

# Dental Economics

## Tools of the trade



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### **InstaTemp** **Sterngold Restorative Systems** **(800) 243-9942**

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**InstaTemp** is an excellent, automixed resin composite for fabricating temporary crowns, bridges, and inlays/onlays. It is neatly packaged in a sturdy plastic case that contains a dispensing gun, one cartridge of material, and mixing tips.

**InstaTemp** is available in Vita shades A1, A2, A3.5, and B1, which



are adequate for most cases. **InstaTemp** is easy to use, from dispensing and flow around the teeth to removal and clean-up.

The fit also is excellent, and trimming is easily accomplished with laboratory acrylic burs or diamonds. The resulting temporary restorations are hard and durable with very nice aesthetics.

### **RelyX Veneer Cement** **3M ESPE**

**(800) 634-2249**

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**Editors' Choice**



**RelyX Veneer Cement** is an excellent, light-cured, resin-based luting material. The kit is simply laid out and contains five shades of cement with corresponding try-in pastes. This kit comes with a silane-coupling agent and **Single Bond** adhesive.

Cement pastes are provided in 2g syringes for direct application. The thinness of most veneers allows adequate light penetration for curing through the restoration. The high viscosity of the cement keeps the veneers in place. After the veneer is seated and briefly light-cured, the excess cement is very easy to remove. Evaluators report that aesthetic results are excellent.

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### **Heliomolar HB** **Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc.** **(800) 533-6825**

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**Heliomolar HB** is a light-cured, high-viscosity, radiopaque, micro-filled composite designed for posterior teeth restoration. It was developed based on the original **Heliomolar** technology and includes prepolymerized particles in the filler, which increases the filler content to 77 percent by weight.

The introductory package contains all of the necessary materials to place, sculpt, and polish direct restorations. The heavy-body viscosity of the composite improves handling and control during placement without slumping or sticking to instruments.

**Heliomolar HB's** stiffness and packability makes interproximal contacts easier to establish. Nine shades are available in both syringe and unit-dose compules. Translucent enamel shades also have been introduced recently.

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