers.

For a normal stapler, you cannot beat a good Swingline. They rarely jam and are nice and heavy duty. The style hasn't changed in 50 years.

I think I paid about \$25 and it was worth every penny.

Bobby Lott

I have a gray Swingline that staples lots of papers, at least 30 pages or more, really well. I think it's model 35550, or at least that's the number on the box of staples that fit it.

But the trick is to stand over the stapler, and push down firmly and gently, and keep pushing until the staples go through and curve under. Don't BANG on it. And don't stop pushing midway. Push until it's done.

Marilou Auer, a nonlawyer who staples lots and takes care of her staplers and they take care of her

Back when I used paper, I used the Max HD-50DF flat-clinch stapler. The flat clinch makes the papers stack much more easily. As far as I know, it has never jammed on me.

Be sure to buy name brand staples. Some of the cheap store brands *may* cause them to jam.

Mike Phillips, North Carolina

I do a lot of wills with blue title pages, meaning they're a challenge to staple neatly. Something I just discovered, literally this Monday: BUY PREMIUM STAPLES. They're a few bucks more, but do not crumple as easily.

And I use a Swingline Optima 40, which can handle up to 40 sheets.

Michael A. Koenecke, Texas

I find whacking the stapler with "the wood object" makes it staple better. My "wood object" only cost a dollar at auction.

John Davidson, Pennsylvania

Swingline model no. 77701/15, using high capacity staples 35550.

I have had it for at least 10 years, very reliable; will go easily thru 50 sheets of paper. If you start getting up to maybe 75 sheets, it's a little tough because the staples are a tad short for that thickness, but for what I use it for, it's great.

Ronald Jones, Florida

I HIGHLY recommend PaperPro's one touch staplers. Mine says "prodigy" on the side, so I guess that might be the model. It says it does 25 sheets, and I've never had it jam. It always punches straight through and folds nicely. We like it so much, we bought a 100 page model too, and it is awesome as well.

It is just about the best piece of office equipment ever.

Aaron M. Cook, Indiana

I am using a PaperPro that I picked up at Sam's Club, and it positively fires the staples with just the slightest touch. Never had a jam, either.

Very truly yours,

Timothy A. Gutknecht, Illinois

you have to make sure that your staples match your stapler. get what they recommend and don't stray.

Shawn French, South Carolina

I have a Stanley/Bostich B310HDS that would probably staple a couple sheets of plywood. Perfect for thick doc BUT uses 4 lengths of staples--nuisance to switch--if too long you get nasty sharp points on top of doc.

Use it much less since I got love of my life, Stapes One Touch. It uses standard staples but has a double action that eliminates whacking & really works.

ONE TOUCH THAT'S NICE.....stick it to 'em.

John Page, Florida

staplers get old and wear out, they start not stapling and jamming..just throw it out..

just got a regular stapler at staples store staples brand stapler "by rapid" looks the same as a stapler, and uses regular staples, but the staples come out flat instead of curved on the bottom of the paper when it staples, in theory less jamming and more capacity..

for the larger stacks re: for 2-70 papers i have a large swingline a bit ugly but it does the job...i used it when i have to staple 30+ sheets...

gilbert alba, Florida

1. Buy quality staples for a couple of extra bucks. We use Swingline Premium SF-4, I believe.

2. Toss the old worn out stapler. I really like the Swingline handheld staplers but the "backbone" breaks and you have to toss them.

3. Have one heavy duty stapler in the office for big jobs. The little office stapler won't do it. We have a clunky, ugly Swingline that we have had for 25 years.

Jim Pardue, North Carolina

For conventional size staplers, we all seem to have great experience with the very durable Swingline staplers, I have a couple of Leitz staplers that are a little more compact and seem fine too.

Norm Solberg, Japan

If you are truly willing to spend a little money, go for gold: The Swingline 270 electric stapler. It staples up to 70 sheets like buttah -- a flick of the wrist. A roll of 5,000 staples, which runs around 30 bucks, lasts forever. I did a bunch of research and invested when I was starting to have wrist problems from stapling large quantities of docs all the time.

This thing can handle two sheets to 70 so quickly and smoothly. I have one at home and one at the office (currently next to the printer so that I can staple things as they print). It rivals the one built into the photocopier in capacity and ease of use. The staples, while able to handle up to 70 sheets, are thinner and lay flatter than the staples from mechanical stapler that can handle a similar capacity, and are easier to remove as well.

This sucker has a list price of something like \$400-600, but I bought both of mine (and one for my husband's office) on eBay for around \$120. And worth every penny. Set up an eBay alert for Swingline 270 and be patient. (Disclaimer: The ones I have are all very square and I bought them around 6-7 years ago -- on my last eBay search, they seem to have changed the exterior to be more rounded, and I've not used the newer versions). I think one of ours is reconditioned/slightly used when purchased and they've all worked out great.

Happy stapling! Swingline 270. Seriously.

Best,
Dineen Pashoukos Wasylik, FLoridya

I prefer to use regular nails instead of staples, at least for stuff like hardwood flooring. For making furniture, I may use glue or screws.

John

John T. Mitchell, District of Columbia

But then there are some jobs for which a staple gun clearly is required.

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Nat sez, "You're on a racing yacht, 650 miles from the finish line of the fifth leg of an around-the-world race. Your mast breaks, you send a team member up to cut free the sail. He slashes at the rigging but also himself, and blood drips down the mast. He comes down white with blood loss and with a massive wound. What do you do? 'After talking to our team doctor we decided to staple him together. We took out the staple gun and put five staples in him and now he's as good as new, I think.' Nope, that's not what I would have reached for either. I wonder whether the team doctor is also the ship's carpenter?"

James S. Tyre, California

I can second this recommendation. I liked my PaperPro so much I got one for home too.

Most staplers have a hard time going through two pages. My 25-page PaperPro has worked on 30 pages before, without a problem. Definitely the best around.

Russ Gray, Utah

Seriously guys? A whole thread about staplers that's even straight-up talked about Swingline, and no one's even *thought* about Milton from Office Space?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSLh7ctcYBk&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Ted Wallace
