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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A surgical stapler is provided having a pair of jaws including
a staple containing cartridge and an anvil. Buttress material is
releasably affixed to the staple containing cartridge and the
anvil. One of the jaws includes a pair of longitudinal projec-
tions at a first end of the jaw and configured to frictionally
engage corresponding slots in a first end the buttress material.
One of the jaws includes a post at a second end of the jaw. The
buttress material includes a hole in a second end of the but-
tress material for receipt of the post.

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