

Survival of different acrylate based veneer materials in telescopic crowns

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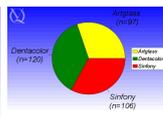
Introduction

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Material and Methods

Since 1997 95 not selected patients were provided with removable partial dentures retained by a total of 323 resin veneered telescopic crowns. Every single metal framework was done using only one alloy (Degulor M, Degussa-Hüls); the veneers were completed using the following three resins and their appropriate bonding systems at random: 1. Dentacolor / Siloc (Heraeus Kulzer), 2. Artglass / Siloc (Heraeus Kulzer) and 3. Sinfony / Rocatec (Espe). Table 1 shows the composition as well as the flexure strength and the e-modulus of these materials. Not only the manufactures' instructions were followed precisely while processing, but also additional retentions were positioned at all metal surfaces getting a veneer. In semiannual recall intervals follow-up checks were done focusing on a change in color compared to neighboring teeth (fig. 4) and the complete or partial loss of veneers. On this occasion the observed defects were assigned to three groups: defects up to one third (group 1, fig.2), defects up to two third (group 2) and total loss of the veneers (group 3, fig 3). The evaluated data were checked statistically with the survival analysis according to Kaplan-Meyer.

Material	Dentacolor	Artglass	Sinfony
Composition	48% Bis-DMA 2% DC-DMA	21% silocane and methacrylate methacrylic acid ester	48% methacrylate methacrylic acid ester
Flexure modulus	15% propionic acid silicofluoropolymer and Siloc	48% Bis-DMA 21% silocane propionic acid	48% propionic acid silicofluoropolymer and Siloc
Flexure strength	85 MPa	-	9%
Elastic modulus	2.5 GPa	1.8 MPa	110 MPa
Thermal modulus	3.8 GPa	3.4 GPa	3.1 GPa



Tab. 1: Composition and characteristic of materials

Fig. 1: Materials



Fig. 2: Partial loss (group 1)

Fig. 3: Complete loss (group 3)

Fig. 4: Change in color (group 4)

Results

The results of the study are represented in Fig. 5-7. After 18 months in use the combination Dentacolor / Siloc showed defects according to group 1 (fig.5) in 5% of all cases. Similar defects were found in 14% of all cases with the combination Artglass / Siloc. Telescopic crowns with the combination Sinfony / Rocatec showed defects in a frequency of 9%. The differences between the materials proved to be statistically significant ($p < 0,05$, log-rank-test).

Losses which amounted up to two thirds of the veneer were only to be found in 1% for the combination Dentacolor / Siloc. No losses of that extent were seen for the other materials. Since the tested materials showed no significant differences with respect to group 2 defects, the corresponding diagram is omitted.

For the combination Sinfony / Rocatec no complete loss of the veneer was recorded during the period of the study (fig. 6). Dentacolor / Siloc came up in 7% of the cases with a total loss of the veneer. For crowns veneered with Artglass / Siloc a total loss of the veneer was registered in 28%. The frequency of total loss proved to be significant with regard to the different materials ($p < 0,05$). With reference to color stability no significant differences were evaluated between the systems. 2% of the combination Dentacolor / Siloc and 4% of the combination Artglass / Siloc as well as 9% of all telescopic crowns with Sinfony / Rocatec showed discolorations (fig.7).

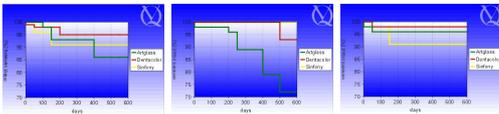


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Discussion and Conclusions

Within the limits of this study it can be concluded that though considerable efforts have been made to improve the metal-resin-bond the risk of partial or complete loss of veneers still exists. There is an additional risk of discoloration in the first two years after integration as well that may be due to improper handling or finishing. The combination Artglass / Siloc showed a significant higher loss rate. These findings may be explained possibly by the higher brittleness of this material which in turn is reflected by its comparably high elastic modulus (*tab. 1*). Therefore special attention should be paid to an adequate rigidity of the metallic framework to minimize elastic deformation of the construction. In spite of all physico-chemical improvements of the metal-resin-bond it still is strongly advisable to apply additional mechanical retentions. The study is to be continued.

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Material	Resin	Bonding System	Flexure Strength (MPa)	α -Modulus (GPa)
Demergel/Silux	Demergel	Silux	100	2,2
Artglass/Siloc	Artglass	Siloc	100	2,2
Resinex/Resinex	Resinex	Resinex	100	2,2

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