TRADE NEWS

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DBG makes it five

The Dental Buying Group (DBG) has acquired five dental laboratories, with the number set to increase dramatically during 2002.

Spa Dental in Gloucester is the DBGs latest acquisition. They join Crown Dental, David Bird Dental Ceramics, Blackpool and Astley Bridge laboratories.



The laboratories offer DGBs Laboratory Package. As well as receiving quality laboratory work, all dental practices are provided with free A-silicone impression material, stainless steel trays, alginate and a tray cleaning service.

In addition, DBG Laboratories offer a free daily nationwide courier service allowing all dentists access to a network of first class laboratories. For further information contact DBG on 01606 861 950 or visit www.thedbg.co.uk

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Super Etch gel

Super Etch is now available in single use 0.18ml compule as well as the conventional syringe and bottle form.

Easily controlled Super Etch gel flows under direction, not under gravity, and SDI claims it doesnt slump.

The fixotropic blue tint gel ensures high visibility for precise placement. The Super Etchs inorganic silica gel thickener is no obstacle to the adhesive. Other entchants block adhesives with a wax-like ploymer residue, which can inhibit penetration and bonding.

The Super Etch syringe tip is significantly smaller than other brands. This 23 gauge nozzle enhances complete sealing and retention by allowing penetration into the smallest pits, fissures and crevasses.

For more information phone 00800 022 55 734 or visit www.sdi.com.au

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The new Protemp 3 Garant from 3M

3M ESPE are pleased to announce the new Protemp 3 Garant. The Protemp 3 Garant is a new generation Protemp temporary crown and bridge material. It is a composite material for the fabrication of accurate and reliable temporary crowns.

3M ESPE claims the Protemp 3 Garants unique resin matrix offers both enhanced mechanical strength and improved flexibility. Dispensed from the easy to use Garant 2 dispenser, Protemp 3 Garant material has a reduced smear layer and smaller filler particle size. Consequently it is quicker and easier to grind and polish.

The Protemp 3 Garant also offers the choice of three shades (A1, A3 and B3) and the ability to be quickly and easily individualised and repaired using suitable composite materials e.g. Sinfony, conventional composites or Protemp 3 Garant material itself

Supplied in an A3 starter pack containing a 50ml cartridge, 15 mixing tips and free Garant 2 dispenser, Protemp 3 Garant material is now available. Individual packs containing a 50ml cartridge and 15 mixing tips are also available in all three shades. For more information phone 01509 613 121 or visit www3mespe.com. Reader response

Braun Oral-B launches the filament brush

Braun Oral-B have launched their Interspace brush head, that Braun claims will make interdental cleaning easy for even the most non-compliant patients.

The filaments on the brush are tapered to access tight spaces and are ideal for cleaning around crowns, bridges and implants.

The Interspace head fits all Braun handles and the



D5 model to the most recently launched 3D Excel.

Most periodontal problems are the result of ineffective oral hygiene. Research presented at the IADR meeting in Japan more plaque was removed when used with the latest brush head.

Braun claims if used in conjunction with the standard Braun Oral-B Power Brush head there is a significant improvement in plaque removal. For more information phone 0208 847 7838. Reader response number54