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13
COMBINED YEARS IN
PRACTICE
237

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ProLink

UNIVERSAL DENTAL ADHESIVE

Silmet's ProLink produces exceptional bond strength with primer and sealer combined in a single bottle.

“Excellent product, easy to use, great results” is what a Florida dentist said when asked to describe SILMET's ProLink.

This 5th-generation, single-step bonding agent combines primer and adhesive into a single component. ProLink is compatible with all common dental etching materials, and produces outstanding shear bonding to dentin, enamel, and all popular light-, dual-, and auto-cure composites. The universal adhesive is available in bottles of 5 and 10 mL and will soon be available in a unidose delivery system.

Bond Strength

Manufacturer Description: Advanced colloidal glass technology produces increased adhesion and durability, and ProLink provides protection for dentin regeneration and pulp capping while reducing polymerization shrinkage.

Evaluator Feedback: While not asked specifically about bond strength, several of the 12 dentists who evaluated ProLink made positive comments. When asked what he liked most about the product, a Kansas dentist in practice for 33 years said, “great bond strength.” “It worked as described and I didn't have any issues,” noted a New York dentist with 32 years of experience.



Ease of Use (Application/Placement)

Manufacturer Description: ProLink maximizes ease of use with primer and sealer combined in a single bottle. The adhesive is formulated to produce ideal marginal integrity with a single application and minimal treatment time.

Evaluator Feedback: When asked to share what they liked most about the adhesive, 8 evaluators cited features related to ease of use. All 12 dentists rated ease of application/placement as excellent, very good, or good, with most (8) rating it as excellent. A Massachusetts dentist who rated all features as very good said the adhesive was “easy to distinguish on the tooth surface after curing, assuring that all the bonding agent has been applied to all bonded surfaces.” A Texas dentist in practice for 38 years remarked, “This product was easy to use. I



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Hung X. Dinh, DMD
Orange, CA

15 PREV EVALS 16 YEARS EXP



Great bond strength.

Rob Herwig, DDS
Lenexa, KS

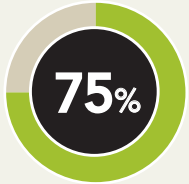
13 PREV EVALS 33 YEARS EXP



I would like the product to come with brushes.

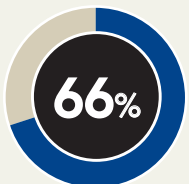
Mihaela Popa, DMD
Beloit, WI

5 PREV EVALS 9 YEARS EXP



75% of evaluators rated their satisfaction as excellent or very good

didn't have any trouble applying it." A New York dentist who said she would definitely purchase ProLink and recommend it to colleagues noted that it "handles the same as [the adhesive] I've been using for years, and I thought I wouldn't change. If the price is better, I will switch." Suggested improvements included having the product come with brushes, "making it a self-etching bonding primer...to save time and allow for selective-etch protocols," and providing the adhesive in single-dose capsules and bottle form to prevent premature curing after dispensing. A few evaluators reported an odor, including 1 dentist who noted, "the smell was very strong."



66% of evaluators said they would definitely or probably recommend ProLink to colleagues or contacts.

Wettability

Manufacturer Description: ProLink is formulated for optimal handling and wettability, allowing for easy flow onto the desired surfaces.

Evaluator Feedback: With comments such as, "low film thickness,

excellent wettability," all 12 dentists rated wettability (ability to wet or flow onto the surface) as excellent or very good. A New Jersey dentist who rated all features as excellent noted that the "tooth did not need to be totally dry to use," adding that ProLink "works best with a little moisture." "Initially, I was hesitant to use this product due to an extra step of etching," said a Florida dentist who called ProLink much better than similar products, "but after seeing how wonderfully ProLink is coating the prep and how thin the layer is (without yellow stain), I really enjoy working with this adhesive."

Overall Satisfaction

ProLink is formulated to provide outstanding bond strength while also reducing postoperative sensitivity, as

noted by 1 evaluator who reported that her "patients had no post-op issues." Seventy-five percent of the evaluators rated ProLink as excellent or very good, and 8 said they would definitely or probably purchase it and recommend it to their colleagues. One dentist summed up her experience with ProLink with the comment, "creates a very fine/thin coating, [provides] excellent wettability of the prep, and no post-op sensitivity."

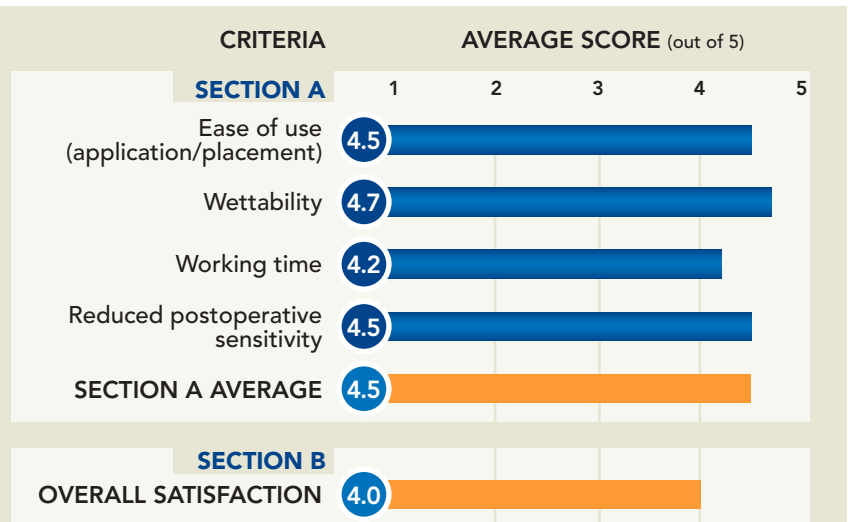
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FINAL SCORE
AVERAGE OF SECTIONS A AND B

4.3

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