

Tooth-coloured restorations

These days, fixing a cavity doesn't mean compromising your smile. With tooth-coloured restorations, you and your dentist are the only ones who'll know you have a filling.

Smile Dental uses both porcelain onlays and inlays and composite restorations to produce fillings that are hard-wearing and virtually invisible.

Porcelain onlays and inlays

Of the numerous dental restoration materials available today, porcelain is the most durable and aesthetically perfect.

Porcelain onlays and inlays are typically used for larger or more complex restorations. They're ideal for situations where appearance or performance is critical, such as the more visible or harder working teeth.

And they're a great looking, long lasting alternative to big amalgam fillings. Amalgam fillings that have fractured or leaked can be replaced with porcelain, effectively rebuilding and restoring your tooth to its original condition.

Porcelain restoration procedures are completed over two visits. The first involves the preparation of the teeth to be restored. An impression is taken of the prepared teeth, and their colour is recorded for matching.

Next, the porcelain onlay or inlay is fabricated in the dental laboratory to your precise specifications. It's then fitted and bonded at your second visit-a quick and easy procedure.

Porcelain restorations are very hard-wearing and virtually indistinguishable from natural teeth.

Composite restorations

Being the same colour as your teeth, composite restorations certainly look a lot better than the old silver amalgam fillings. But the benefits of composite aren't all on the surface ...

Unlike amalgam, a composite restoration actually "binds" the tooth structure. This means less preparation is required to secure the filling.

The plastic-like composite material is simply inserted into the prepared tooth, in much the same way as amalgam. And, like an amalgam filling, the straightforward procedure is completed in one visit.

The end result is a more resilient restoration and a stronger tooth. Not to mention a clear, white smile when you laugh.

In many situations, porcelain and composite offer numerous benefits-both cosmetic and functional-over the old silver amalgam fillings. Your dentist can explain, and advise on which procedure is best suited to you.

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