

Directa helps make restorations quicker, easier and more efficient



Directa AB, a Swedish manufacturing company that dedicates itself to introducing innovative, high-quality and cost-effective products into the dental marketplace, is perhaps best known around the world for its Luxator[®] extraction instruments, which allow dentists to remove teeth with less damage to the surrounding tissue, keeping a better anatomy for an implant site. But here at the United States, it is the company's products for restorations that have many people buzzing.

Many are already familiar with the **FenderWedge[®]** tooth protector, which separates and protects adjacent teeth during preparation for a restoration. A combination of a wedge and a protective stainless steel plate, the FenderWedge[®] pre-separates teeth by a few tenths of a millimeter, protecting the adjacent tooth during preparation and aiding in the final building of the contact point.

Now, the FenderWedge[®] has a companion — the **FenderMate[®]**. The one-piece matrix is designed to allow dentists to quickly and efficiently fill a cavity and get a restoration with a tight contact and a tight cervical margin.

“We’ve taken a 10 minute procedure down to about 2 minutes,” says Frank Cortes, U.S. sales manager for Directa. “More importantly...” Cortes explains “In traditional methods of cavity preparation, the emphasis was to break contact and extend the walls of the proximal box in order to accommodate the matrix band. With the facility to insert FenderMate lingually and/or buccally the dentist can maintain a smaller, more traditional proximal preparation thus preserving healthy tooth structure and easily restoring a proper contact.”

The FenderMate[®] combines a wedge and a matrix in its design so that dentists no longer have to fumble with multiple pieces. A flexible wing separates the teeth and firmly seals the cervical margin, avoiding overhang. It features optimal matrix curvature and a pre-shaped contact. No ring is needed, and when it is inserted as a wedge, the tooth is ready for immediate restoration.

“FenderMate[®] has made a tremendous impact worldwide,” says Cortes, who tells Dental Tribune that the new product has been rated one of the best products of 2009 with great positive feedback. According to Cortes, dentists are pleased not only with FenderMate's ease of use but with its ability to help preserve more of the natural tooth structure which is essential in providing better patient care.

As with all products by Directa AB, the FenderWedge[®] and the FenderMate[®] are designed by dentists, not engineers.

The FenderMate[®] is available in Assorted kit of 72 pieces or Refill packs of 18 pieces in four different variations.. Ask for the Prep & Restoration Kit.

You won't be disappointed.

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