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BulkEZ ++++

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Consultants' Comments

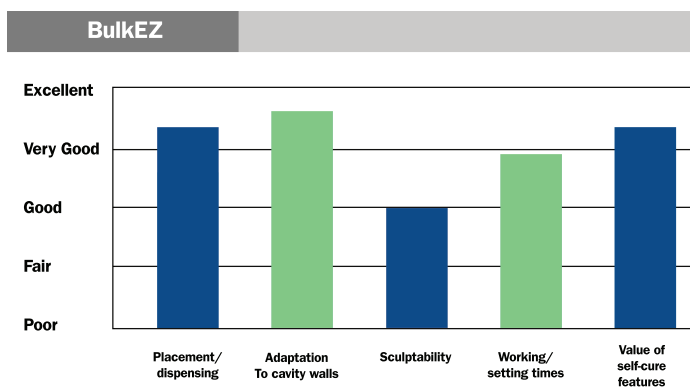
- "It is reassuring to know that the restorative material is fully cured. With light-cured materials, sometimes I wonder."
- "Placing large fillings in a single layer saves time."
- "Matrix has to be adapted well to get a good proximal contact since there is no ability to pack the material."

Description

BulkEZ is a dual-cured, bulk-fill posterior composite that is placed like a flowable composite, and it is compatible with any adhesive system. It is one of the few dual-cure posterior composites available that allows unlimited depth of cure, ensuring complete polymerization in areas a curing light may not reach. It is supplied in a 6-mL automix syringe, and mixing tips have needle tip extensions in 17- and 19-ga sizes.

Evaluation Highlights

- The flowable nature of the composite has good wetting and adapts well to the prepared surfaces, and setting time is very fast.
- Finished restorations have great radiopacity, and the long needle tips can be bent to the desired angle to allow for good access to posterior teeth.



Summary

Compared to competitive products, 64% of consultants found BulkEZ to be better, and 36% found it to be worse. Sixty-eight percent would switch to it, 76% would recommend it, and 72% would add it to their armamentarium.

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iOptima ++++1/2

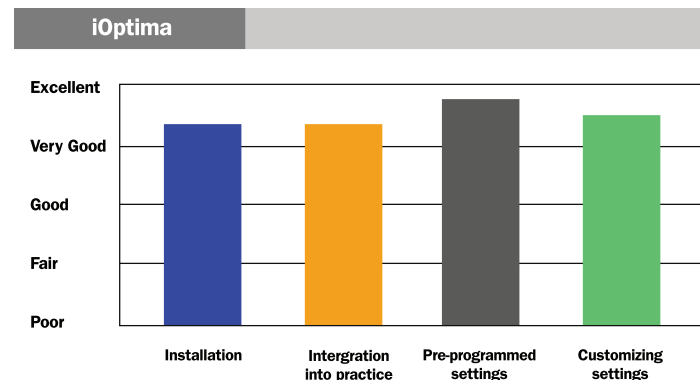
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Consultants' Comments

- "I'm not an iPod user, but this was intuitive."
- "The preprogrammed settings make this system unique and user friendly."
- "Handpiece runs quietly and smoothly."
- "A larger screen would be easier to see and navigate."
- "There was no setting for reciprocating endo files."

Description

An Apple iPod interface, iOptima allows users to convert their dental unit to an electric handpiece system. Its app, downloaded from iTunes, contains preprogrammed restorative and endodontic procedures. Auto-reverse and auto-forward functions coupled with speed and torque control specific to file manufacturers are features of the endodontic mode. Settings are customizable; users can create their own procedures. A kit includes the iOptima Control Unit, an MX2 Micromotor, an MX2 hose, a transformer, and a 16-GB iPod Touch. Evaluated by 14 consultants, this system received a 91% clinical rating.



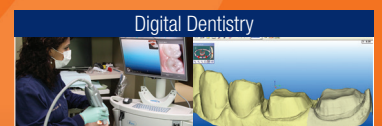
Equipment Features

Installation of the iOptima can be performed by office staff, converting any delivery unit into an electric handpiece system. A wide selection of preprogrammed settings is appropriate for most restorative procedures, and options such as speed, direction of rotation, and torque can quickly be adjusted during the procedure. Fifty percent of consultants would switch to the iOptima, and 83% would recommend it. Compared to competitive products, 50% of consultants found it to be better, 33% found it to be equivalent, and 17% found it to be worse.

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