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Approximating Surface Matrix Band for Dentist to Use for Patients

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Problem Statement

- Matrix bands provide a tooth contour for dentists to follow when performing restorative procedures (i.e cavity fillings)
- **Problem(s)**
 - Matrix bands are only capable of surrounding one tooth at a time
 - The thickness of two bands adjacent to one another exceeds the natural tooth contact gap
 - When restoring interproximal cavities, traditional matrix bands unnecessarily increase procedure time
- **Goal: Create a *dual* matrix band system which is ...**
 - Thin enough to fit in between the affected teeth and maintain the appropriate contact gap
 - Rigid enough to securely adapt to the shape of the tooth walls.



Background: Function & Use

- A matrix is defined as a properly contoured piece of metal used to support and give form to the material used in restoration during its and hardening.[1]
- Matrix bands are typically used to fill interproximal cavities (figure 1)

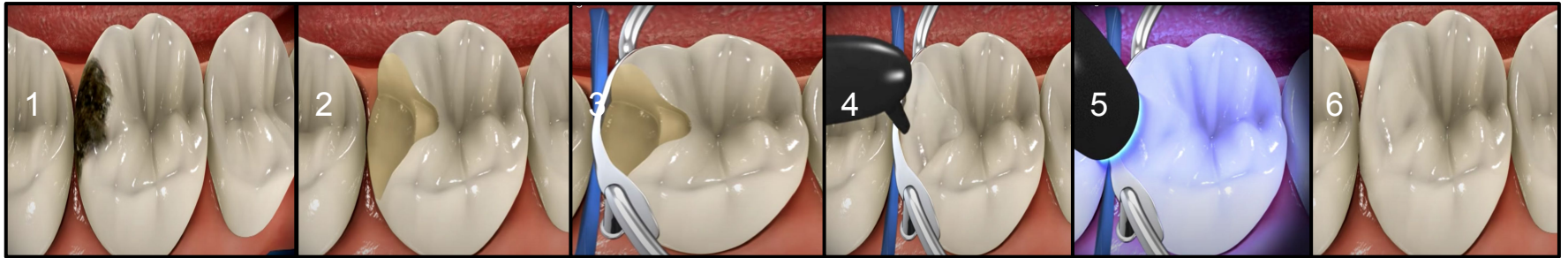


Figure 1: Process of restoring a decayed tooth



Background: Function & Use

- Our problem presents itself when dentists have to perform a **class II restoration** (figure 2)

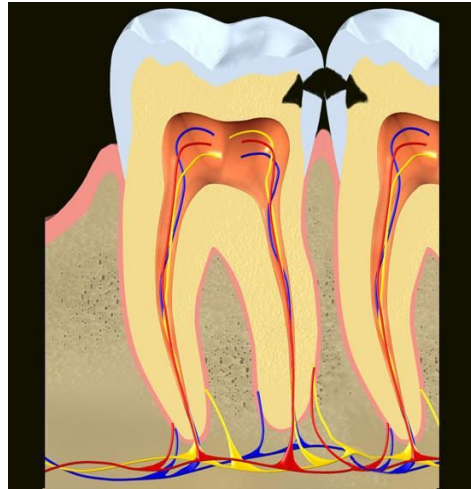


Figure 2: Depiction of an interproximal cavity
On two adjacent teeth



Background: Existing Products

➤ Tofflemire Matrix Band



Background: Existing Products

➤ Sectional Matrix Band



Client Requirements

- Device must be able to securely fit to the convex/concave contour of 2 adjacent teeth undergoing restoration
- Device material must be non-toxic
- Device should be equivalent or less costly to manufacture as compared to existing matrix bands
- Device must remain inert in the presence of filling materials (amalgam, ceramic, composite etc.)
- Device should not be obstructive or clash with other tools to be used (rotary instruments, mirrors, forceps, suction etc.)
- Device should be thin and have high tensile strength

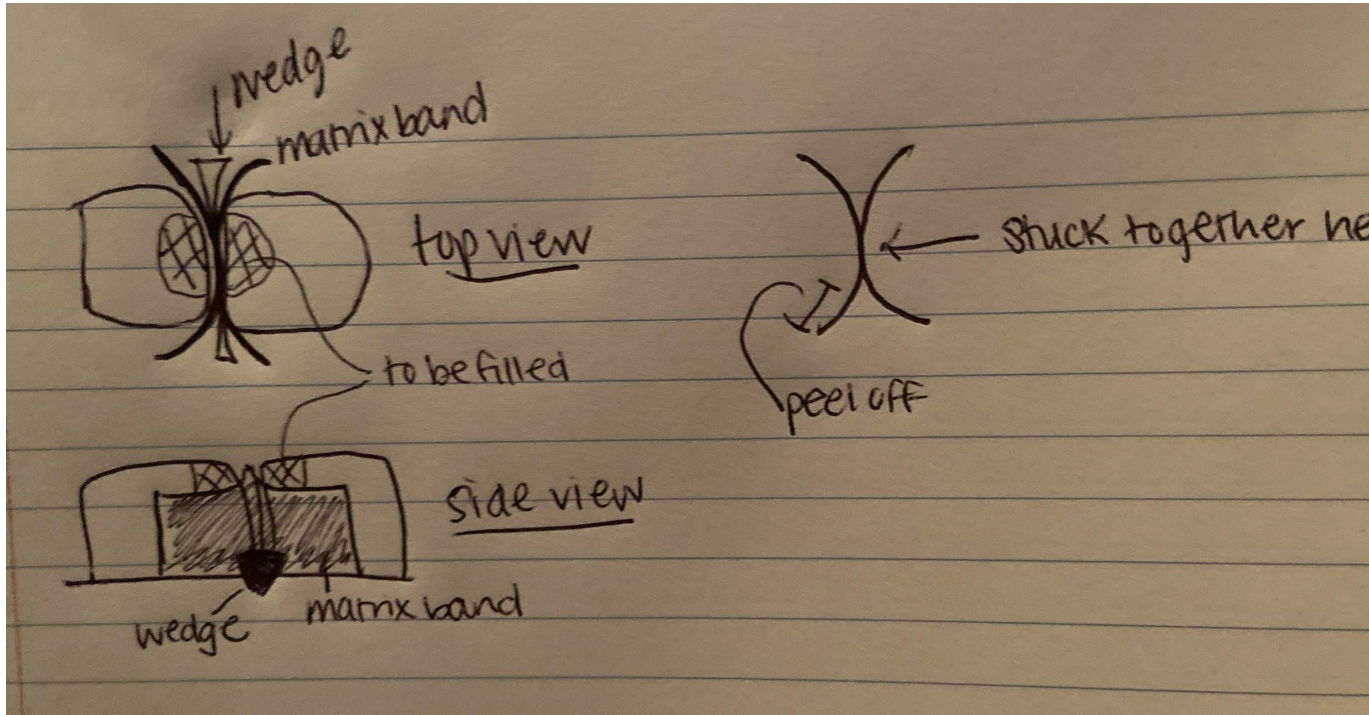


Product Design Specifications

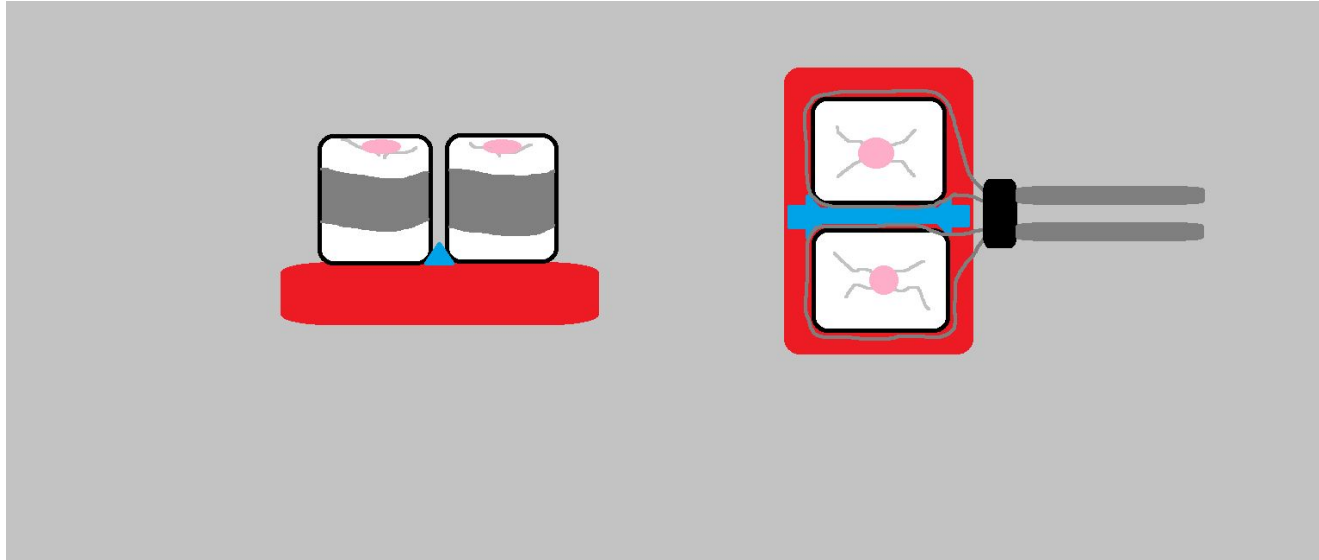
- Normal range of thickness (0.0254 to 0.0508 mm)
- Structural stability for at least the length of the procedure (>30 min)
- Stable in temperatures between 20°C to 37°C, high humidity and high moisture
- One-time use
- Need FDA approval (Class I device)
- Adjustable



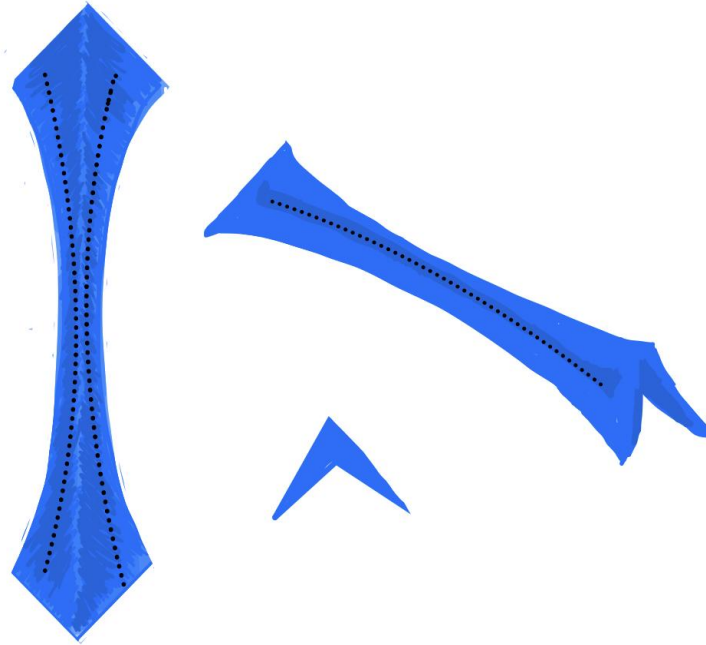
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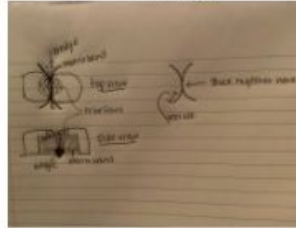
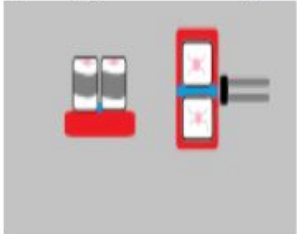

Design 2:



Design 3:



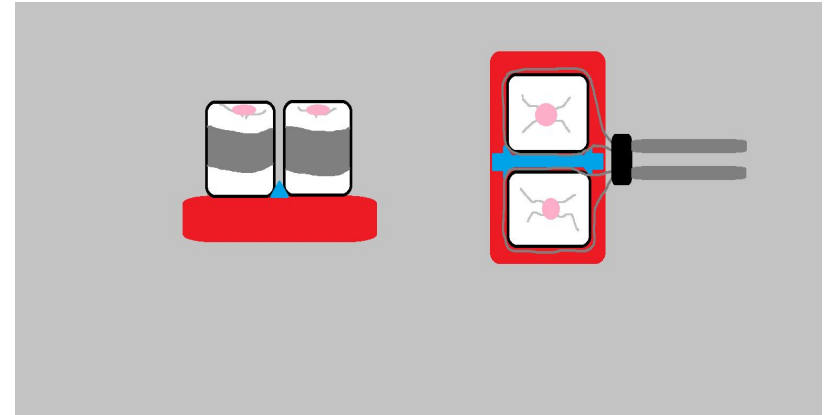


	The Butterfly! 🦋 	(Doug) DoubleHug 	The Potato Wedge 🥔 
Safety (30)	24 (4)	30 (5)	18 (3)
Effectiveness (20)	16 (4)	20 (5)	16 (4)
Cost (20)	16 (4)	20 (5)	12 (3)
Adjustability (15)	12 (4)	15 (5)	6 (2)
Patient Comfort (10)	8 (4)	6 (3)	10 (5)
Ergonomics (5)	5 (5)	4 (4)	5 (5)
Total	81	95	67



Final Design

- Final Design Choice: Doug (Double Hug)
- Simplicity
- Ability to articulate both bands
- Would require thin matrix bands



Future Work

- Start collecting materials for fabrication of prototype
- Check in with client to make sure the bands and equipment we are using are viable.
- Testing of the bands and how the articulation works and feels on practice model
- Iteration on our design idea until final prototype.



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