

# A pragmatic approach to the treatment of tooth wear

# What I plan to talk about (briefly):

- Effect of cutting tooth substance
- Incidence of tooth wear
- Bonding composite to worn teeth
- Which composite?
- Principles of dental aesthetics
- Success rates of treatment
- Patient Information/Patient satisfaction
- Why veneers are not appropriate

# 1996

Treatment of tooth wear  
using extreme tooth wear  
by a turbine drill!

...with caries (and tooth wear progressing slowly), the pulp has a chance to recover

### Current Concepts and Techniques for Caries Excavation and Adhesion to Residual Dentin

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**Abstract:** The advent of "Adhesive Dentistry" has simplified the guidelines for cavity preparation enormously. The design and extent of the current preparations are basically defined by the extent and shape of the caries lesion, potentially slightly extended by beveling the cavity margins in order to meet the modern concept of *minimally invasive dentistry*. New caries excavation techniques have been introduced, such as the use of plastic and ceramic burs, improved caries-disclosing dyes, enzymatic caries-dissolving agents, caries-selective sono/air abrasion and laser ablation. They all aim to remove or help remove caries-infected tissue as selectively as possible, while being minimally invasive through maximum preservation of caries-affected tissue. Each technique entails a specific caries-removal endpoint and produces residual dentin substrates of different natures and thus different receptiveness for adhesive procedures. This paper reviews the newest developments in caries excavation techniques and their effect on the remaining dentin tissue with regard to its bonding receptiveness.

**Keywords:** minimally invasive dentistry, dentin caries, caries excavation, bond strength of composite/dentin interfaces.

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NOT so, with a turbine drill!

Teeth are clever! They can heal!

*briefly...* Does drilling  
affect teeth?

*Some work on crowns*

Tooth preparation and pulp degeneration  
Christensen GJ. JADA 1997;128:353-354

## **CONCLUSION**

Patients should be warned that pulpal death and endodontic therapy can result from crown placement

# Prevalence of periradicular periodontitis associated with crowned teeth in an adult Scottish subpopulation

Saunders WP, Saunders EM.

Brit Dent.J.1998;185:137-140

- 802 crowns assessed radiographically
- 458 vital at preparation
- 87 (19%) had radiographic signs of peri-radicular disease
- 344 crowned teeth had previous root filling,
- 51% of these had peri-radicular radiolucency
- 21% of these had peri-radicular radiolucency

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## **CONCLUSION:**

Pulpal damage may occur during procedures to provide a crown

procedures to provide a crown



Iatrogenic injury to the pulp in dental procedures.

Bergenholtz G. Int.Dent.J.1991:41:99-110.

## LITERATURE REVIEW: CONCLUSIONS

Iatrogenic ("dentistogenic") injury to the dental pulp is not an insignificant problem in clinical dentistry

Pulpal necrosis occurs with a frequency of 10-15% over a period of 5-10 years

10-12% over a period of 5-10 years

Pulpal necrosis occurs with a frequency of

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# Take home message

In general, keeping a tooth going with a direct placement filling is a better option than reducing a tooth for a crown.

The same applies to tooth wear.

...therefore

A basic principle:  
Minimally invasive methods  
of treatment should be  
employed where possible

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# Incidence of tooth wear

# Adult Dental Health Survey 2009

White DA, Pitts N, Steele J, Cooke P et al, 2011, NHS  
Information Centre



77% of dentate adults showed some tooth wear in their anterior teeth



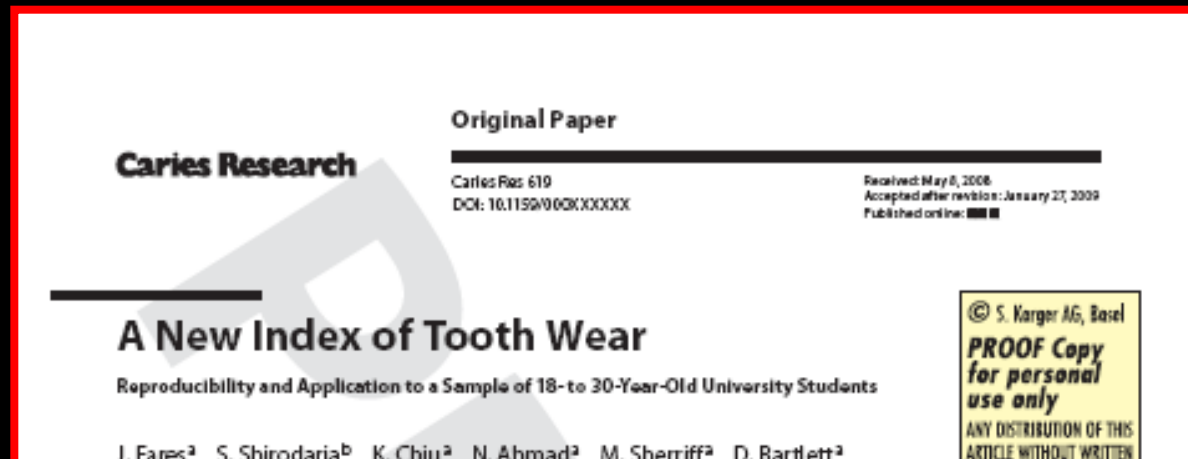
15% showed moderate wear, 2% severe wear



Men have higher incidence of tooth wear



0.5% of adults of 18y to 24y showed severe tooth wear compared with 6% of 75 to 84 year olds

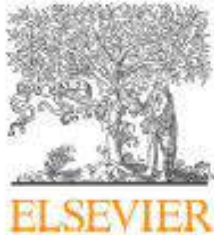


- 1010 students aged 18 to 30 years in London
- Examined for tooth wear
- Enamel wear common to all subjects
- 6.1% had more than one third of the tooth surface affected
- Dentine exposed on 5.3% of all surfaces
- 76.9% had one or more surfaces with dentine exposed
- Males significantly more wear than females



# Tooth wear in Europe

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## Prevalence of tooth wear on buccal and lingual surfaces and possible risk factors in young European adults



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- 3187 young adults, 7 countries in Europe
- Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, Spain, UK
- Tooth wear measured using BEWE index



- Highest levels of TW found in UK
- UK had higher levels of TW on back teeth, while in other countries TW affected anterior teeth more than back teeth
- Strong association of TW in patients taking sleeping medication and antidepressants
- TW associated with acidic drinks, especially fresh fruit & energy drinks
- TW also associated with repeated vomiting and residence in rural areas

Also, higher incidence of TW in persons who classified themselves as managers!!

# CONCLUSIONS

-  Facial and oral tooth wear in adults aged 18 to 34 years was common and affected more than 25% of this population.
-  Regular consumption of fruit and repeated vomiting were associated with high levels of tooth wear.

# Prevalence of tooth wear in adults

Spijker AV, Rodriguez JM, Kreulen CM, Bronkhorst EM, Bartlett DW, Creugers NHJ. Int.J.Prosthodont.2009;22:35-42

- ✍ 186 references examined, 12 (from 10 different countries) survived the inclusion procedure and 4 used for regression analysis
- ✍ Males had more TW than females
- ✍ % of adults with severe TW increases from 3% at 20 years to 17% at 70 years
- ✍ The Smith/Knight Index was found to be a relatively crude index

# Take home message

Is tooth wear a problem?

Yes, in many parts of the world,  
it appears to involve  
a significant % of the  
population, both old and young,  
males more than females.

# Maximising class V effectiveness

## The survival of Class V restorations in general dental practice: part 3, five-year survival

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### IN BRIEF

- This study reminds dentists that they are the most important factor determining the survival of Class V restorations.
- Presents evidence that has been collected from a large number of restorations placed in dental practices and is therefore likely to be particularly relevant to general practitioners.
- Identifies a number of factors associated with poor restoration survival which can help dentists improve their patient care.

### RESEARCH

**Objective** To evaluate the survival over five years of Class V restorations placed by UK general practitioners, and to identify factors associated with increased longevity. **Design** Prospective longitudinal cohort multi-centre study. **Setting** UK general dental practices. **Materials and method** Ten general dental practitioners each placed 100 Class V restorations of varying sizes, using a range of materials and recorded selected clinical information at placement and recall visits. After five years the data were analysed using the Kaplan-Meier method, log-rank tests and Cox regressions models to identify significant associations between the time to restoration failure and different clinical factors. **Results** After five years 275/989 restorations had failed (27.8%), with 116 (11.7%) lost to follow-up. Cox regression analysis identified that, in combination, the practitioner, patient age, cavity size, moisture contamination and cavity preparation were found to influence the survival of the restorations. **Conclusions** At least 60.5% of the restorations survived for five years. The time to failure of Class V restorations placed by this group of dentists was reduced in association with the individual practitioner, smaller cavities, glass ionomer restorations, cavities which had not been prepared with a bur, moisture contamination, increasing patient age, cavities confined to dentine and non-carious cavities.

Maximising class V effectiveness:  
what is associated with failure at 5 years?

Restorations involving dentine only:  
hazard of failure increased by 39%

Large restorations compared with small:  
hazard of failure increased by 85%

Major or minor moisture contamination:  
hazard of failure increased by 29%

Preparation method/rotary instrument used:  
hazard of failure decreased by 40%

Maximising class V effectiveness:  
what material is best at 5 years?

Five year survival

RMGI 78.6%

Amalgam 75%

Compomer 71.2%

Flowable composite 69%

Composite 68.3%

Glass ionomer 50.6%

# Class V meta analysis: conclusions

“The dentist shall roughen the dentine and enamel surfaces”

“Additional bevelling of enamel can be omitted”

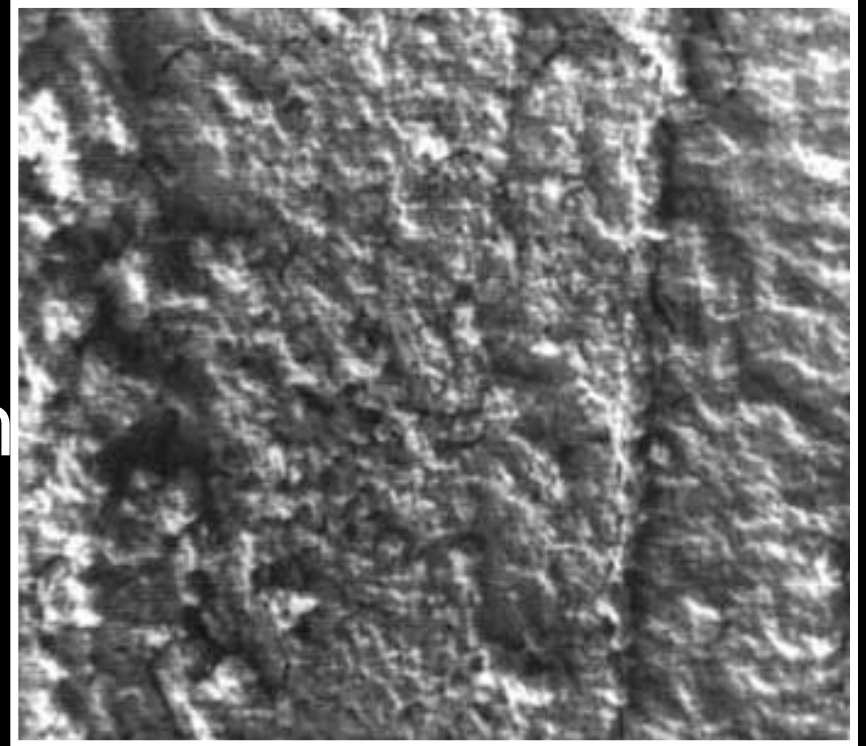
“Isolation with rubber dam is recommended”



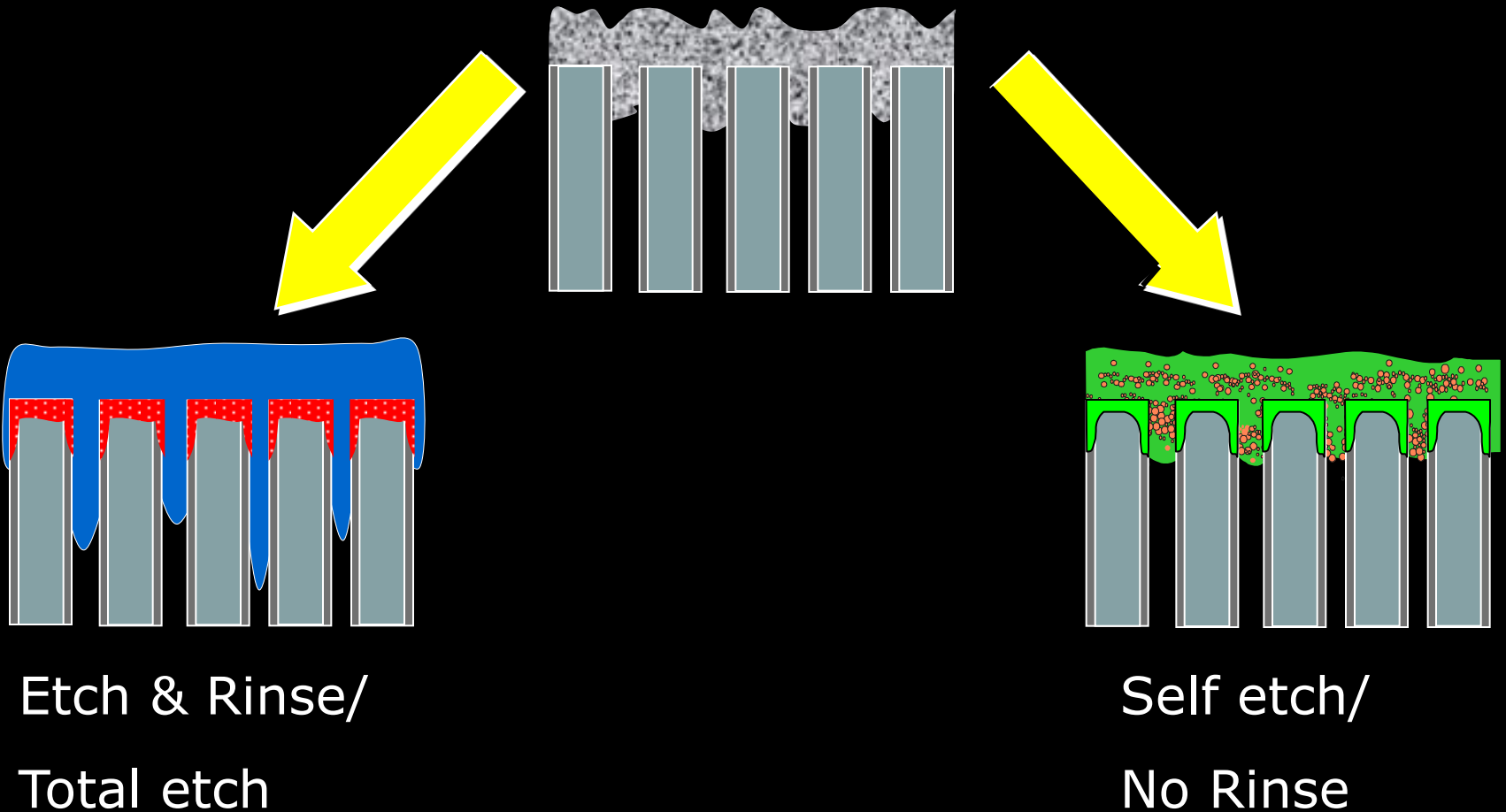


# Problems in bonding to dentine: The Smear Layer

- Thickmess:  
0.5 - 5.0 microns
- Will not wash off
- Weak bond to tooth  
2 – 3 MPa
- Very soluble in  
weak acid



# *Previous* strategies to treat the smear layer : two ways





The quality of  
the hybridised  
dentine is more  
important than  
the bond  
strength

Nakabayashi, 2002

***Until recently*** a classification  
of dentine bonding systems

**1. Etch and rinse**

**(etch & bond, total etch)**

**2. Self etch**  **One bottle**  
 **Two bottles**

...a landmark paper

# Five-year Clinical Effectiveness of a Two-step Self-etching Adhesive

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this prospective randomized controlled clinical study was to evaluate the clinical performance of a "mild" two-step self-etching adhesive, Clearfil SE, in Class V restorations after 5 years of clinical functioning.

**Materials and Methods:** Twenty-nine patients received two or four restorations following two randomly assigned experimental protocols: (1) a mild self-etching adhesive (Clearfil SE, Kuraray) was applied following manufacturer's instructions on both enamel and dentin (C-SE non-etch); (2) similar application of Clearfil SE, but including prior selective acid-etching of the enamel cavity margins with 40% phosphoric acid (C-SE etch). Clearfil AP-X (Kuraray) was used as the restorative composite for all 100 restorations. The clinical effectiveness was recorded in terms of retention, marginal integrity, marginal discoloration, caries recurrence, postoperative sensitivity, and preservation of tooth vitality after 5 years of clinical service. The hypothesis tested was that selective acid etching of enamel with phosphoric acid improved retention, marginal integrity, and clinical microleakage of Class V restorations.

**Results:** Only one restoration of the C-SE non-etch group was lost at the 5-year recall. All other restorations were clinically acceptable. Marginal integrity deteriorated with time in both groups. The number of restorations with defect-free margins was significantly lower in the C-SE non-etch group ( $p = 0.0043$ ). This latter group presented significantly more small incisal marginal defects on the enamel side ( $p = 0.0169$ ). Superficial marginal discoloration increased in both groups, but was more pronounced in the C-SE non-etch group and was related to the higher frequency of small incisal marginal defects.

**Conclusion:** The clinical effectiveness of the two-step self-etching adhesive Clearfil SE remained excellent after 5 years of clinical service. Additional etching of the enamel cavity margins resulted in an improved marginal adaptation on the enamel side; however, this was not critical for the overall clinical performance of the restorations.

**Keywords:** adhesives, clinical trial, cervical lesions, composite restoration.

## **CONCLUSION**

From the results of this study, we may conclude that intra-orally, Clearfil SE performs reliably and stably after 5 years of clinical functioning. Selective enamel etching with phosphoric acid resulted in an improved marginal adaptation, but has no influence on the overall clinical performance of the Class V restorations.

... the new approach  
is therefore....  
selective enamel  
etching



....introducing

a new group of dentine bonding agents

Universal bonding agents

# Treatment of the smear layer

- 👄 REMOVE (Etch & Rinse/Total etch)
- 👄 LEAVE/PENETRATE (Self etch)
- 👄 UNIVERSAL MATERIALS (Etch & Rinse, Selective enamel etch, Self etch) (use for direct and indirect)

# Scotchbond Universal Adhesive: Composition

- BisGMA
- MDP
- Vitrebond Copolymer
- HEMA
- Ethanol
- Water
- Filler
- Silane
- Initiators



# SUGGESTION

For Scotchbond Universal, the  
concept of  
selective enamel etching should  
be employed

# Product Research and Evaluation by Practitioners

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A handling  
evaluation  
by the PREP  
Panel



# Handling evaluation of 3M ESPE Scotchbond Universal by the PREP Panel

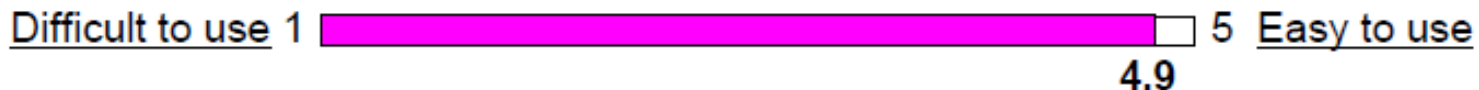
- 👉 12 evaluators
- 👉 Variety of bonding agents used pre-study
- 👉 875 restorations placed (Class 1:172, Class II:189, Class III:134, Class IV:178, Class V:182, Other:20)  
Also used for dentinal hypersensitivity, repair of fractured porcelain, bonding of posts.
- 👉 Rated material on visual analogue scales
- 👉 75% of evaluators would be prepared to pay extra for the convenience of single-unit doses
- 👉 All stated that the resin liquid easily wet the tooth surface, that the bond was easily visible. Some commented that it was “too yellow”

# Handling evaluation of 3M ESPE Scotchbond Universal by the PREP Panel

## Ease of use of previous bonding agent

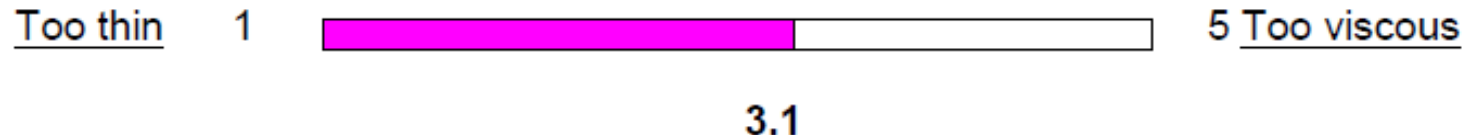


## Ease of use of Scotchbond Universal



## Viscosity of Scotchbond Universal

The viscosity of the bonding liquid was rated by the evaluators as follows:



# Handling evaluation of Scotchbond Universal by the **PREP** Panel: Comments

- 📖 “Disconcertingly yellow – but OK when thinned or light cured”
- 📖 “Spreads well when air applied”
- 📖 “Supposedly the lid can be opened one-handed but it is sometimes a problem”
- 📖 “First material that compares with G-Bond”







I switched to  
Scotchbond  
Universal  
Adhesive in  
September  
2011

Much better adhesive performance  
than previously!

# Other Universal Bonding Agents:

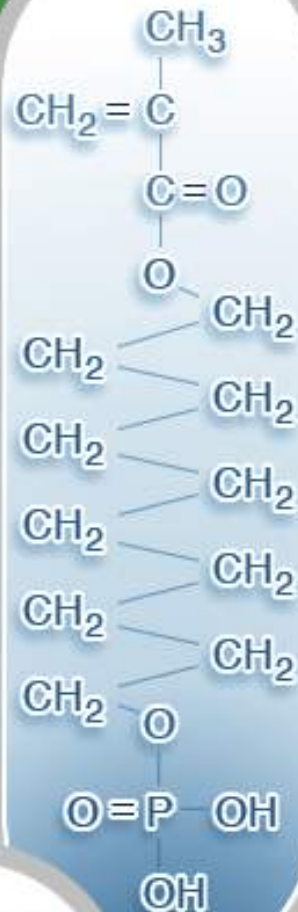




All contain 10-MDP



## Structure of Adhesive monomer MDP



*Polymerizable group*

*Hydrophobic group*

*Hydrophilic group*

*Forming the chemical bond  
with calcium and hydroxy apatite*



10-MDP is important for the status of the bond reaction with HAP

# SUMMARY: Universal bonding agents:

Are compatible with direct & indirect procedures

Can be used in total etch, self etch, selective enamel etch modes

Can be used with self & dual cure luting materials (with separate activator)

Are suitable primers for silica & zirconia

Can bond to different substrates





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## What's New in Dentine Bonding?: Universal Adhesives

**Abstract:** The ability to bond restorations to dentine successfully is central to minimally invasive restorative dentistry. While dentine-bonding agents have gone through a variety of 'generations', it is the purpose of this paper to describe the latest dentine-bonding agents, the Universal Bonding Agents. These materials may be considered 'Universal' insofar as they may be considered to be capable of being used for direct and indirect dentistry, as well as being suitable for use in whichever etching modality the clinician considers appropriate, namely self-etch, etch and rinse or selective enamel etch. Laboratory investigations and initial clinical studies hold the promise that Universal Bonding Agents are a forward step in the quest for the ultimate bond to tooth substance.

**CPD/Clinical Relevance:** New Universal Bonding Agents appear to present a promising advance in bonding to dentine.

**Dent Update 2017; 44: 277-77**

Dentine-bonding agents play a strategic role in the sealing and retention (where necessary) of resin composite restorations, which are increasingly placed by dentists worldwide.<sup>1</sup> Bonding to dentine is also central to the practice of minimally invasive dentistry, given that bonded restorations do not require macro-mechanical retentive features such as locks and keys, which are a feature of non-adhesive (amalgam) cavity preparations.<sup>1</sup>

A dentine-bonding agent should perform the following functions:<sup>2</sup>

- Provide a strong, immediate and permanent bond to dentine;
- Seal the cavity and minimize leakage;
- Resist microbial or enzymatic degradation;
- Provide adhesion *per se* of the restoration in cases where this is necessary;
- Prevent post-operative sensitivity;
- Reduce the risk of recurrent caries;
- Prevent marginal staining;
- Be easy to use.

It is the intention of this paper to update readers on the new group of Universal Dentine Bonding Agents, this being a follow-up to a paper published in 2004 giving details of the last major innovation in bonding to dentine, the introduction of the so-called self-adhesive dentine bonding agents<sup>3</sup> and to other *Dental Update* publications on the subject which readers may wish to read as background or a further update, such as those by Green and Banerjee,<sup>2</sup> Green, Mackenzie and Banerjee<sup>4</sup> and others.<sup>5,6</sup>

### A brief history of bonding to dentine

In the past, dentine-bonding agents were classified into generations.<sup>7</sup> However, this means of identifying different groups of bonding agents fell into disarray because of the failure of authorities in the subject to agree on the type of bonding agent which fitted a given 'generation'. Until recently, the classification has therefore been simply, glass ionomer materials, and resin-based dentine-bonding agents, the latter being further classified into etch and rinse materials and self-etch materials, with some workers classifying the self-etch materials according to their pH.<sup>4</sup>

There are two principal means by which a bond to dentine may be achieved:<sup>8</sup>

- First, glass ionomer materials (GIC – glass-ionomer cements) which were developed in the 1970s, initially being derived from the Fluoro-Alumino-Silicate glass used in the silicate cement materials which were used until the 1960s, but with the phosphoric acid used in silicate cements being substituted by a

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# Do you want to read more?



Effects of moisture degree  
and rubbing action on the  
immediate resin-dentin bond strength  
Dal-Bianco K, Pellizzaro A, et al.  
Dent.Mater.2006

**Conclusion:**

High bond strength to dentine can  
be obtained under dry conditions  
when ethanol/H<sub>2</sub>O and acetone based  
systems are vigorously rubbed on  
the dentine surface. On wet surfaces,  
light rubbing may suffice.

# Take home messages

Dentine bonding is now reliable and effective

Selective etching of enamel is a good idea

Universal bonding materials with MDP are now the business



# Reasons to adopt minimal intervention

- 👄 Patients like it (if you advise them of your philosophy)
- 👄 Teeth like it (fewer die!)
- 👄 It's easier for dentists (fewer die: better for their blood pressure!)
- 👄 Lawyers hate it (fewer dentists sued!)
- 👄 We now have the materials to make this work

But, others are still adopting an invasive approach (and being sued!)

# Most recently.....

## Correlation between the Individual and the Combined Width of the Six Maxillary Anterior Teeth

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### CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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- Impressions made of 69 dentate students in Brazil
- Anterior teeth measured with digital calipers

# Conclusions

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- Nature is rarely perfectly predictable
- There is usually substantial variation around the fitted regression line
- When restoring teeth, symmetry of the central incisors is **central** to success

Sterrett JD et al. Width/length ratios of normal clinical crowns of the maxillary anterior dentition in man. J.Clin.Periodontol.1999;26:153-157

**CONCLUSIONS:** Within male and female Caucasians, the mean width/height ratio of the three maxillary tooth groups is 0.81

Width to length ratios:

There appears to be  
wide variability, but around 0.80  
seems to have the vote

# BEWE: Basic Erosive Wear Examination

## Bartlett D. Br.Dent.J.2010:208:204-209

### A proposed system for screening tooth wear

D. Bartlett<sup>1</sup>

#### IN BRIEF

- Presents a convenient and simple way to record tooth wear in practice.
- The four levels in the proposed system can be easily understood.
- Simple associated treatment options give additional help.

PRACTICE

**Table 1 Clinical sequence when using the BEWE**

1. Diagnose the presence of tooth wear; eliminate teeth with trauma and developmental defects from the score
2. Examine all teeth and all surfaces of teeth in the mouth for tooth wear
3. Identify in each quadrant the most severely affected tooth with wear
4. Conduct BEWE score.

**Table 2 Criteria for grading erosive wear**

Score	Features
0	No erosive tooth wear
1	Initial loss of surface texture
2	Distinct defect, hard tissue loss <50% of the surface area
3	Hard tissue loss ≥50% of the surface area

**Table 3 Complexity levels as a guide to clinical management<sup>15</sup>**

Complexity level	Cumulative score of all sextants	Management
0	Less than or equal to 2	Routine maintenance and observation Repeat at 3-year intervals
1	Between 3 and 8	Oral hygiene and dietary assessment, and advice, routine maintenance and observation Repeat at 2-year intervals
2	Between 9 and 13	Oral hygiene and dietary assessment, and advice, identify the main aetiological factor(s) for tissue loss and develop strategies to eliminate respective impacts Consider fluoridation measures or other strategies to increase the resistance of tooth surfaces Ideally, avoid the placement of restorations and monitor erosive wear with study casts, photographs, or silicone impressions Repeat at 6-12 month intervals
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# Pathogenesis of erosive tooth wear

ACID + TEETH  
minus PROTECTIVE EFFECTS  
=

***Demineralisation***

Demineralisation occurs at a pH of less than 5

Name of drink	pH
Lemon juice	2.25
Ocean spray Cranberry	2.56
Barber's orange juice	3.61
Minute Maid Natural Energy Mango	3.34
Juicy juice apple	3.64
Tropicana grape juice	3.29
Simply lemonade	2.61
Coca Cola Zero	2.96
Coca Cola Classic	2.37
Coca Cola Cherry	2.38
Pepsi	2.39
Pepsi Max	2.74
7UP Diet	3.48
Red Bull regular	3.43

The authors purchased 379 non-alcoholic, non-dairy drinks in stores in Birmingham, Alabama. 93% had a pH of less than 4.0 Reddy A, Norris DF, Momeni SS, Waldo B, Ruby JD The pH of beverages in the United States. J.Am.Dent.Assoc.2016:147:255-263.



## CASE REPORT

## Dental erosion due to wine consumption

LOUIS MANDEL, D.D.S.

**D**ental erosion is defined as a superficial loss of tooth substance by a chemical process that does not involve bacteria.<sup>1,2</sup> The resulting chemical etching usually reflects the effect of acid on tooth structure. Intrinsic causes that

**Background.** Dental erosions can result from numerous causes, but extrinsic dietary factors are the most common. Because of wine's acidity, it may have a deleterious effect on teeth. Its use must be considered during an evaluation of erosive dental changes.

**Case Description.** The author examined a 56-year-old woman because her referring dentist had noted extensive erosive loss of tooth structure, mainly enamel. The author eliminated the usual causes of dental erosion. It was only after a detailed history was obtained and dietary investigation was undertaken that the author determined that the amount, manner and timing of the patient's wine drinking was the cause of the problem.

**Clinical Implications.** Dentists should

Dentists should be aware that wine could be a cause of dental erosion

**Inappropriate use of wine can lead to extensive dental erosions.** Prior teeth not protected by the lips. Exposure to high levels of hydrochloric acid in improperly maintained chlorinated swimming pools also has been reported as a cause of erosion.<sup>1,2</sup> Furthermore, acid erosion can result from the prolonged oral retention of medications. Oral misuse of medications such as hydrochloric acid tablets,<sup>3,4</sup> aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid)<sup>5,6,7</sup> and vitamin C (ascorbic acid)<sup>8,9</sup> has been reported. Inappropriate

has been reported to range from 3.0 to 3.8,<sup>10,11</sup> with white wine being slightly more acidic than red wine.<sup>12</sup> Wine derives its acidity mostly from its contained tartaric and malic acids and from smaller concentrations of citric and succinic acids.<sup>13,14</sup> Because the critical point at which enamel dissolves is at a pH of 5.0 to 5.7,<sup>15,16</sup>

# Drinks tested: Bubbles!



Sparkling water

Schweppes Tonic water

Schweppes Slimline Tonic water

Bucks Fizz (Winemakers selection by Sainsburys) 4% vol

Shloer Non alcoholic sparkling white grape juice

Alska Nordic berries cider (Swedish Cider Company, Stockholm) 4.0% vol

Orchard Premium Irish Cider 4.5% vol

Asti Vino Spumante Dolce (S.Orsola) 7% vol

Prosecco Extra dry (Valdobbiadene) 11% vol

Champagne Monsigny Brut (Philizot et fils) 12% vol

Lanson Brut Rose (Reims France) 12.5% vol

Saumur Rose Brut (Bouvet , Saumur)

Sparkling natural mineral water (Badoit, Saint Galmier, France)

Soda water

# Don't worry!

The most expensive drink was the most erosive!!

Drinks with bubbles might be bad for your teeth!!

Rose sparkling wine and rose champagne seem to be worst!

# Don't worry!

Of course, as well as pH and neutralizable acidity, it's also a volume thing

There may also be other health hazards

Is erosion an  
increasing problem?

Conclusion

YES!

# Other causes of erosion: regurgitational erosion

🍴🍷 **Anorexia nervosa**






🍴🍷 **Bulimia**

🍴🍷 Voluntary reflux phenomenon  
(regurgitation and swallowing)

🍴🍷 Occasional sickness (pregnancy  
sickness: alcohol induced vomiting)

🍴🍷 **GORD**

# Signs of erosive activity

-  Sensitivity
-  Loss of surface anatomy
-  Cupped surfaces of anterior teeth
-  Chipped incisal edges/Incisal translucency
-  Loss of palatal enamel

# Signs of erosive activity

 Unstained surfaces

## NOTE:

If the dentine surface is stained, there has been sufficient time for teeth to take up stains from coffee, *red* wine, nicotine, etc., therefore urgency of treatment decreases.



# Summary: composite for TW

- 💋 Sufficient number of shades & translucencies
- 💋 Enamel shade valuable when only rebuilding incisal edges
- 💋 Good polishability
- 💋 Non-slump and non-sticky materials facilitate easy freehand placement

# Layering composite ...before placement:

- ✧ Look at colour and translucency
- ✧ Look carefully from different angles
- ✧ Look at shape required
- ✧ Consider palatal matrix
- ✧ **Correct thickness of each layer essential**
- ✧ Consider *effect* shades – stains, opalescence

# Layering composite ...palatal matrix

- ✘ Gives palatal contour and incisal edge (length and bucco-palatal position)
- ✘ Should minimise adjustment
- ✘ 2 or 3 layer technique
- ✘ ?? Use Memosil transparent vinyl polysiloxane

# Dahl appliance

- First types were removable
- Later types cemented to teeth and removed
- Contemporary types *may* use the permanent restoration to gain the space

These were made to obtain space for the restoration of worn teeth

“Dahl” appliance (cemented)  
2.5mm thick, is used for obtaining  
space for restorative materials on  
palatal of anterior teeth where  
posterior teeth are satisfactory

# Dahl Appliance

Eruption	60% of cases
Intrusion	35% of cases
Intrusion/eruption	5% of cases

# An alternative treatment in cases with advanced localised attrition.

Dahl BL, Krogstad O, Karlsen K. J.Oral Rehabil.1975;2:209-214.

“In an effort to avoid capping a great number of teeth,  
with its **many jeopardising consequences**, a technique has been  
developed by which the necessary space for the crown material has  
been obtained by orthodontic measures”.

# An alternative treatment

in cases with advanced localised attrition.

Dahl BL, Krogstad O, Karlsen K. J.Oral Rehabil.1975;2:209-214.

“Male aged 18 years. Pink hue from underlying pulp apparent.  
Casts mounted on a Dentatus articulator.

Removable CoCr splint, approx 2mm thick fitted to cover  
the palatal surfaces of the upper front teeth

Patient instructed to wear the splint day and night.

Tantalum needles implanted near the midline of the  
basal portions of the upper & lower jaws”.



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“Lateral head plate radiographs taken after 2, 5 and 8 months

After 4 weeks a space could clearly be observed  
between the upper and lower incisors when the splint was removed

The heavily worn palatal surfaces of the upper incisors  
were protected by means of gold pinlays.

The patient did not complain of any discomfort”.

# The effect of a partial bite raising splint on the occlusal face height

An x-ray cephalometric study in human adults

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20 patients (18-50 years) with pathological attrition of upper and/or lower anterior teeth were treated, as a temporary measure, by means of a partial chrome-cobalt splint covering the palatal surfaces of the six upper front teeth. Tantalum implants to provide reference points were placed in the basal portion of upper and lower jaw bones. Lateral cephalometric radiographs were taken *with* and *without* the splint at the beginning of treatment and thereafter every two months till the difference between measurements was as small as possible. Changes in the occlusal face height were evaluated. Measurement reliability proved to be very high. Continuous use of the splint caused intrusion of the front teeth and eruption of the others in all patients. The intrusion was on an average 1.05 mm and the eruption 1.47 mm after 6-14 months, indicating a possible potential for tooth eruption in human adults. *Most* youngest age of the splint function. Lis

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eruption of human teeth. The use of such a splint both day and night caused only short and transient discomfort for the wearer. This observation indicates that an increase of the occlusal face height, if necessary, is well tolerated in most cases.

# Is it sinful to cement restorations high?

## The 2016 version of Declan Anderson's work!

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### Effect of placing intentionally high restorations: Randomized clinical trial



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#### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** The aim of this study was to examine the behavior of posterior teeth restored with single-tooth restorations with intentionally high occlusal contacts.

**Methods:** Consent was obtained from 17 patients who were seen a total of 5 times over 3.5 years. The restorations placed were all full occlusal coverage gold restorations. Tooth mobility was recorded using the Periotest device and tooth movement was determined from impressions and 3D imaging. Patients were randomly assigned into two groups, the control group which received restorations with no intentional increase of the occlusal vertical dimension; or the treatment group where they received intentionally high restorations in 0.5 mm supraocclusion.

**Results:** Statistical analysis showed no significant difference in mobility between visits for both the control and the treatment groups while a significant dependency and difference in tooth movement was observed between the subjects of the two groups. Most patients from the treatment group reported discomfort but no pain for the first 7–10 days after the restoration was fitted, which subsided over a period of couple of weeks. At review, 3 years later, no mobility or additional movement was observed.

**Conclusions:** Cementation of an intentionally high single-tooth restoration causes no increase in tooth mobility while occlusal adaptation re-establishes and restores the occlusal plane.

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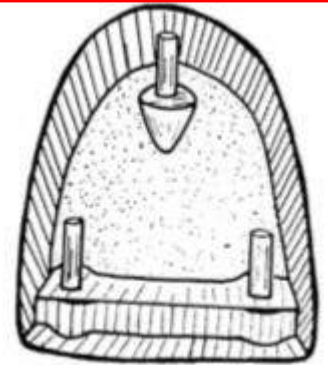
In conclusion, the cementation of a single-tooth fixed restoration with cuspal coverage at an increased vertical dimension of 0.5 mm does not cause a statistically significant increase in tooth mobility. A combination of intrusion of the restored tooth and its opposing tooth combined with extrusion of other teeth restores the occlusal plane. Subjects who received high restorations reported a discomfort that lasted up to 10 days. The study supports this treatment option where occlusal space is required and tooth reduction is not desirable.

- ❑ One patient in the control group had mild discomfort while chewing
- ❑ 6 of 8 patients in “high” group reported discomfort but no pain for 7 days, subsiding after 2 weeks
- ❑ The occlusion had “adapted” after one month

...after treatment with the “Dahl  
appliance”:

types of permanent restoration

- Oxidised gold castings
- Gold pinlays (Dahl, 1975)
- Palatal porcelain laminate veneers
- Palatal indirect composite veneers
- Directly placed resin composite



# Preventive advice for patients with an erosive element to their diet

- Reduce the amount & frequency of intake
- Avoid “frothing” or swishing drinks
- Avoid brushing teeth at least 30mins after drinking
- Chill the drink
- Avoid such drinks before bedtime or during the night

# Preventive advice for patients with an erosive element to their diet

- Explain that there is increasing evidence that some toothpastes may help





# Oxford English Dictionary Online

pragmatist

Noun:

Taking a practical approach to problems

Being concerned with the success or failure of one's actions

Concerned with making decisions which are useful in practice and not just in theory



# A *Dental Update* first

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## Treatment of Localized Anterior Toothwear with Composite Restorations at an Increased Occlusal Vertical Dimension

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**Abstract:** Patients may present with localized anterior toothwear, complaining of poor appearance or sensitivity, or both. Restoration of these teeth continues to cause problems, especially if interocclusal space has been lost. Conventional treatment to satisfy the patient's aesthetic and functional demands is time-consuming and requires careful maintenance. This paper describes the use of composite restorations in the treatment of localized anterior toothwear. Interocclusal space is provided by placing the restorations at an increased vertical dimension of occlusion. If eroded the presenting complaint is resolved while restoring structure, function and appearance.

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**Clinical Relevance:** Localized anterior toothwear may be treated in suitable cases by placement of palatal composite restorations, with posterior tooth contact normally being re-established within 6 months.

**L**ocalized anterior toothwear is a problem increasingly being encountered by both patient and dental practitioner. It is usually caused by a combination of erosion, attrition and abrasion, and may be generalized or confined to the anterior teeth. Rapid confined to the anterior teeth. Rapid toothwear increases the interocclusal space and causes loss in vertical face height but in a large number of patients the rate of toothwear is slow, allowing

compensatory eruption of the opposing teeth. This maintains interocclusal tooth contact and occlusal face height, thus reducing the interocclusal space reducing the restoration. This is a common problem in patients with localized toothwear and restoration of these teeth becomes a challenge. The interocclusal space required for restoring the teeth may be created in a number of ways:

- reduction of the opposing teeth (periodontal crown lengthening surgery can increase the clinical crown height, thereby allowing further tooth reduction);
- occlusal adjustment if there is significant discrepancy between the occlusal contact position and the interocclusal position;

- increasing the occlusal vertical dimension by ensuring the posterior teeth in at least one jaw;
- selective orthodontic treatment and/or orthodontic with posts and cores;
- orthodontic treatment.

It is important to identify the cause of toothwear and commence preventive care before undertaking restorative treatment. Restorative treatment may involve use of fixed and/or removable prosthesis, although the use of crowns can be destructive in an already compromised dentition. Adhesives (not restorations) have been used to overcome these problems. However, the aesthetics of these restorations remains problematic. Composite resin has been used for the restoration of anterior teeth since the 1970s. The newer materials have overcome many of the early problems of staining and poor aesthetic results. They are simple to use and provided that moisture control is optimized during placement are successful.

### TECHNIQUE

A detailed history of the present complaint, patient's diet and oral activity must be taken. This should be followed by clinical examination (Fig 1a,b), and radiographic assessment of teeth if necessary. Articulated study of



Figure 1. (a) Appearance of the anterior teeth at presentation (b) occlusal view.

was used to assess the degree of toothwear and interocclusal space and to discuss the available treatment options with the patient—they are also useful for monitoring the toothwear. The patient must be warned that at the end of treatment the back teeth will not wear. The shade of composite to be used is selected using a guide and the teeth to be covered are then isolated (preferably with rubber dam) to obtain optimal moisture control. The composite resin is then placed freehand incrementally to build the tooth to the original full contour:

1. Minimal tooth preparation is carried out to round any sharp edges of the teeth to be treated and the teeth are cleaned using a slurry of pumice and water.
2. The enamel surfaces are acid etched for 30 and 60 seconds (according to manufacturer's instructions), washed with copious amounts of water and air dried.
3. The exposed dentine surfaces are treated with light-cured dentine bonding paste.
4. The composite is then applied freehand. It is important that the composite is placed in small increments to allow adequate curing and to reduce surface shrinkage. The best homogeneous layer of composite finishes the build-up.

Each tooth must be treated individually and the embrasure spaces protected by a clear matrix strip. The authors prefer to restore alternate teeth, for ease of

application of the composite. At the end of each application the gross excess of composite is removed to facilitate placement of the next one.

Once all the composites have been placed, the rubber dam is removed and gross finishing and polishing of the composites carried out (Figure 2). The articulating paper and cam is taken to position that in the retruded contact the teeth involved (usually the upper normally little or no interocclusal clearance prior to restoration, the finished restorations increase the vertical dimension of occlusion and thereby create posterior discusion (Figure 4). The lateral excursions are cam-guided if possible.

The patient is reviewed a week later and the restorations finished using Soflex (3M Healthcare, Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK) and/or polishing points (Eschbach, UK) to check the occlusion.

### Composite Resins Used

The composite resin used in this report was a microfill composite (Dyract, Kalser, Pasadena, London, UK) with Scotchbond multipurpose bonding system, (3M Healthcare). Other composites (e.g. Herculite, XRV, Kerr, UK) are likely to have a similar performance.

The method presented here used a direct build-up of the composite resin clear preformed crown forms or from a diagnostic wax-up of the teeth composite restorations made in the



Figure 4. Buccal views of the teeth in occlusion, showing posterior discusion.

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Figure 2. Composite restorations immediately after placement and gross finishing.



Figure 3. The occlusal contacts on the anterior teeth.

laboratory will reduce chairside time and may perform equally well, but the practitioner will incur a laboratory fee.

### Follow-up

The patient must be warned that it will take some weeks for them to adapt to the new restorations but that the occlusion should be established within 3 to 6 months. They must also be warned that they may experience some postoperative discomfort and difficulty in eating some types of food such as lettuce and ham. Problems with food collection on the occlusal surfaces of the teeth are occasionally encountered.

Further review and close monitoring of occlusion is carried out at 1, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months (Figures 3 and 6).

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# Using the restoration as the appliance

But, patients must be advised that treatment is to protect their worn and wearing dentition, not necessarily to improve the appearance of their teeth



33 year old female



Filtek Supreme XT





If treatment of tooth wear is new to you, start with a case like this




# How to do it!



Filtek Supreme XTE A2 Enamel/Scotchbond Universal

Diagnosis: erosive TW – patient was a bulimic



*Extremely thin 0.025 mm (.001")  
Deadsoft, bunishable,  
length 3 m (10')*

Stainless steel matrix strip  
0,05 mm (.002")  
length: 3 m (10')

Matrix Strip

Polydent strips (£9 for 3 metres) come in two thicknesses/stiffnesses. The stiffest is most useful for interdental separation.

A week later: occlusal  
adjustment in ICP, lateral &  
protrusive excursions



Filtek Supreme XTE A2 Enamel/Scotchbond Universal



# Polish with Hi-Luster (Kerr)

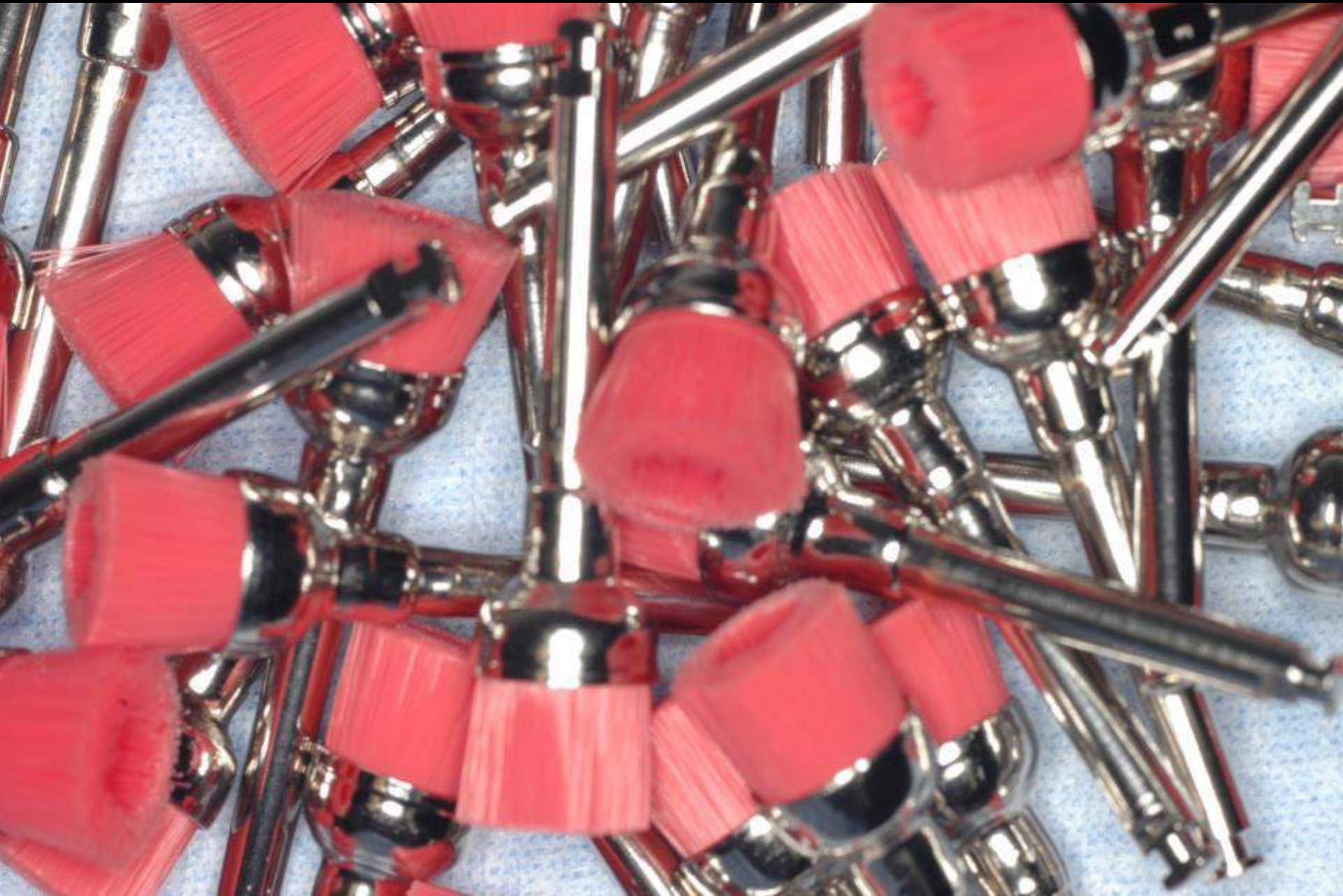
Blue (aluminium oxide) first, then grey  
(plastic impregnated with diamond powder)



Final polish with Soflex discs (all  
grades except black) and Kerr  
Hi Luster

Mycerium Shiny paste also does a good job

# *Pink soft* brushes from Henry Schein





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Filtek™ Supreme Ultra Universal Restorative polished with Sof-Lex™ Diamond Polishing System (left) vs. TPH Spectra® Universal Composite polished with Enhance® Finishing System and PoGo® Polishing System (right). Notice a clearer reflection with the Sof-Lex™ Diamond Polishing System.

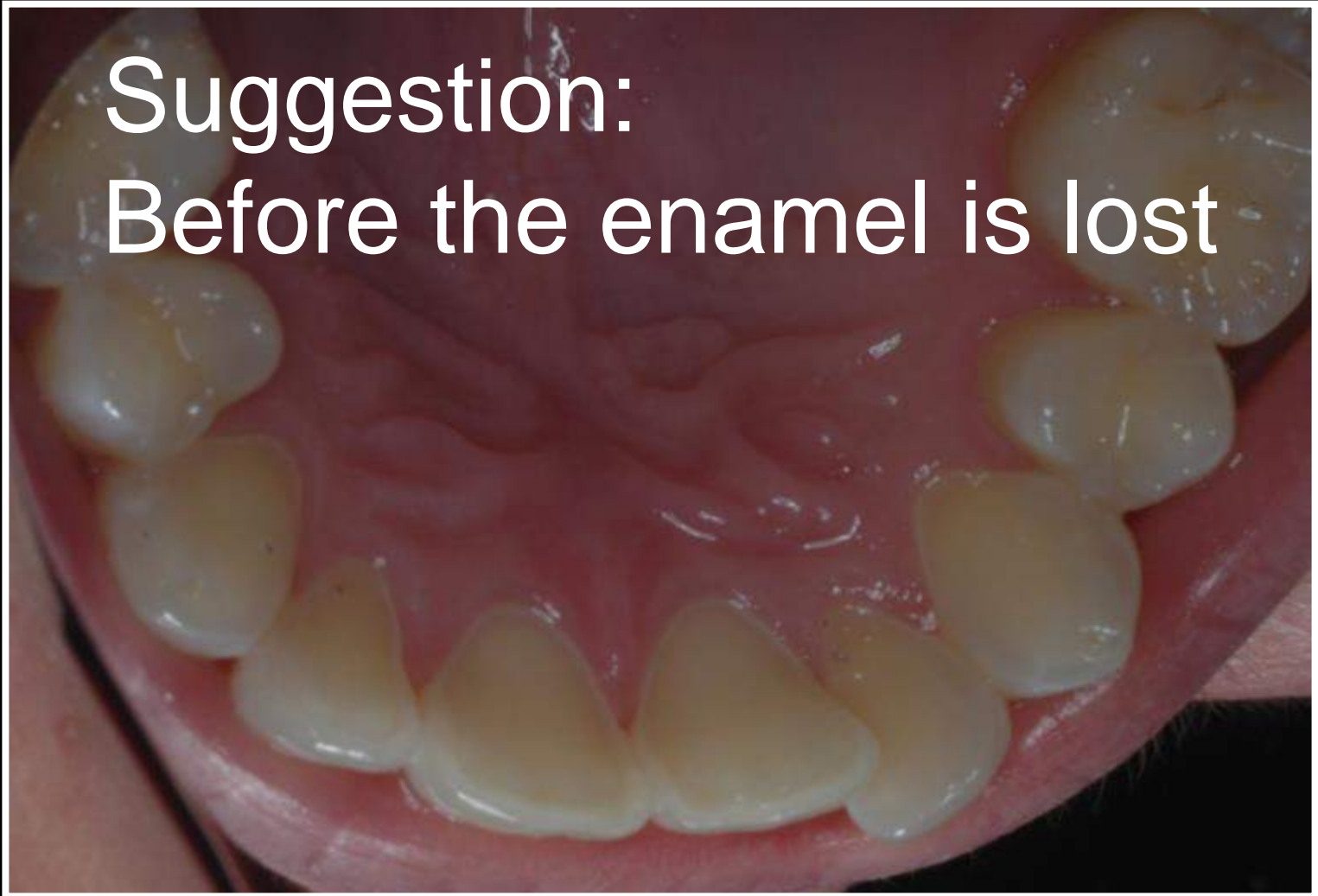
### Summary of advantages

- Imparts paste-like gloss in the convenience of a rubberized system
- Unique, flexible shape adapts to all tooth surfaces
- Fast and easy to use
- Multi-use, can be sterilized and reused
- High, long-lasting gloss when used with Filtek™ Supreme Ultra Universal Restorative

I think that  
the Soflex  
Diamond  
Spiral is  
terrific!

# At what stage should we treat bulimic patients?

Suggestion:  
Before the enamel is lost





It's not perfect,  
it's pragmatic  
aesthetics!





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FJ Trevor Barnes

## Information for Patients Undergoing Treatment for Toothwear with Resin Composite Restorations Placed at an Increased Occlusal Vertical Dimension

The paper contains the PIL

patients and doctors. There are, however, also certain disadvantages to this technique, such as the potential for ongoing pain from the teeth which will be subject to axial orthodontic tooth movement, and difficulty in chewing on the posterior teeth if these are discluded. It is therefore important, as with any treatment, that the advantages and disadvantages are fully explained to the patient. This paper therefore describes the clinical technique and presents a Patient Information Leaflet that the author has used for over five years.

**Clinical Relevance:** Patients should be advised regarding the disadvantages and advantages of any technique.

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# Patient Information Leaflet

## **Information sheet for patients receiving resin composite restorations for treatment of tooth wear**

Your anterior teeth will receive adhesive resin composite restorations to cover the exposed dentine and prevent it from wearing further: this is the principal reason for treatment

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You will not be able to chew on your back teeth for a period of 3 to 6 months, and you should therefore cut your food into small pieces to avoid intestinal symptoms

Your back teeth will eventually erupt so that you will be able to chew on them again after 3 to 6 months

The change in shape of your upper anterior teeth might cause lisping for a few days

Your front teeth may be a little tender to bite upon for a few days

Your “bite” will feel very unusual for several days and you may find difficulty in chewing for this period, as you will be unsure exactly where to place your jaw to get tooth to tooth contact: however, you should become accustomed to your new “bite” after a few days

The procedure will normally be carried out without the need for local anaesthesia as there will be no, or minimal, need for tooth reduction.

If you have crowns, bridges or a denture in the posterior part of your mouth, it is likely that these will require replacement.

Regarding the longevity of the restorations:

The reliability of the restorations should be good, but that there was a small potential for restorations to de-bond, since bonding, albeit better than 15 years ago, was still not as good as dentists might wish.

The margins of the restorations may require occasional polishing

Occasionally, chipping of the restorations may occur

# Chronology of tooth wear treatment

Decision to treat

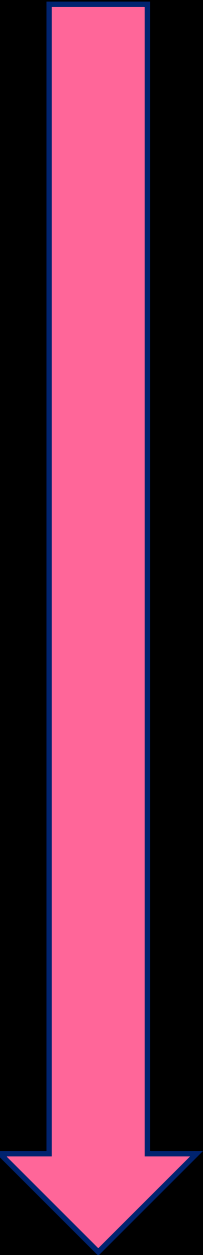
“Live” mock up if appearance to be changed

Patient understands treatment, inc. disadvantages

Composite build ups

1 week later, occ. Adjustment/polish

Review after 3 months



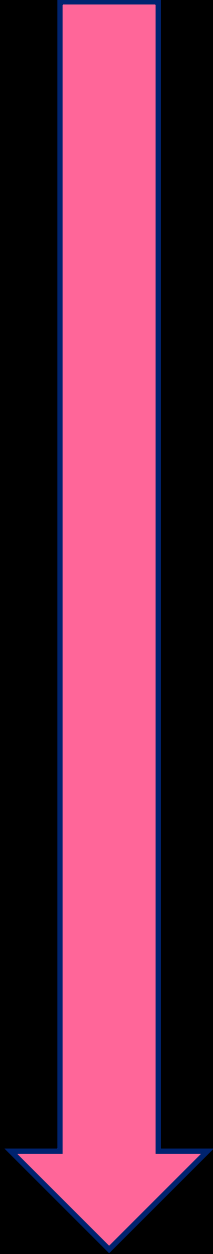


# At three month review

Ask if comfortable and  
happy with appearance

If yes,

If no, consider crown  
lengthening surgery  
and crowns



# Choice of patient for “Dahl” technique

- Worn anterior teeth, space needed for restorations to cover dentine
- Treatment is to prevent further wear, not necessarily to improve appearance
- Capable of opening the OVD on minimum of 4 (??3) teeth
- Patient accepts short-term disadvantages
- Patient accepts that crowns may be indicated later for aesthetic reasons

# Choice of patient for “Dahl” technique

- ♣ Patient requests treatment of wear, and/or improvement in appearance and/or function
- ♣ There are no TMJ problems
- ♣ There is **NO** periodontal disease/  
teeth have no mobility
- ♣ OH satisfactory
- ♣ Sufficient tooth substance  
(enamel) for bonding

# Information for Dahl technique patients

May cause lisping

Teeth may be painful

No posterior occlusion, so food  
must be cut into small pieces

Time for re-establishment  
of occlusion =??

# Information for Dahl technique patients

At first visit ask patient to check  
restorations with tongue

Warn that will not be  
able to eat, chew etc

Final occlusal adjustment  
will be done second visit

# Information for Dahl technique patients

For patients with bridges,  
warn that the bridge may not  
erupt into position:

Ditto implants.

The cost implications must be  
discussed.

# Advice for patients with large anterior composite Restorations:

Restorations may need  
occasional refinishing and polishing

Incidence of pulp death nil

Incidence of debonding is approx 2%

Bond strength will be better  
in 10 years time!

Composite wears at the same  
rate as enamel



# Information for patients receiving extensive composite restorations:

Restoration may require  
maintenance,  
for example, finishing and polishing  
(patient should expect to  
pay for this!!)



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The reliability of the restorations should be good, but that there was a small potential for restorations to de-bond, since bonding, albeit better than 15 years ago, was still not as good as dentists might wish.

The margins of the restorations may require occasional polishing

Occasionally, chipping of the restorations may occur

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“Direct composite restorations have distinct biological advantages compared with crowns, and for the majority of patients they perform well, offer a **high degree of patient satisfaction & require an acceptable level of maintenance.** Patient accommodation to the technique was good. **No detrimental effect on TMJ, periodontal or pulpal health. Bulk fracture and failure were uncommon.”**

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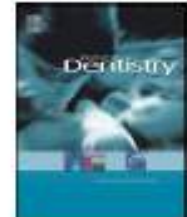
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## The survival of direct composite restorations in the management of severe tooth wear including attrition and erosion: A prospective 8-year study



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### ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** Survival of directly placed composite to restore worn teeth has been reported in studies with small sample sizes, short observation periods and different materials. This study aimed to estimate survival for a hybrid composite placed by one clinician up to 8-years follow-up.

**Methods:** All patients were referred and recruited for a prospective observational cohort study. One composite was used: Spectrum<sup>®</sup> (DentsplyDeTrey). Most restorations were placed on the maxillary anterior teeth using a Dahl approach.

**Results:** A total of 1010 direct composites were placed in 164 patients. Mean follow-up time was 33.8 months (s.d. 27.7). 71 of 1010 restorations failed during follow-up. The estimated failure rate in the

Composites placed in maxillary anterior teeth  
using the “Dahl approach”

1010 restorations, 164 patients

Follow up time was 34 months

71 of the 1010 restorations failed

More failures in the lower arch, in older patients,  
patients with lack of posterior support and patients with  
class III occlusion

## DISCUSSION

“Dental dam was not used, isolation with cotton rolls was adequate”

“The proportion of failures was greater in the attrition group (27.3%) was higher than in the erosion group (21.2%)”

“High load, whether in cases bruxers or cases with lack of posterior support, is likely to reduce survival”

# CONCLUSIONS

“On an average follow up time of 33 months, only 71 of 1010 restorations failed.

Directly placed composite restorations are a viable treatment modality to restore the worn dentition”

# Take home message

Resin composite restorations may provide a minimal intervention and predictable treatment for (moderate) tooth wear, particularly in anterior teeth, provided that the correct materials are employed.



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Make thick or wide incisal edges, particularly in edge to edge occlusions, so that guidance is flat and composite is in compression

Bevel the incisal edge (where possible)

Roughen the dentine (and etch for 30 seconds longer)

Use available labial (enamel) surfaces of the upper incisors as a ferrule to improve resistance to torqueing forces on the composite

# TW Treatment: Clinical tips on wax up or direct placement

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Warn the patient that the build ups will be shorter than natural teeth

Keep the palatal surface guiding surfaces shallow to minimise sheer forces on the composite

Build one tooth at a time

Dental dam not always indicated as upper anterior teeth can be kept dry with cotton rolls

Don't forget to ask patients  
about bleaching before you start  
the build-ups! Patients start  
being interested in how their  
teeth look!

There is no reason to fear that  
modest changes in OVD should  
cause muscle dysfunction problems  
provided that the occlusion is  
properly managed

Dahl et al, 1993

Clinical experience has shown that increases in OVD necessary to accommodate material thickness of 1.5 to 2mm in either jaw are well tolerated

Dahl et al, 1993

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