Approximating Surface Matrix Band for Dentist to Use for Patients

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Problem Statement

- During procedures involving cavities on adjacent teeth, dentists must one tooth at a time
 - Difficult and time inefficient
- Matrix band could allow for both teeth to be operated on simultaneously
 - Comparable mechanical and practical properties



Untreated cavity requiring attention



Current matrix bands in use for cavity filling

Impact

- Continue advancements in dental research [1]
- Simplifying procedure could improve
 - Efficiency
 - Convenience
 - Cost Effectiveness
- 9% of world population affected by untreated dental caries [2]
 - More enticing of a procedure
 - Free up more time for dentist





Last Semester's Design



Dimensioned Solidworks model of previous final design

Dimensions

- Height: 6.25 mm
- Thickness: 0.0254 mm

Features

- Tab with hole
- Rounded corners

Material

• 1008-1010 Grade Stainless Steel Installation/removal

- Goes in interproximal space
- Carefully insert and stabilize with rings and wedge



Testing and Feedback



Sample being loaded into the MTS machine for tensile testing



Modulus for 1008 steel alloy.

Preliminary mechanical testing successful

- Solidworks showed steel compositions were comparable during stress test simulations
- MTS testing had difficulties but showed evidence of similar Young's Modulus values between materials

Looking Forward

- Quantitative testing
 - Manufacture prototype



Design Modifications

- Addition of Fins
- Bonding of upper 70% of proximal space
 - Permatex 84109 PermaPoxy 4 Minute Multi-Metal Epoxy
- Variety of sizes 5mm, 6mm, 7mm



Semester Timeline



Fabrication & Testing Plan

- Submit fabrication request to Big Blue Saw manufacturing company
- independent online source
- other 3rd party manufacturers
- die casting and punch die
 - 2. Filing to round edges*
 - 3. Application of sealing epoxy

Evaluation Criteria	Score (1-5)	Comments:
Ease of Use		
Tooth Contour		
Protective Coverage		
Restoration Contact		
Efficiency		
Compatibility with existing tools & Procedures		
Total Score (out of 30)		

Packaging and Documentation

- Packaging
 - Self-Sealing Sterilization Pouch
 - Kit containing multiple sizes
 - Unfolded and stacked together
- Documentation
 - User manual
 - Installation
 - Assembly
 - Safety warnings
 - Size specification



Common packaging (left) and sterilization pouches (right) that are the current standard in dentistry



Budget

- Fall 2021
 - Tooth Model: \$28.42
 - Stainless Steel: \$35.96
 - Reimbursed
- Spring 2022
 - Approved to make "reasonable" purchases
 - Estimated \$50 \$200 for prototype
 - Possibly free
 - \$10 \$20 for packaging
 - Client will reimburse at end of semester





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