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Model: 10-788

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your STANLEY Retractable Utility Knife, Model 10-788. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the tool and retain it for future reference.



Image: The Stanley Retractable Utility Knife, Model 10-788, shown in its retail packaging. The knife features a silver body with black grip accents and a retractable blade mechanism.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always exercise extreme caution when handling any utility knife. Blades are extremely sharp and can cause severe injury if not handled properly.

- **Wear appropriate personal protective equipment**, including safety glasses and cut-resistant gloves, when using or changing blades.
- **Keep fingers and body parts clear** of the blade path during use and blade changes.
- **Ensure the blade is fully retracted** when the knife is not in use.
- **Store the knife and spare blades out of reach of children** and in a secure location.

- **Do not use dull or damaged blades** Replace them promptly to prevent accidents and ensure efficient cutting.
- **Dispose of used blades safely** in a designated blade disposal container.
- **Do not apply excessive force** when cutting. Let the sharp blade do the work.

## SETUP

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### 1. Unpacking

Carefully remove the utility knife from its packaging. Inspect the knife for any signs of damage. If any damage is observed, do not use the tool and contact customer support.

### 2. Blade Installation / Replacement

The STANLEY Retractable Utility Knife features a quick-change blade mechanism. Always handle blades by their dull edges.

1. **Retract the blade fully** into the handle if a blade is already installed.
2. **Locate the blade release button**, typically a yellow button or slider on the side of the knife. Press and hold this button.
3. **Carefully slide the old blade out** from the front of the knife. Dispose of it safely.
4. **Insert a new standard utility blade** into the blade slot, ensuring the notched edge aligns with the internal mechanism.
5. **Push the blade fully into position** until it clicks securely. Release the blade release button.
6. **Test the blade retraction and extension** to ensure it is properly seated and operates smoothly.



Image: A close-up view of the Stanley Utility Knife, highlighting the blade housing and the mechanism for blade insertion and removal. The silver body and black grip are visible.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. Extending and Retracting the Blade

To extend the blade, push the slider forward with your thumb until the blade reaches the desired cutting depth. To retract, pull the slider back until the blade is fully enclosed within the handle.

### 2. Using the Utility Knife

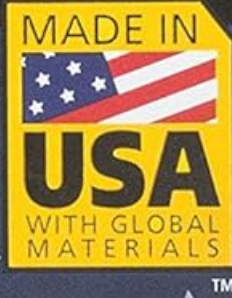
Hold the knife firmly with a secure grip. Position the blade against the material to be cut. Apply steady, even pressure and guide the knife along the desired cutting line. Always cut away from your body.



# STANLEY®

## INSTANTCHANGE®

Utility Knife  
Cuchillo De Uso General  
Couteau Utilitaire



Improved  
Blade Change\*

Cambio de hoja rápido\*  
Changement de  
lame rapide\*

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BLADES  
HOJAS  
LAMES

10-788

**RETRACTABLE**  
RETRACTIL / RÉTRACTABLE





Image: A person wearing gloves uses the Stanley Retractable Utility Knife to cut a piece of insulation material on a wooden workbench. The knife's ergonomic design is visible during use.

### 3. Integrated String Cutter

Some models of this utility knife include an integrated string cutter. This feature allows for quick cutting of twine, cord, or thin straps without fully extending the main blade. Locate the dedicated notch or hook on the knife body and carefully position the string within it, then pull to cut.

## MAINTENANCE

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### 1. Cleaning

After each use, wipe down the knife handle and blade (when retracted) with a clean, dry cloth to remove any debris or residue. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, which can damage the tool's finish or components.

### 2. Blade Replacement

Refer to the "Blade Installation / Replacement" section under Setup for detailed instructions. Replace blades as soon as they become dull to maintain cutting efficiency and reduce the risk of injury.

### 3. Storage

Always ensure the blade is fully retracted before storing the knife. Store the knife in a dry, secure location, away from moisture and out of reach of children. The large hang hole allows for convenient pegboard storage.



Image: A close-up view of the Stanley Utility Knife's handle, clearly displaying the model number "10-788" and the textured grip for enhanced control.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Blade does not extend or retract smoothly.	Debris in blade channel; improperly installed blade; damaged slider mechanism.	Clean blade channel. Reinstall blade correctly. If mechanism is damaged, discontinue use.
Blade feels loose or wobbly.	Improperly installed blade; worn blade; internal component issue.	Ensure blade is fully seated. Replace with a new blade. If problem persists, discontinue use.
Difficulty cutting materials.	Dull blade; incorrect cutting technique.	Replace with a new, sharp blade. Review operating instructions for proper technique.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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**Model:** 10-788

**Blade Type:** Standard Utility Blade

**Handle Material:** Cast Metal Core with Bi-material Soft Panels

**Color:** Silver with Black Accents

**Blade Retraction:** Manual-Retractable

**Features:** Integrated String Cutter, Swing-out Blade Storage (for spare blades, if applicable to this model), Large Hang Hole, Padded Thumb Rest

**Item Length:** 6.69 Inches

**Item Weight:** 0.66 Kilograms

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official STANLEY website or contact their customer service department. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

**STANLEY Customer Service:** Please visit [www.stanleytools.com](http://www.stanleytools.com) for contact details and further assistance.

