THE ALL-PURPOSE DESENSITIZER & WETTING AGENT THAT WON’T AFFECT BOND STRENGTH

Post-operative sensitivity is an ever-present clinical problem with posterior restorations, with studies showing an incidence rate of up to 63%. While your patient’s comfort is of paramount importance, the clinician should also be concerned with dentinal hypersensitivity causing added chair time through compromised restorations if an ineffective desensitizing technique is utilized.

G5 – THE PREDICTABLE SOLUTION FOR EFFECTIVE DESENSITIZATION

G5 is an aqueous, 5% glutaraldehyde-based desensitizer with 35% HEMA (a pre-primer resin) designed for use with 4th and 5th Generation adhesives. G5 works by coagulating the plasma proteins contained within the dentinal tubule fluid. This coagulation forms an initial “plug” (which can be seen to a depth of 200 microns), eliminating the movement of fluid within the tubules—the root cause of dentinal sensitivity. In clinical studies, glutaraldehyde has consistently been shown to significantly decrease sensitivity on hypersensitive teeth without affecting bond strength between treated surfaces and controls. Glutaraldehyde has shown little or no effect on retention on crowns luted with zinc phosphate, glass ionomer, and resin-modified glass ionomer cements, and is one of few desensitizers that will not adversely affect bond strengths of resin cement to dentin. Glutaraldehyde has an antibacterial effect, protecting the tooth/restoration surfaces from bacteria growth and may prevent secondary caries in cases where microleakage has occurred. Additionally, G5’s sealing effect means you’ll experience gap free margins.

BOND LONGEVITY

MMPs, matrix metalloproteinases, are enzymes found in collagen that become active after acid etching. These enzymes gradually degrade the collagen fibers at the dentin/adhesive interface causing diminishing bond strengths. Fortunately, studies have shown glutaraldehyde acts to inhibit the activity of the MMPs, resulting in long-term bond strengths. G5 helps to inhibit the negative effects of MMPs.

FOR USE WITH ONE-BOTTLE OR MULTI-BOTTLE SYSTEMS THAT EMPLOY WET BONDING WITH A TRADITIONAL TOTAL-ETCH APPROACH:

NOTE: Apply G5 as a rewetting agent after acid etching and before priming.
1. Etch the preparation with phosphoric acid and rinse thoroughly.
2. Lightly dry the preparation with air or blot with a cotton pellet to remove the excess water without desiccation.
3. Apply G5 uniformly to the dentin with a Multi-Brush (or similar) until surface has a glistening appearance. DO NOT DRY G5.
4. Finally, if using a multi-bottle bonding system, apply the primer. If using a one-bottle bonding system, apply the dentin adhesive as per the manufacturer’s instructions.

FOR DESENSITIZING CROWNS:
1. Scrub the preparation for 30 seconds to penetrate the smear layer.
2. Dry the preparation (or, keep tooth wet with G5, depending on the requirements of the cement used).
3. Cement as normal.
4. Rinsing of the tooth is optional after application.

Because self-etch adhesives create a smear layer that blocks the dentinal tubules and G5 from entering them, they are not recommended for use with this product. G5 is not recommended for use with self-etching cement adhesives. Ensure excess G5 is rinsed from soft tissues following any usage.

Liberally apply MAX ETCH H₃PO₄ to the preparation and etch for 20 seconds.

Rinse the MAX ETCH for a minimum of 5 seconds then scrub G5 All-Purpose Desensitizer onto the preparation for 10 seconds, blotting any excess. Leave the surface visibly moist.

Apply MPa Max adhesive (ensuring each adhesive wall is coated) and gently scrub for 10 seconds. Thin and air dry using ⅛ to ⅜ air pressure to evaporate the solvent, for 10 seconds. The preparation should appear shiny with no pooling.

Light-cure for 10 seconds using a standard light with an output >600 mW/cm² or 20 seconds if the output is <600 mW/cm².

Proceed with placement and light-curing of the composite. A bulk-fill composite was used in this case.

Use an A.S.A.P. Pre-Polisher to remove surface scratches.

Apply light pressure using the A.S.A.P. Final High Shine Polisher to quickly bring an esthetic lustre to the restoration. 20 seconds should do it!

The final restoration: A combination of life-like esthetics and a strong, enduring dentin/enamel bond.