

### A Flexible Chrome!

Not quite as outlandish an idea as you may first have thought, processing a chrome denture in part or as a whole in flexible material can have significant benefits.

We have done many restorations in this way and you get excellent stability with maximum retention. There are drawbacks with all restorations but by combining two apparently contradicting materials you can achieve what would be virtually impossible with either on their own.

With the combination of chrome and flexible you can obtain a very small, rigid denture that offers all the benefits of a tooth borne restoration whilst utilising all available undercuts to maximise retention.

#### LESS VISIBLE CLASPING

This means there can be less visible claspings, better use of undercuts for retention and the denture is often more comfortable to wear. By combining the materials you can provide more stable restorations in situations that are always problematic.

#### MILLED OR TELESCOPIC CROWNS

Another good example of combining these two materials would be in restorations that also have milled areas or telescopic crowns. You can use the chrome to connect to milled areas or telescopic crowns and then process the finished denture in a flexible material offering maximum retention.



#### TOO FLEXIBLE

We often see flexible dentures that are made too flexible. This is often just to prove how flexible the denture is to the patient and / or dentist. However, if a denture is too flexible it can actually cause harm to the gum and be difficult to use by the patient as it is constantly moving whilst chewing.

There is also often difficulty in making flexible dentures with free end saddles as unless there is good undercut a flexible denture flexes too much in these areas causing instability. By combining chrome and flexible you can eliminate many issues and make best use of both materials.

We are constantly striving to improve and offer better choices and patient satisfaction. If you would like more information about flexible chromes or anything else please let us know.

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Easter Holiday	Friday 29th March & Monday 1st April
May Day	Monday 6th May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th May
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th August

