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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

In First Impressions, George Freedman, DDS, gives readers a brief summary of products that have recently been introduced to dentistry, based on his clinical experience.

Uvener

Dental Art innovations

Practitioners are often called upon to restore the facial surfaces of teeth. Whether the treatment is an extensive Class IV, direct veneer, or an immediate implant provisional, the size, the color, and the 3-D contour must all be perfectly developed to align to the parameters of the existing dentition. The dentist's major challenge is to accomplish these tasks freehand. The customary clinical procedure is to overbuild the restoration, then slowly, laboriously, and carefully shape the composite restorative material to the ideal form (often time-consuming, technique-sensitive, and stressful). Dental Art innovations' Uvener is a template system that recreates the ideally contoured and polished facial surface of teeth in one single step. The kit consists of 2 sets of 8 maxillary and 8 mandibular translucent templates (first premolar to first premolar) in both medium and large sizes. The nonadherent Uvener templates can be used with any composite. Unlike prefabricated composite veneers, Uveners are autoclavable and reusable, not limited by sizing or shade. The clinical process is simple: place the composite on the bonded facial surface, press the translucent Uvener template over the composite, then light cure. Remove the template, remove any excess composite, refine the margins, and the composite veneer is



Two central incisors restored with Uvener.

done. The rapid results are predictably symmetrical, complementing the smile, and do not require facial polishing. Uveners are indicated for single or multiple anterior composite veneers, correcting diastemas, extensive Class IVs, provisional veneers and implants, and for direct chairside mock-ups. The Uvener Kit is reusable for a very low cost per use.

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