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Retention Treatment Protocols

“The goal of orthodontic retention is to increase the stability of the dentition after orthodontic treatment. Studies have shown that ***40% to 90%*** of orthodontic patients have unacceptable dental alignment 10 years after treatment.”

Most practitioners seem to adopt a more ***“liberal”*** approach, believing they have the right to design appliances in any way they wish. However, this is not ideal. **We should address the following key points: Long-Term Stability, Metal Fatigue, Heat Treatment Before Transferring the Retainer to the Patient’s Mouth - Bauschinger Effect, Debonding of Fixed Retainers, Physiological Tooth Movement, Restraining Effect of Fixed Retainers.**

Lastly, even though some orthodontists/dentists prefer to advise patients to use only thermoplastic retainers, we all know that expecting consistent wear of those retainers is not realistic. This approach puts both your patients' investment and the dental professional's reputation at significant risk.

An Orthodontic Science Perspective: Orthodontic Relapse and Andrews' Six Keys

Orthodontic Relapse:

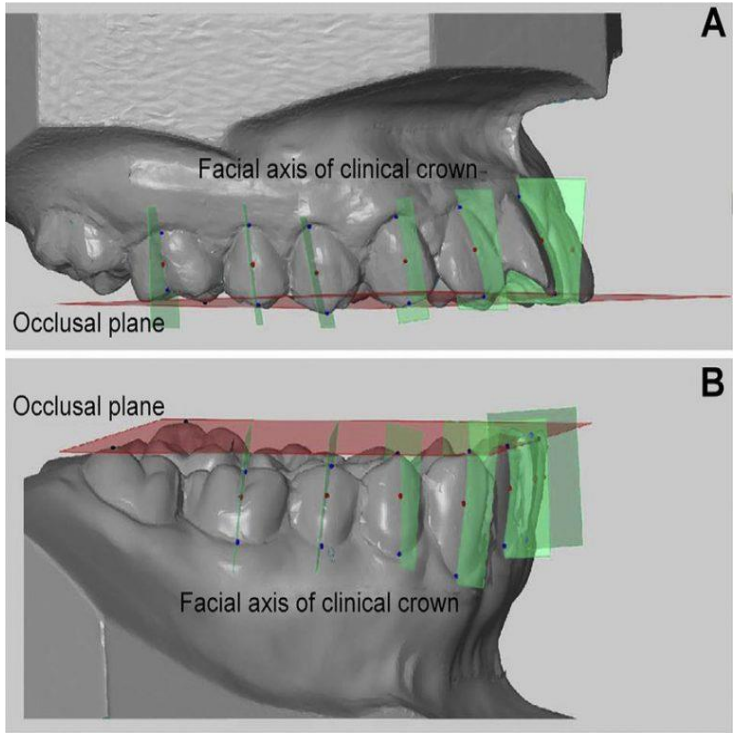
Orthodontic relapse refers to the tendency of teeth to drift back toward their original or undesired positions after treatment, often due to the natural physiological movements of the teeth or ongoing pressures within the mouth. This issue does not only imply the need for re-treatment; it also puts at risk the time, effort, and aesthetic results achieved.

- **Natural Tooth Movement:** Teeth can shift slightly throughout life due to their attachment to bone and surrounding soft tissues.
- **Muscle Pressure:** The constant pressure from masticatory muscles, as well as the tongue and lips, can push teeth into unwanted positions.
- **Growth and Development:** In younger patients, continued facial and jaw growth during adolescence can affect tooth positioning.

An Orthodontic Science Perspective: Orthodontic Relapse and Andrews' Six Keys

Key Point: Although relapse is often associated with incomplete retention protocols (not wearing retainers as recommended), it is also directly linked to whether the fundamental factors of proper occlusion are fully established and maintained. This is where Andrews' Six Keys of Occlusion play a pivotal role.

Andrews' Six Keys of Occlusion



1.Molar Relationship: The correct bite relationship between upper and lower molars.
2.Tip: The proper vertical angulation of each tooth.
3.Torque: The correct buccolingual inclination (forward-backward tilt) of the teeth.
4.Lack of Rotations: Teeth that are free from rotational misalignment.
5.Tight Contacts: No unwanted gaps or spaces between neighboring teeth.
6.Flat (or Proper) Curve of Spee: The arch should not have an excessively deep or reverse curvature in the occlusal plane.

IMPORTANT: When these six criteria are not adequately met or maintained post-treatment, the teeth may revert to their original positions due to physiological and spatial factors.

Main Factors That Increase Relapse

1. **Jaw Relationships and Muscle Pressure**
   - Skeletal discrepancies in the jaw or improper soft-tissue pressures (from the tongue, cheeks, or lips) can cause teeth to shift back.
   - Masticatory muscles exert continuous and sometimes uneven forces that may push teeth toward their former alignment.
2. **Growth and Development**
   - During adolescence, rapid changes in jaw and facial bones can undermine the stability of orthodontic corrections.
   - Using retainers in a manner that accounts for growth patterns can help mitigate these effects.
3. **Insufficient Treatment Duration**
   - If the retention phase (wearing retainers) is not followed for a sufficient length of time, tissues and bone may not fully adapt to the new tooth positions.
   - Inadequate or inconsistent use of retainers greatly increases the likelihood of relapse.
4. **Failure to Achieve Proper Occlusion**
   - If any of Andrews' six keys remain partially uncorrected—such as unresolved tooth rotation—the stability of the orthodontic result is compromised, thereby heightening the risk of relapse.

A century of Retention Treatment

Our concerns about the stability of orthodontic treatment still seem to be the same as those expressed by Calvin Case in 1920: “If there is one part of orthodontia more than another that is absolutely indispensable to the success of this specialty and its establishment upon a firm foundation as one of the arts and sciences, it is the permanent retention of regulated teeth. . . . what does this temporary pleasure and satisfaction to ourselves and our patients amount to, if we find in a few years that the very cases which create in us the greatest pride, are going back to their former malpositions and disharmonies, in spite of everything we have been able to do with retaining appliances.”(1)

A century of Retention Treatment

The most dominant, dynamic, and influential figure in the specialty of orthodontics was Edward Hawley Angle (1855-1930). He is regarded as the "**Father of Modern Orthodontics**." Through his leadership, orthodontics was separated from the other branches of dentistry (e.g., crown and bridge, prosthetics), and the result was the specialty of orthodontics. He was the first to limit his practice to orthodontics.

Edward Hawley Angle

Hawley said: "If anyone would take my cases when they are finished, retain them and be responsible for them afterward, I would gladly give him half the fee."(2).

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2-Hawley, C.A.: A removable retainer, Dent. Cosmos 61:449- 554, 1919.

Advantages of the Hawley Retainer

1. **Removability:** Patients can easily take it out for eating, brushing, or special occasions, which may improve oral hygiene and comfort.

2. **Durability:** Hawley retainers are generally made from robust acrylic and metal wires, allowing them to withstand normal wear over time.

3. **Adjustability:** Orthodontists can make minor adjustments to the labial bow or other components, offering limited realignment if needed.

4. **Ease of Cleaning:** Since it’s removable, cleaning both the appliance and the teeth is more straightforward compared to fixed retainers.

Disadvantages of the Hawley Retainer

1. **Compliance Dependent:** Because it’s removable, its effectiveness relies heavily on the patient consistently wearing it as instructed.

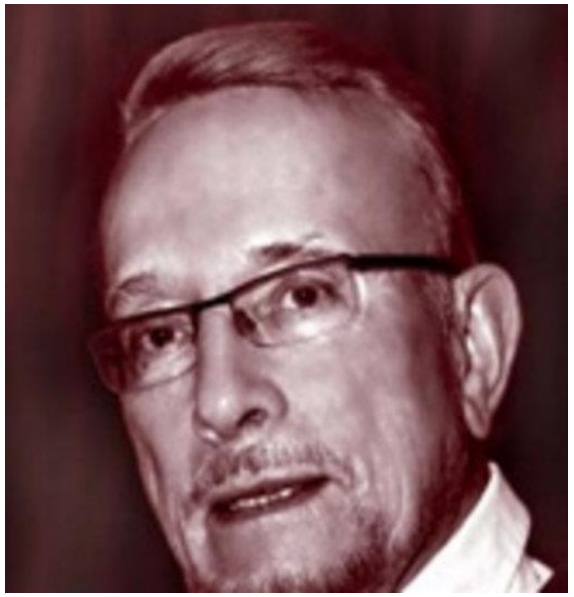
2. **Esthetics and Visibility:** The metal wire across the front teeth can be noticeable, which may be a concern for aesthetically sensitive patients.

3. **Speech Interference:** The acrylic plate covering part of the palate can temporarily affect speech, particularly “S” or “T” sounds, until the patient adapts.

4. **Possible Irritation:** The wires or acrylic components can irritate the cheeks or gums if not properly fitted or if adjustments are needed.

As Case and Hawley pointed out, retention treatment is difficult precisely because of the uncertainty of orthodontic stability and **there is no perfect solution for every case**. Two different retainer systems, ***fixed and removable retainers***, are used in clinical practice. Removable retainers have the disadvantages of aging, reduced wearing comfort such as impaired patient speech, and their clinical success depends on sufficient patient compliance.(3) Mainly fixed retainers guarantee the stability of anterior teeth, since they require little patient compliance. ***Bonded lingual retainers have become increasingly popular as a method of retention since the late 1970s, particularly in the mandibular incisor area***.(4)

Fixed retainers consist of a wire that is passively bonded to the lingual surface of the incisor teeth in both the upper and lower jaws.(5) The usage of bonded fixed retainers for the first time has been reported in the literature by Knerim(5) Initially, straight round or rectangular archwires were preferred for bonding fixed retainers.(5,6)



Bjorn Zachrisson

However, in 1983, 10 years after Knerim, Zachrisson suggested the use of multistranded archwires due to their irregular surface area, which provides sufficient mechanical retention when bonded with composite.(6)

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4- Zachrisson BU: Clinical experience with direct-bonded orthodontic retainers. Am J Orthod Dentofacial Orthop 1977, 71:440–448

5- Knierim, R.W., Invisible lower cuspid to cuspid retainer. Angle Orthod, 1973. 43(2): p. 218-20.

6- Zachrisson, B.U., The bonded lingual retainer and multiple spacing of anterior teeth. J Clin Orthod, 1983. 17: p. 838-44.

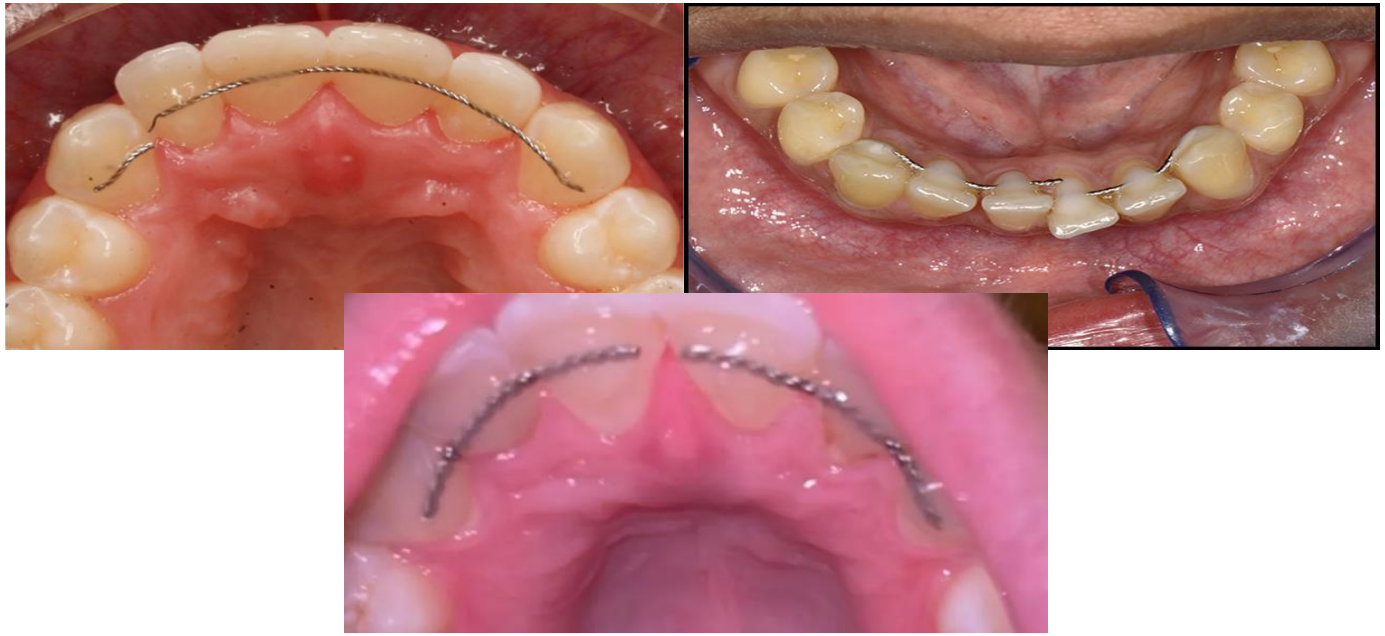
Twisted Stainless Steel

Twisted Stainless Steel (Orthodontic Retainer Wire)

Proven Track Record: Twisted stainless steel has long been regarded as a “gold standard” in orthodontic retention, with a history of widespread clinical use.

Disadvantages of Twisted Stainless Steel

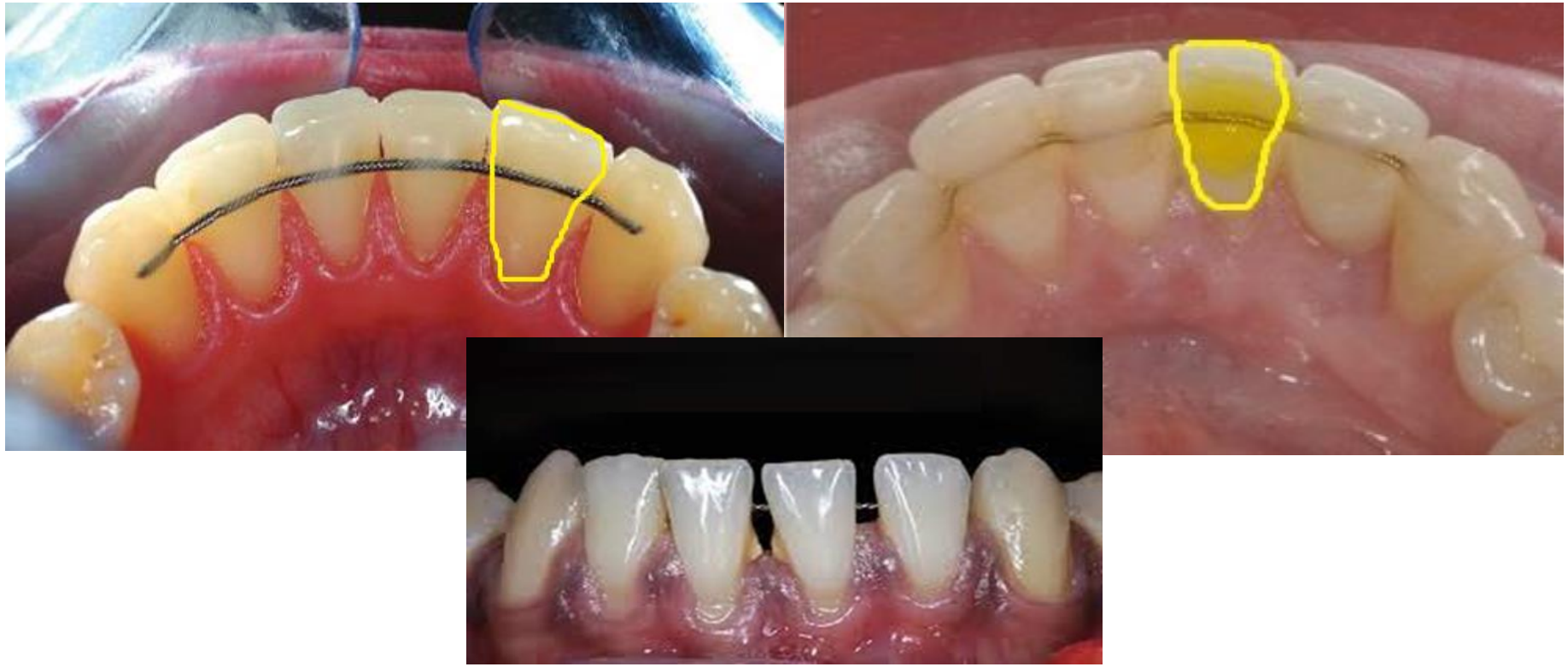
1. **Metal Fatigue and Breakage:** Over time, stainless steel is susceptible to metal fatigue and may break, especially under repetitive stress in the oral environment.



Disadvantages of Twisted Stainless Steel

2.Potential Debonding

Studies have shown that debonding (where the wire and composite separate from the tooth surface) can occur at relatively higher rates, especially within 24 months after active treatment.



3. X-Effects (Inadvertent side effects)

Multistranded fixed lingual retainers are described as gold standard in orthodontic retention but favor the x-effect. With regard to periodontal health, a highly flexible retainer is recommended as it allows more flexibility at the root–bone interface. However, these results suggest that these two properties explain why inadvertent tooth movements are most often observed in patients with retainers made from multistranded wires.

4. Why Do You Need Heat Treatment ? - Bauschinger Effect

Engineer Bauschinger

Bauschinger Effect

The Bauschinger effect refers to the reduction in yield strength when a material, after undergoing unidirectional plastic deformation, is subjected to loading in the opposite direction. First observed by **Johann Bauschinger in 1886**, this effect is particularly important in the fields of metallurgy and materials science.

Mechanism of the Bauschinger Effect

1. **Dislocation Movements**
   During the initial loading, dislocations within the material move and accumulate. When loading is reversed, these dislocations require less energy to move, which lowers the material's yield strength.

2. **Internal Stresses**
   Internal stresses develop within the material during the first deformation. When the load is reversed, these stresses facilitate plastic deformation.

3. **Microstructural Changes**
   Interactions between grains, precipitations, and changes in dislocation structures within the material can initiate yielding at lower strength levels during reverse loading.

How Does the Bauschinger Effect Manifest in Twisted SS Retainers?

1. **Strength Loss After Plastic Deformation**

    - Twisted SS wires undergo mechanical hardening by twisting during manufacturing.
    - During treatment, reverse forces applied to the patient's teeth may activate the Bauschinger effect over time, leading to localized strength loss and breakage.

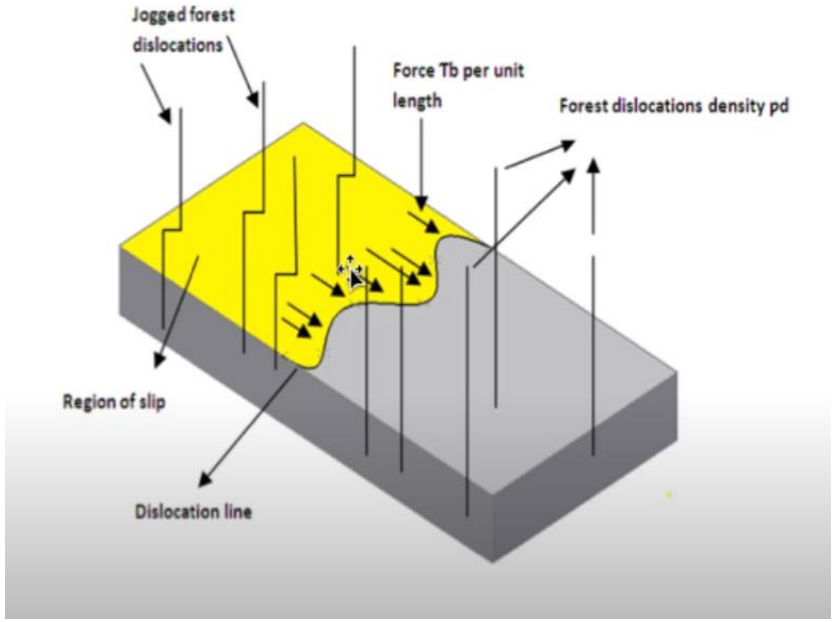
2. **Internal Stresses and Micro-Deformations**
    - While the twisted structure provides greater flexibility against bending and stress, continuous minor load variations (for instance, chewing forces) **can increase internal stresses.**
    - Over time, some strands may stretch more under reverse loads, reducing the retainer's effectiveness.

3. **Stability and Risk of Permanent Deformation**
    - Unlike Ni-Ti alloy wires, twisted SS wires do not exhibit superelastic properties and may experience permanent deformation due to the Bauschinger effect (Especially after shaping the straight wire according to patient tooth morphology without heat treatment).

Mitigating the Bauschinger Effect

***Post-Manufacturing Heat Treatment or Surface Enhancements**

Electropolishing or low-temperature stress-relief annealing can reduce internal stresses and minimize the Bauschinger effect after shaping the material.

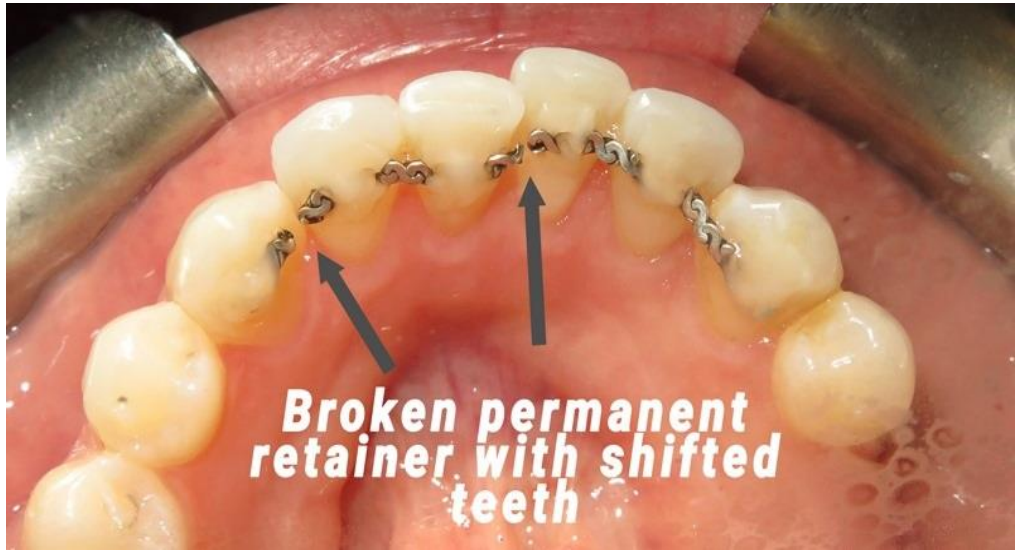


As we deform the material, more and more dislocations begin to slip in different directions and along various slip planes, naturally crossing each other.
As deformation progresses—especially during chewing and physiological tooth movements—these dislocations interact increasingly, hindering each other more and more.
The free areas where they can slip become smaller and smaller, until eventually the dislocations can no longer move and the material breaks.

New Generation Fixed Retainers: Braided and Chain Types

New-generation fixed retainers show better metal fatigue properties than twisted stainless steel; however, ***they still cannot match the superior resistance and lower breakage rates offered by nickel-titanium.***

New Generation Fixed Retainers: Braided and Chain Types



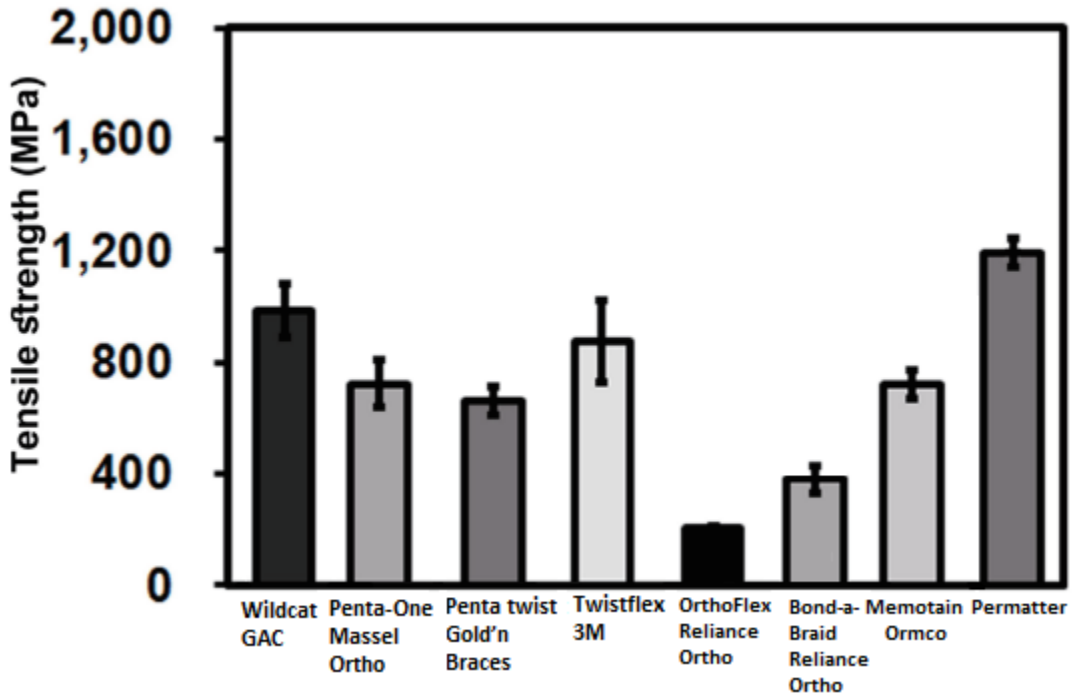
These types of wires **are not** specifically engineered for **precise arc geometry**. However, chain-type wires or braided-type wires, originally adapted from bracelets, cannot provide **ideal retention treatment** due to their manufacturing processes and material composition.

Why Permatter® ?

-5 Year Warranty

-Engineeringly Optimized Retention Treatment

-Exceptional Durability

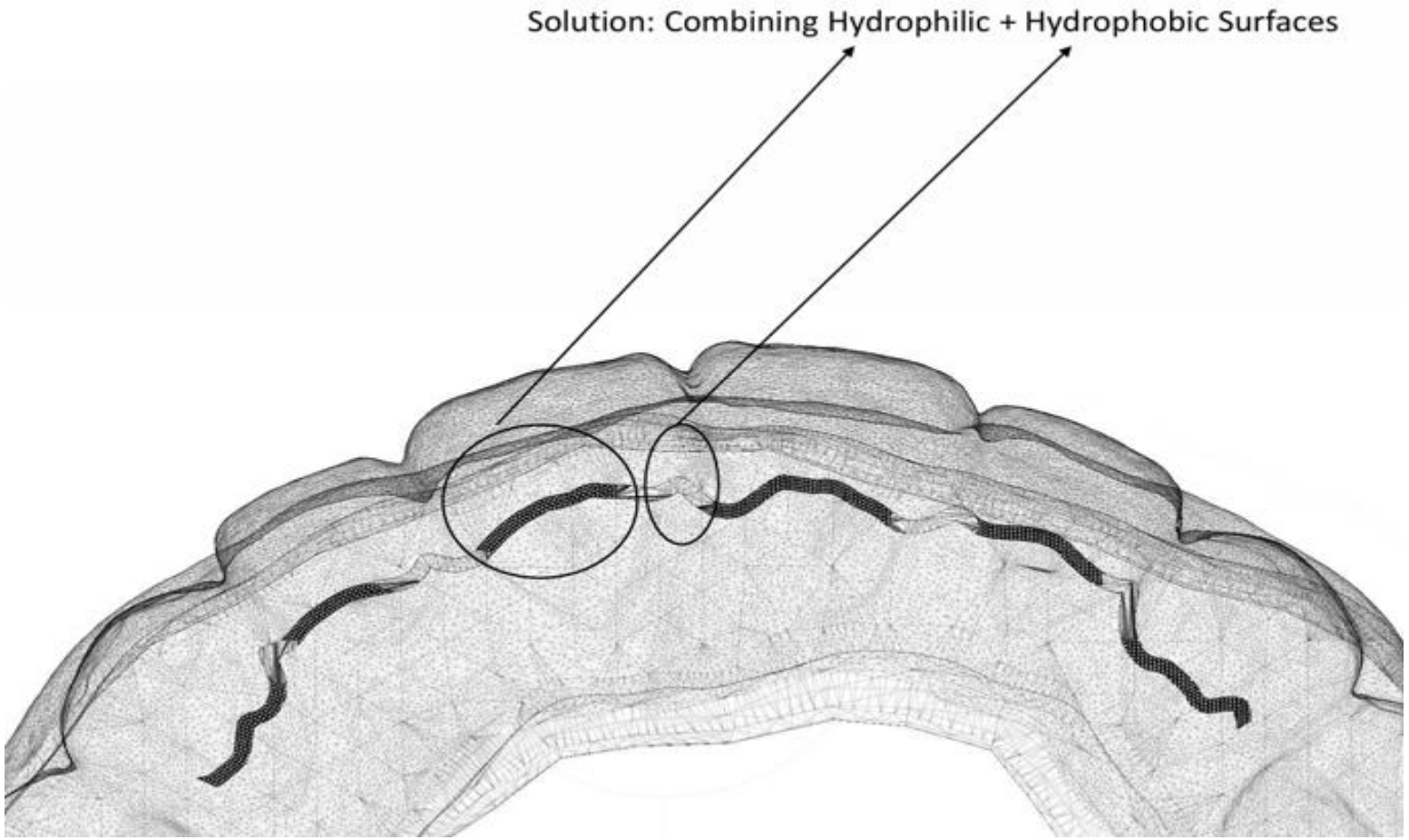


The latest Permatter® V.3.5 boasts unparalleled longevity compared to all other conventional retainers.

Permatter® V.3.5: Ultimate Tensile Strength - 1200 MPa

Twisted Stainless Steel has been described as the “golden standard” for orthodontic retention treatment until now. Twisted stainless steel, as well as new-generation chain-type and braided retainers, have critical issues—such as debonding, breakage, metal fatigue, biofilm accumulation, and cytotoxicity—over the long term.

Dual Surface NiTiCuNb Retainer: Because Permanence Matters.



Advanced Surface Engineering Approach

Solutions for Problems: Surface Altering Methods

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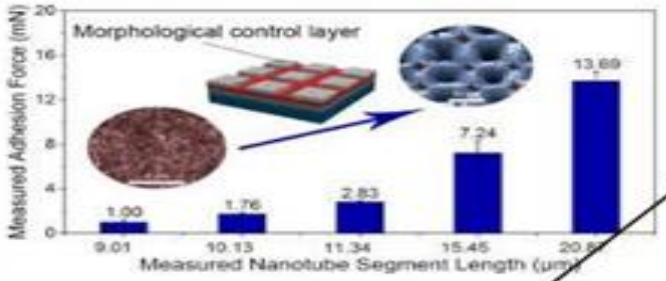
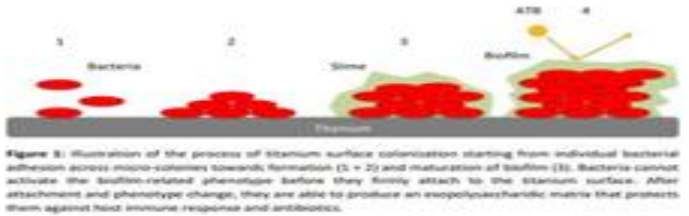


1) Debonding

2) Biofilm Accumulation



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RESEARCH

Comparative evaluation of the performance of orthodontic retainers using different surface protocols: an in vitro study

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Abstract
This study aims to assess the in vitro durability of Nitinol retainers, manufactured using computer-aided methods with hydrophilic or superhydrophilic surfaces to reduce debonding, alongside a commonly used composite adhesive. The 112 lower incisor teeth were embedded in blocks in pairs. Retainer wires were made up of 0.018 × 0.018 inch Nickel Titanium alloy(G4™ Nickel Titanium G&H Orthodontics, USA) by bending a robot arm. A total of 16 teeth(8 blocks) were used for each of the mentioned 7 groups Ni-Ti Retainer; Laser Textured Ni-Ti Retainer; Laser Texturing and Atmospheric Plasma Applicated Ni-Ti Retainer; Atmospheric Plasma Applicated Ni-Ti Retainer; Laser Texturing and Atmospheric Plasma Applicated Ni-Ti Retainer*2; Laser Texturing and Atmospheric Plasma Applicated Ni-Ti Retainer*3; SS-0.0018"(Morelli, Brazil). Transbond LR(3 M Unitek, California) was used. The shear bond strength tests were conducted. The Kruskal-Wallis H test was employed, pairwise comparisons followed by Dunn's test with Bonferroni correction as a post-hoc analysis. There was no statistically significant difference between the groups for maximum force and maximum stress($p > 0.05$). However, a significant difference was found in maximum elongation (p:0.0023). Pairwise comparisons highlighted significantly higher elongation values in the SS-0.0018" group. The stainless-steel wire demonstrated higher elongation values, which may offer clinical advantages in cases with higher occlusal forces and periodontal problems due to its material flexibility. Laser Texturing and Atmospheric Plasma Applied Ni-Ti Retainers exhibited higher test performance. Surface treatments applied to CAD/CAM retainers can provide an advantage by enhancing bond strength, potentially reducing the risk of debonding. These findings underline the importance of material selection and surface treatments in optimizing fixed retention strategies for long-term clinical success.

Keywords Computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing · Fixed lingual retainers · Permanent retantion · Laser surface texturing · Atmospheric plasma

Introduction

Orthodontic retention is defined as the prevention of teeth returning to their pretreatment positions due to insufficient bone support, accomplished through the use of removable or fixed retainers to maintain the results of orthodontic treatment [1–3]. Removable retainers can cause discomfort during speech and wear out over time, and their effectiveness relies on patient ability [4]. Fixed retainers ensure stability for anterior teeth with minimal patient compliance, and they become increasingly popular mostly in the retention of mandibular incisors, since the late 1970s [5]. Straight round/rectangular archwires were preferred which are passively bonded to the lingual surface of anterior teeth [6–8]. Zachrisson [8] proposed the use of multistranded archwires with

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The Laser Texturing and Atmospheric Plasma Applied Ni-Ti Retainer group exhibited %47 higher test values compared to twisted stainless steel.

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Breakage and Failure Rate: The breakage and debonding rate for our current Permatter® stands at an ***impressively low, under - 1%*** , significantly outperforming the average rate 7.3 to 50%reported for conventional retainers.(10) While breakage may occur, it's crucial to note that it is rarely attributed to design or material flaws; instead, application errors are the primary cause. Detailed instructions for advanced retention treatment are described below.

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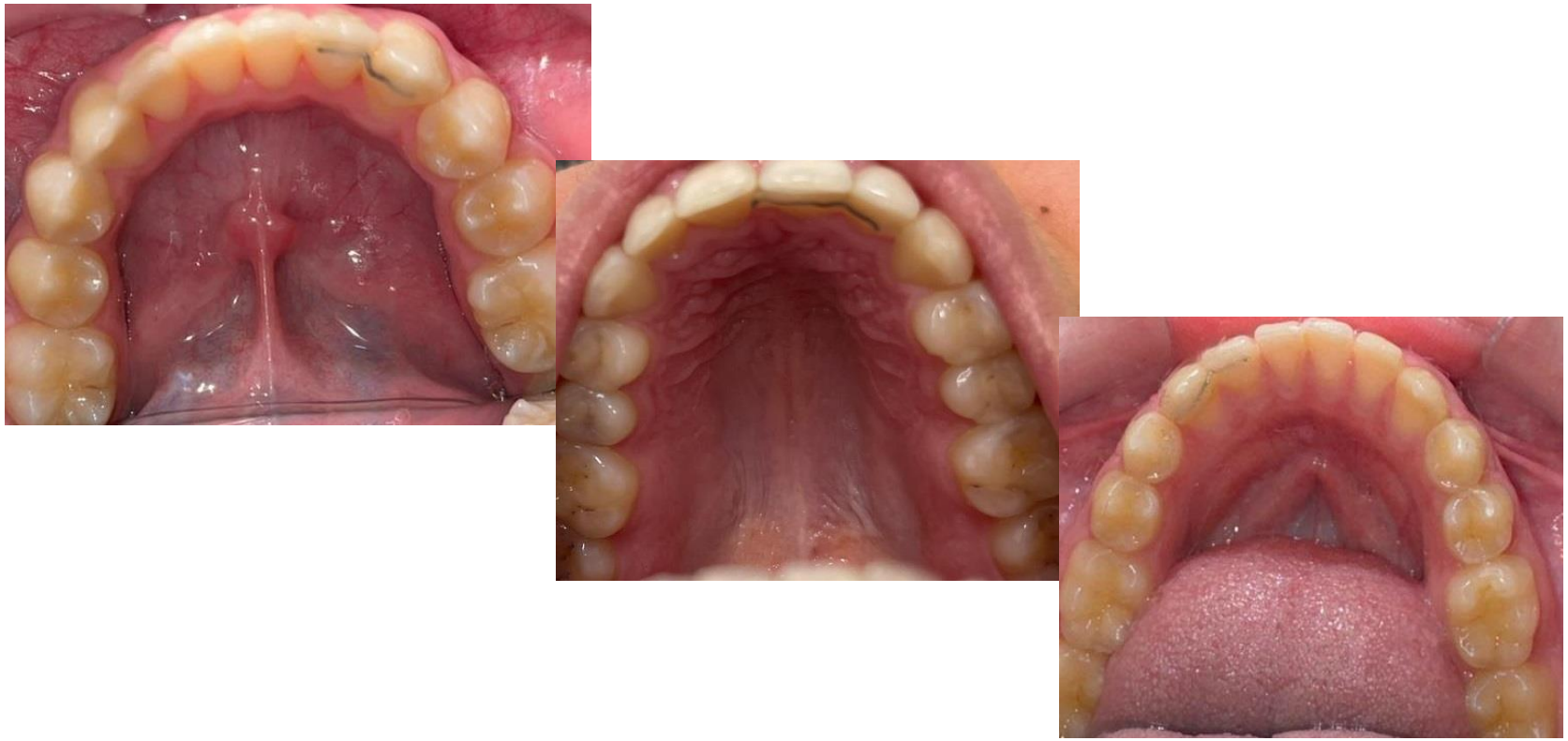

These photos depict breakage issues encountered by Permatter’s patients. According to our notes, **most problems stem from improper biting situations**.
(Note: Half of the retainer is still on the teeth.)

Magic or Superior Metal?

In 2001, for the first time the usage of nitinol material for retention treatment was observed by Eric J. Liou. (7) However, bending nitinol material is not easy and that’s why the usage of nitinol for retention treatment has never been commercialized until now in retention treatment.

Nickel titanium, also known as nitinol, is a metal alloy of nickel and titanium, where the two elements are present in roughly equal atomic percentages. Different alloys are named according to the weight percentage of nickel; e.g., nitinol 55 and nitinol 60. Nitinol can deform 10 to 30 times as much as ordinary metals and return to its original shape.(8). Nitinol is highly biocompatible and has properties suitable for use in medical sciences. Due to nitinol's unique properties it has seen a large demand for use in less invasive medical devices. Nitinol tubing is commonly used in catheters, stents, and superelastic needles. In colorectal surgery,(9) the material is used in devices for reconnecting the intestine after removing the pathogens.

Magic or Superior Metal?

Additionally, nitinol is used in endodontics, where nitinol files are used to clean and shape the root canals during the root canal procedure. Because of the high fatigue tolerance and flexibility of nitinol, it greatly decreases the possibility of an endodontic file breaking inside the tooth during root canal treatment, thus improving safety for the patient.

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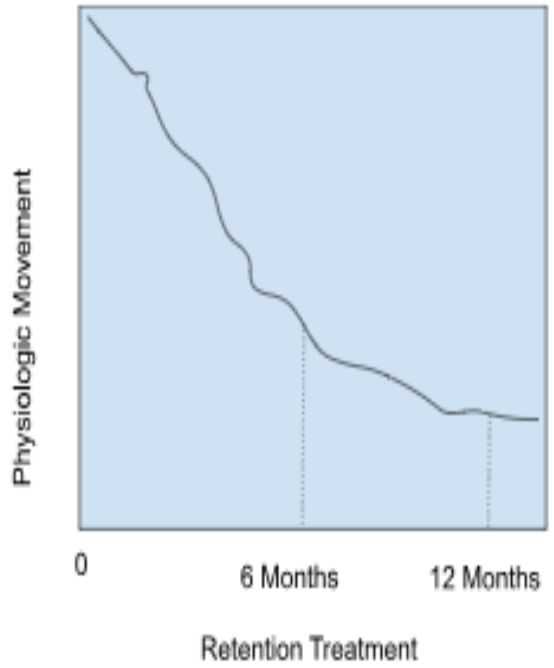
9- "NiTi Surgical Solutions". www.nitisurgical.com. Archived from the original on 2007-12-08.

Permatter® is the pioneer in the robotic archwire bending field for orthodontic archwires, especially for nitinol material. The concept of the system was developed in 2014, particularly for bending lingual orthodontic archwires. In 2018, the founders of Permatter® realized the lack of the “nitinol lingual retainer” in the retention treatment and rerouted the goal for building and developing the robotic bending system for better orthodontic retention treatment.

Manufactured over 80,000 fixed niti retainers to date

Physiologic Tooth Mobility After an Orthodontic Treatment

Egli et al. (11) reported that bond failures occurred mainly during the first year; the failure rate was higher during the first year (33%) than the second year (7%). Taner and Aksu (12) who evaluated the failure rate of bonded retainers over a 6-month period reported that the highest failure rate was detected in the first month. These findings suggest that the frequency of bond failure is probably related to tooth mobility (12).



Kyungmin Clara Lee et al. (13) reported the changes in tooth mobility using the Periotest following orthodontic treatment and demonstrated that tooth mobility decreased rapidly in the course of the first 6 months and then decreased at a slower rate during the next 6 months, with no significant decrease in mobility during the second year (13). Tooth mobility immediately after orthodontic appliance removal is higher than at a later stage during the retention period. These findings indicate that the loosening of fixed retainers might be related to tooth mobility and suggest that a careful recall to check for possible loosening is critical **during the first year of retention. That's why it is recommended that a clear thermoplastic retainer be incorporated with the Permatter® wire for best results for at least 2 year usage.**

Physiologic Tooth Mobility After an Orthodontic Treatment

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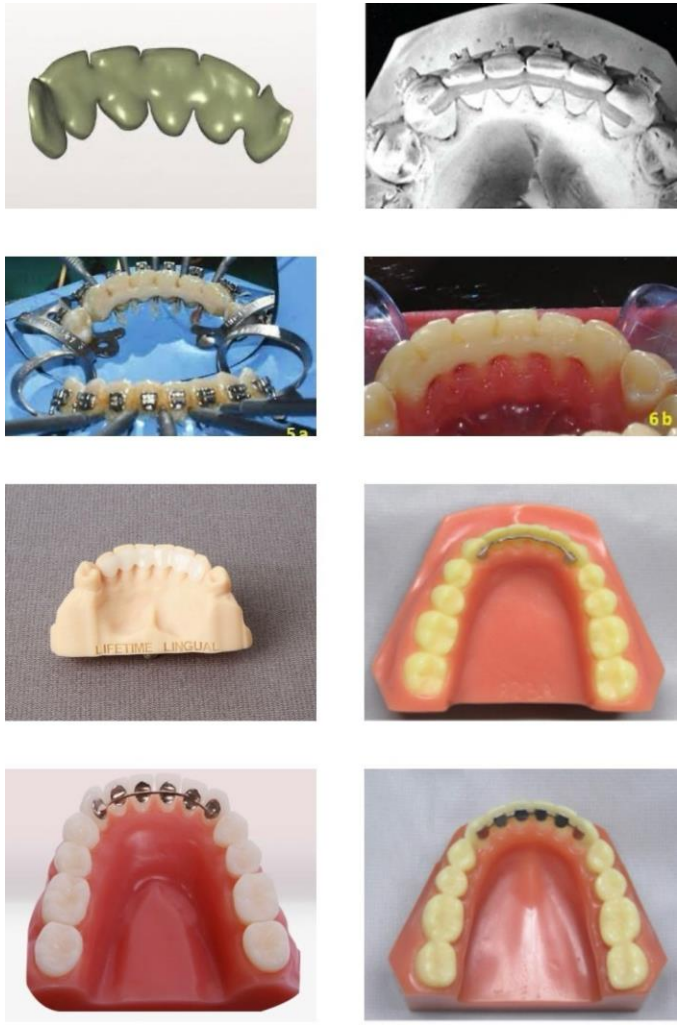
Restriction of Tooth Mobility



Most practitioners seem to adopt a more *“liberal”* approach, believing they have the right to design appliances in any way they wish. However, this is not ideal. We should address the concept of physiological tooth movement and the restraining effect of fixed retainers.

Additionally, it is crucial to determine which retainer designs and materials perform best at restricting physiological tooth movements. In this regard, clinicians and technicians should not create custom-made appliances (e.g., via 3D printing) without first assessing the degree of tooth mobility and how the chosen design or material may restrict it—primarily due to tooth root resorption.

Restriction of Tooth Mobility

We know from the literature that Ni-Ti retainers allow more tooth mobility than other materials, and this is beneficial for patients who want to avoid tooth loss due to **root resorption in the long run**.(14)

14- Christoph J Roser, Stefan Rues, Ralf Erber, Lutz Hodecker, Christopher J Lux, Carolien A J Bauer - Tooth mobility restriction by multistranded and CAD/CAM retainers—an in vitro study

Workflow for Advanced Retention

Utilize digital impressions exclusively for capturing the patient's dental situation. This approach eliminates the possibility of impression-taking errors altogether.

Advantages of Digital Impression

Precision: Digital impressions offer unparalleled accuracy, capturing detailed images of the patient's dental structure with high fidelity.

Comfort: Patients often find digital impressions more comfortable compared to traditional impression-taking methods, reducing discomfort and anxiety during the procedure.

Efficiency: Digital impressions streamline the process, minimizing the time required for data acquisition and subsequent fabrication of dental appliances.

Error Reduction: By eliminating the need for physical impressions, digital impressions significantly reduce the likelihood of errors associated with traditional impression-taking techniques.

Enhancing Patient Experience:

Embracing digital impression technology enhances the overall patient experience by offering a modern, hassle-free approach to dental diagnostics and treatment planning.

Investing in Digital Dentistry:

As digital dentistry continues to advance, incorporating digital impressions into practice workflows represents a progressive step towards delivering superior patient care and achieving optimal treatment outcomes.

Note: Embracing digital impression technology not only enhances clinical precision but also contributes to a more positive patient experience, ultimately elevating the standard of care in dental practice.

Advanced Retention Treatment:

Thermoplastic + Permatter®

IMPORTANT: It is recommended that a clear thermoplastic retainer be incorporated with the Permatter® wire for best results.

IMPORTANT: If Permatter® is used on the upper 1-1 or 2-2, or in a deep bite case, patients should be advised to wear thermoplastics for more than just nighttime use.

Precautions

Precautions Regarding Active Elements Before Digital İmpression:

It is crucial to adhere to specific recommendations outlined in specialist literature to optimize treatment outcomes and minimize the risk of complications. One such recommendation involves allowing the **last wire** to settle in place for **at least 3 months** before the debonding process. **Debonding earlier will increase the tooth mobility and will risk the outcome of retention treatment.**

Reasoning Behind Waiting Period:

Debonding the wire earlier than the recommended timeframe may subject the teeth to excessive force, significantly elevating the risk of breakage or debonding. This waiting period allows for proper settling and reduces the likelihood of adverse effects on dental integrity.

Precautions

Caution with Active Elements:

During digital impression procedures, the presence of active elements like **power chains or active wires** introduces additional considerations. These elements can increase the risk of breakage or failure rate of fixed retainer, potentially compromising the accuracy of digital impression.

Mitigating Risks:

Dental professionals should exercise caution and carefully assess the presence of active elements before proceeding with digital impression. Taking necessary precautions can help mitigate the risk of breakage and ensure optimal outcomes for the patient.

Preventing Breakages Caused by Active Elements:

To minimize the risk of breakages associated with active orthodontic elements, follow these key recommendations:

1. Allow Sufficient Stabilization Time:

Ensure that the last wire has adequately stabilized the patient's teeth for a **minimum of 3 months** before proceeding with any debonding or digital impression procedures. This time frame allows for proper settling and reduces the risk of exerting excessive force on the teeth during retention treatment.

2. Avoid Digital Impressions with Active Elements:

Refrain from conducting digital impression procedures while active elements such as power chains or active wires are in place. These components can exert additional forces on the teeth, increasing the likelihood of breakage or misalignment. Wait until these elements have been removed or until the teeth have reached a stable state before proceeding with digital impression.

Preventing Breakages Caused by Active Elements:

3. Conduct Thorough Patient Assessment:

Prior to any orthodontic procedures, assess the patient's dental condition carefully. Evaluate the stability of the teeth, the status of any active elements, and the overall treatment progress. This comprehensive assessment will help identify any potential risk factors and allow for appropriate planning to minimize breakages and complications.

4. Patient Education and Compliance:

Educate patients about the importance of following recommended treatment timelines and guidelines. Encourage compliance with wearing orthodontic appliances as instructed and attending regular follow-up appointments. Emphasize the role of patient cooperation in achieving successful treatment outcomes and avoiding complications.

Preventing Retainer Breakages Due to Bonding Errors

Bonding errors represent a common cause of retainer breakages, often resulting from inadequate preparation of bonding sites or improper bonding techniques. To mitigate the risk of breakages and ensure the longevity of retainers, it is crucial to prioritize meticulous attention to bonding procedures. Here's how:

1. Proper Site Preparation:
Thoroughly prepare the bonding sites on the teeth to ensure optimal adhesion. This includes cleaning and etching the tooth surface according to manufacturer guidelines. Proper preparation promotes better bonding and reduces the likelihood of detachment.

2. Selecting High-Quality Bonding Materials:
Use high-quality bonding materials that are compatible with both the retainer and the tooth surface. Ensure that the bonding agent provides strong adhesion and durability to withstand the forces exerted during normal oral activities.

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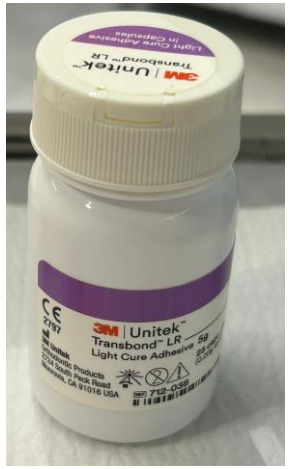
NOTE: According to the debonding tests results**,** Permatter® shows better results with the usage of **“3M - Transbond™ LR Light Cure Adhesive and Primer”.**



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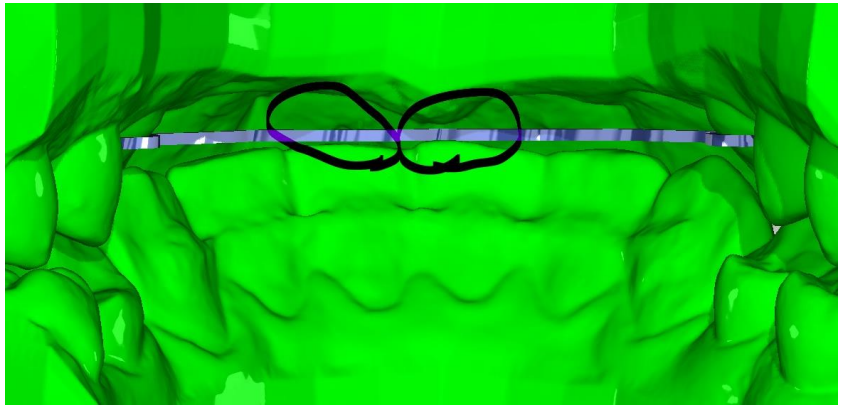
3. Precise Bonding Technique:
Adhere to precise bonding techniques as recommended by orthodontic professionals. Apply the bonding agent evenly and avoid air bubbles or gaps between the retainer and the tooth surface. Properly position and secure the retainer to minimize stress on the bonding site.

4. Regular Monitoring and Maintenance:
Periodically evaluate the integrity of the bonding sites and the condition of the retainer during routine dental check-ups. Address any signs of wear, damage, or loosening promptly to prevent further complications and ensure continued effectiveness.

Limitations in Retention

In certain clinical scenarios, such as cases requiring further treatment or exhibiting malocclusion, achieving optimal retention conditions may be challenging. The stability of a retainer cannot be guaranteed when factors such as a deep bite or other malocclusions are present.

For optimal retention outcomes, it's important to consider specific indications where retainers may not be recommended:



Deep Bites in the Upper Jaw:

Retainers may not be suitable for individuals with deep bites in the upper jaw, as this can impact the effectiveness of retention.

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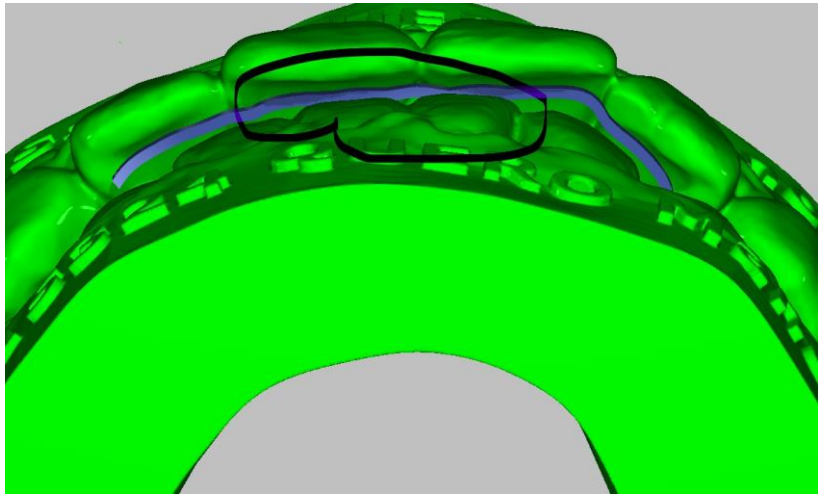
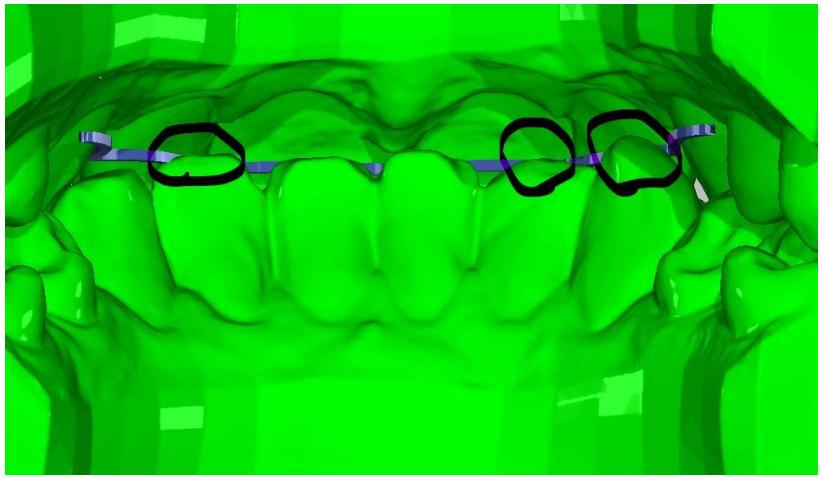


Deficient Overjet:

Individuals with deficient overjet may not benefit from retainers, as the lack of horizontal overlap between the upper and lower front teeth can affect retention.



Occlusal Points in the Anterior Region:

Presence of occlusal points in the anterior region may pose challenges for retention, as these irregularities can interfere with the stability of the retainer.

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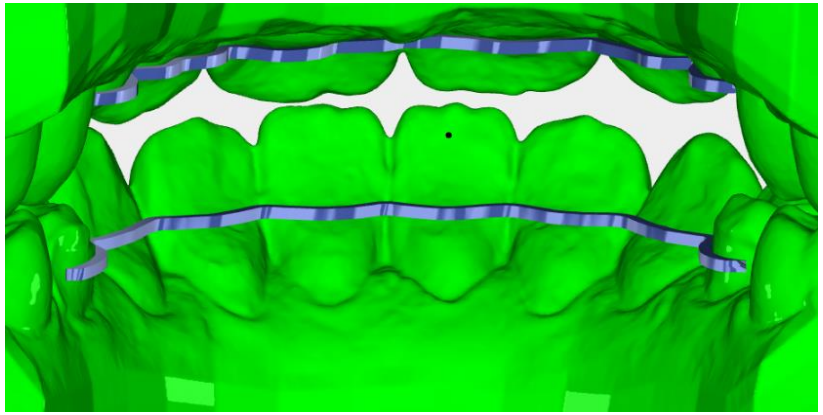

Open Bites:

Open bites, where there is insufficient vertical overlap between the upper and lower teeth, may not be conducive to successful retention with traditional retainers.