

In a sphere of their own

Tokuyama Dental's latest creation, Omnicroma colourless composite, relies totally on optical mimicry allowing to match exactly to surrounding tooth colouring. Omnicroma matches virtually every tooth.

Often, little consideration is given to the filler of a composite material, other than the ratio of filler to resin. That is until Tokuyama's research showed that the size and shape of composite filler particles are vital to creating optimal success with the material. Most brands of composites contain irregularly shaped and sized fillers. This makes polishing and shade-blending a difficult challenge.

Tokuyama is the only composite manufacturer to use patented spherical filler particles within their composite materials, each variant utilising spherical particles of different diameters to maximise their optical and physical properties for the desired indication.

These unique spherical fillers are made through the sol-gel process, a method of producing glass and ceramic materials discovered in the mid-eighteenth century. In the 1990s, sol-gel research gained pace with over 35,000 papers published, coinciding with Tokuyama's development of their dental composite materials.

The sol-gel process can be controlled to produce perfect spheres, uniform in their composition. Further control of the process allows Tokuyama to determine the exact dimensions of the spheres, enhancing the ability of the material to reflect light in a uniform manner, creating composite materials with excellent shade matching and aesthetic properties.

The spherical particles and the structure they form within the composite lead to refraction and reflection of light that mimics the opalescence of natural tooth. Higher diffusion and light refraction results in a material that will offer the ability for excellent aesthetic



blending with adjacent tooth structure.

By carefully adapting the sol-gel process to create particles of exactly 260 nm diameter, it was discovered that for the first time colour could be achieved without addition of a pigment. The unique filler composition deliberately induces the phenomenon of structural colour to combine with the reflected colour of the surrounding tooth. The result: Omnicroma.

The spherical filler particles also improve the gloss and lustre of the finished restoration. Spherically filled composites reached 90% glossiness after only one minute of polishing, compared to a prominent composite material with irregular filler size that achieved 70% glossiness in the same period of time. Additionally, the material with a spherical filler retains its gloss and lustre longer due to the enhanced wear characteristics.

For more information about the complete Tokuyama range, including Omnicroma, contact your local Trycare Representative, call 01274 885544 or visit www.trycare.co.uk/omnicroma.

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