

THE CLEARLASTIC – A USEFUL APPLIANCE FOR MINOR TOOTH GAPS

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1. Initial situation



2. Situation after affixing the Clearlastic from 13 to 23



3. Situation one day later



4. Final situation after removing the Clearlastic

Aim: The Clearlastic is an efficient in-office appliance to close minor tooth gaps of the incisors. It is an easy buccal installed method with a very short duration of effect.

This poster presentation shows the use of this useful orthodontic tool.

Material/Methods: First you prepare the buccal enamel by etching. Then you attach the elastic band (0,025") lightly over all teeth which shall be included (incisor to incisor or canine to canine). Attach a little drop of flowable composite onto the next tooth and light-cure directly for 10sec. Repeat this step until all teeth are included. Every kind of flowable material to attach brackets can be used for this step. Through the thixotropic character of flowable composite no polishing is needed.

For patient comfort and an esthetic solution better use tooth colored materials.

Results: The first case was a recurrence after treatment with fixed braces and took one day. After the gaps were closed we used a palatinal retainer for permanent retention.

Conclusion: The Clearlastic is an easily attached useful non-compliance tool to close minor gaps with a remarkable duration of effect.

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