

## VITA ENAMIC<sup>®</sup> Polishing Protocol

#### Remove the sprue and shape the restoration

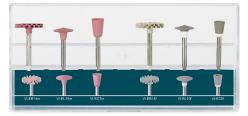
- Use a ceramic-friendly rotary instrument to remove the sprue.
- You may also wish to create a pseudo-die with composite to hold the restoration and allow better control over margin polishing.
- Use a VITA grey diamond smoothing wheel to shape and contour the restoration.

#### Pre-polish with the pink polishers

- Use 7,000–10,000 RPM and light pressure.
- Keep moving the polishers around on the surfaces and do not stay in one place too long in order to avoid creating grooves or pits.

### High-gloss polish with the grey polishers

- Use 5,000–8,000 RPM and light pressure.
- Keep moving the polishers around on the surfaces and do not stay in one place too long in order to avoid creating grooves or pits.



VITA ENAMIC Clinical Polishing Set - EENPSETCV1



VITA ENAMIC Technical Polishing Set - EENPSETT

#### Important:

- Since dust is formed when grinding, always wear a face mask or grind when wet. Use an extraction unit in the laboratory.
- Do not rework VITA ENAMIC restorations using carbide instruments since these instruments may damage the material. Use only diamond-coated milling tools or special polishers.

For a complete set of VITA ENAMIC processing instructions, refer to the VITA ENAMIC Working Instructions (#1982E)



1. Remove the sprue



3. Shape with VITA grey diamond wheel



2. Create a die to hold the restoration



4. The point is excellent for grooves



**5.** The cup is perfect on occlusal anatomy



7. High-gloss polish with grey polishers



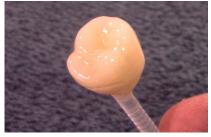
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9. Finish with the round grey wheel





8. A nice lustre will form



10. The final esthetic result



# **VITA ENAMIC® Bonding Protocol**



### **Condition the Restoration**

Appropriate acid etching (for example, with VITA Ceramic Etch 5% hydroflouric acid for 60 seconds) and use of silane is required for maximizing bond of the restoration.

#### **Condition the Tooth**

Etch enamel with phosphoric acid gel, 35% for 30 seconds. Spray clean for 30 seconds and dry for 20 seconds. The etched surface must be white opaque. Apply an adequate primer/bonder system on to the etched tooth substance. Reference the manufacturer's directions specific to the adhesive material.

#### Cement

Use a composite resin cement and either light or dual cure.

- Light Cure:
  - Only for thin ceramics like veneers.
- Dual Cure:
  - Needed for thick ceramic and opaque restorations.
  - Light cure for a few seconds in order to remove excess.
  - Fully cure using appropriate manufacturer instructions.

### **Remove Excess Cement**

- Clean excess bonding cement.
- Cement removal should be parallel, not perpendicular, to avoid cement pull out.

### **Common Mistakes to Avoid**

- Using expired materials or mixing and matching brands could cause the bond to not cure or set correctly.
- Restoration and/or tooth structure contamination:
  - Clean restoration with alcohol to remove any debris
  - Make sure air lines are free of oil or moisture
  - Contamination from finger oils or saliva will inhibit bond
- Over-etching ceramic creates a layer of precipitated ceramic that may inhibit the bond.
- Under-etching ceramic may cause insufficient bonding.
- If the cement is too thick, it is more likely that de-bonding will occur
- Light curing should not be used for thick or opaque ceramic, as the light is not strong enough to activate the photo-initiators. This will also happen if the curing light is too weak and/or the wrong wavelength.

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1. Etch the enamel and restoration



2. Condition the tooth substance



3. Silanize



4. Insert the restoration



5. Light cure



6. Remove excess cement

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