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Super-Snap X-Treme

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Description

Super-Snap X-Treme is an enhanced version of the green (fine) and red (superfine) polishing disks included in the original Super-Snap polishing system. Super-Snap is a four-step disk system that includes black (coarse) and violet (medium) disks for contouring and finishing plus green and red disks for polishing composite restorations. The grit on the polishers contains aluminum oxide and there is no metal center on the disk. The *Super-Snap X-Treme* red and green disks are thicker and stiffer in order to increase durability and tactile feel. The red disk has a new 3-D semispherical grit coating designed to create space for ground debris and to discharge that debris during polishing, resulting in a smoother, glossier finish with less heat production. The disks are available in 8 and 12 mm diameters and have an elastic silicone shank that fits onto disposable plastic or re-usable metal mandrels. *Super-Snap X-Treme* was evaluated by 16 consultants in 399 uses. These composite polishers earned a 98% clinical rating.



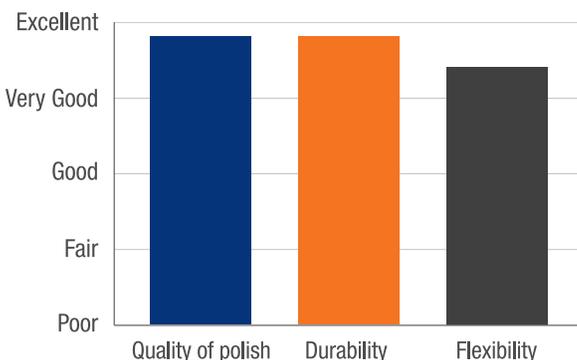
Consultants' Comments

- "Produced a glass-like finish to composite restorations."
- "Distinct color coding."
- "Much more durable than original disks."
- "Increased flexibility adapts to tooth contours."
- "Ideal for anterior restorations."

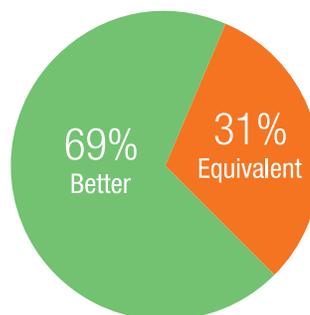
Suggested Retail Cost

100 disk kit	\$47.60
50 disks	\$25.05

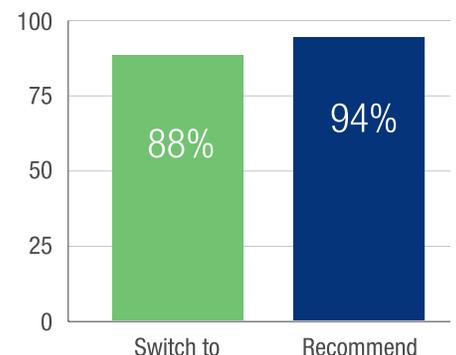
Key Features of Polishing Disks:



Compared to Polishing Disks Currently Used:



Percentage of Consultants Who Would:



Clinical Observations

Quality of disks

Super-Snap X-Treme disks are composite polishers that hold up well for single-patient use. The continuous surface (with no metal center) is a distinctive positive feature of the *Super-Snap* system.

Durability

Super-Snap X-Treme disks are an improvement over the original polishing disks. The thicker disks do not twist or crease and fewer disks are needed to complete a polishing procedure. Less clogging of the finishing surface was noted compared to the original disks.

Flexibility

The thicker disks have some cushion that allows them to bend and adapt to the contours of the tooth, yet are still thin enough to polish interproximal areas. Double-sided grit eases access to all angles of the teeth.

Quality of polish

Super-Snap X-Treme produce a smooth, high-gloss finish to composite restorations. Polished surfaces have no detectable surface roughness or "swirling" effect. The shape is ideal for polishing broad, flat areas such as anterior teeth.

Mandrel

The silicone hub underneath the disk easily presses onto the serrations of the mandrel, and it has enough elasticity to grip securely during rotation. Single-use or metal autoclavable mandrels fit securely into contra-angle latch handpieces.

Clinical Tips

- Finish composite to a smooth surface with the black and violet disks before using *Super-Snap X-Treme*.
- Do not exceed 15,000 rpm.