

Snap-On Smile Appliances

Information for Patients

What is Snap-On Smile?

Snap-On Smile is a patented, easy and painless way to obtain a beautiful smile. It was invented by a dentist who realized that not everyone can afford thousands of dollars to get a Hollywood smile make-over. After years of extensive research and development, your dentist can now provide you with a Snap-On Smile that is thin and strong with the look of natural teeth. You can eat and drink with your Snap-On Smile. It's easy to care for and can be a temporary or permanent cosmetic solution. It's available for upper and lower teeth.

Snap-On Smile's unique, proprietary formula of hi-tech dental resin make it very thin yet extremely strong. It fits right over your own teeth to give you a beautiful, natural looking smile—even if you have stains, chips, gaps or missing teeth.

And for many people, Snap-On Smile can be life changing. It gives back the confidence to smile. Thousands of people worldwide have already experienced the unique benefits of Snap-On Smile.

Snap-On Smile is for just about everyone!

Snap-On Smile is an affordable and life-changing solution for people of all ages. Getting a Snap-On Smile simply requires two, short, painless visits with no drilling, no shots and no change in tooth structure.

It is an excellent choice for:

- Gaps, crooked, stained or missing teeth
- Those who are not candidates for bridges or implants
- Anyone who would like a Hollywood smile without the expense and discomfort of complex and invasive dental procedures
- Anyone who has an old-fashioned removable partial denture and wants a beautiful, more comfortable alternative

It's easy, it's painless and you can start today

1. You pick the style and shade of your new smile
2. Your dentist takes an impression of your teeth
3. You come back in about three weeks for a final fitting and you wear your Snap-On Smile home

How long will my Snap-On Smile last?

Snap-On Smile comes with a 12 month limited warranty against manufacturing defects, which is extendable to 3 years. With proper care, your Snap-On Smile can last from 3 to 5 years. Just follow the Snap-On Smile dentist's cleaning instructions and you'll enjoy millions of smiles with Snap-On Smile..

Snap-On Smile is a dental appliance that involves no drills, no cutting down of existing tooth structure, no local anesthesia, and it is removable. It's non-invasive, meaning it is also reversible. It fits directly

over existing teeth and can be applied to a variety of situations.

What kind of material is it made out of?

Snap-On Smile appliances are made of a crystallized type of resin called “Acetyl Resin” which allows the appliance to be made as thin as .5mm without compromising strength. . It is unlike acrylic, which makes it more durable and non-staining. The material is also used in heart valve replacement as well as several other applications in dentistry. NASA uses it as well within their aircraft cabinetry for its durability.

Who is a candidate for Snap-On Smile?

Snap-On Smile is used for urgent situations requiring change on very short notice, dental phobics and medically compromised patients, such as chemo or radiation treated patients. It can also be used in some cases of periodontal disease as a periodontal splint for mobile teeth by strengthening the teeth going through periodontal treatment. This splint method is also helpful because the patient can easily maintain excellent oral hygiene. Snap-On Smile appliances can also be used in certain situations to test a new look for patient having a cosmetic makeover. A Snap-On Smile appliance is not intended to restore or repair decayed teeth. Teeth should be free of decay or other significant defects or disease before a Snap-On Smile appliance is made.

Does it come in different shades like crowns do?

We can choose from 23 shades and 18 smile designs, giving us an array of choices for your appliance.

What is the fee for a Snap-On Smile appliance?

The fee for Snap-On Smile appliances is charged per arch, meaning all of your upper teeth or all of your lower teeth. Our fee naturally depends on the individual dental situation. We will be able to establish the fee when we see you. When you call our Patient Care Coordinator will be able to help you understand the usual ranges and she can explain our payment options.

What foods should not be eaten while wearing a Snap-On Smile appliance?

You can eat and drink with your Snap-On Smile appliance. But you need to exercise some caution. We do not advise eating foods that are very difficult to chew or certain very hard items like hard candies. We advise starting with a softer diet and working your way up to harder more substantial foods. Like everything else, it takes some getting used to.

Does a Snap-On Smile appliance look natural?

Remember, a Snap-On Smile appliance fits over your natural teeth and so it adds some contour and a little bulk. If your natural teeth are large or prominent, the Snap-On Smile appliance will add a little to that. We need to decide together about this before we go ahead. In some cases, the teeth may feel bulky even if they appear to look close to normal size. This takes getting used to, and that usually happens in a few days.

How long is a Snap-On Smile appliance expected to last?

They should last several years assuming careful use and care. And remember, if your natural teeth need to be changed or repaired, there is the possibility that the appliance will no longer fit.

How do I care for a Snap-On Smile appliance?

This is critical. In addition to the normal caution about food selections mentioned above, you need to remove and clean your Snap-On Smile appliance after all meals and snacks and before sleeping. The appliance is best maintained by brushing the internal and external surfaces. To obtain the best results, clean with a soft toothbrush. You can use any toothpaste or cleanser you use for your natural teeth. Rinse the appliance very thoroughly before re-inserting it. And you must also clean your natural teeth before you re-insert the appliance, or if this is not possible, at least rinse your mouth very thoroughly.

Can you sleep with a Snap-On Smile appliance?

For normal dentition, we DO NOT recommend sleeping with your Snap-On Smile in place. We do make an individual exception to this in specific cases.

Will it change my bite?

It depends. Sometimes we use a Snap-On Smile appliance to accomplish exactly that for specific treatment purposes. We create a prescription for the appliance that takes this into consideration. Occasionally, there is a slight increase in the bite dimension. But unless we intentionally choose to increase the bite, if there is a slight increase in occlusion, any change is minimal at most.

How does it attach?

A Snap-On Smile appliance uses the natural curvature of your teeth to hold it in place (due to the material's flexibility) by utilizing the heights of contour of each individual tooth. It will not be loose in normal function.

Can you wear a Snap-On Smile appliance every day? Will it break or tear?

Snap-On Smile appliances can be worn every day, all day. We want you to remove and clean the appliance before going to bed and not wear it in sleep unless we advise you to wear it while sleeping. It will break if enough force is placed on the appliance. Special care is required just like any other dental appliance. The specially formulated resin is durable, but it can be abused to the point of breakage.

Is it heat tolerant?

Yes, it can tolerate hot food and drinks. It can not tolerate boiling or near boiling and should be cleaned with warm water.

Does it maintain its color?

Yes. It is made out of a non-porous, microfilm material that does not allow anything to adhere to it. It is

non-toxic and hypo-allergenic. The crystallized resin has the ability not to absorb any food debris, bacteria, or discoloration. Red wine and drinking coffee will not be a problem. If you smoke, the appliance can become stained.

Can material be added to a Snap-On Smile appliance?

Yes, a little material can be added to the margin for minor repairs or tears. This is reserved for unique situations.

More Information can be found at www.snaponsmile.com