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The teeth behind natural
looking cosmetic dentures



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Schottlander Cosmetic Dentures

Schottlander have been making the products from which dentures are made since 1922. This booklet describes what makes a cosmetic denture and how this can be achieved by users of the Award Winning Enigma Cosmetic Teeth and Denture System.

Schottlander's Innovation Recognised

Schottlander were honoured to receive the Queen's Award for the Enigma Cosmetic Teeth & Denture System. The official citation from the Queen's Awards Office read:

"The award to Davis Schottlander & Davis Ltd recognises this company's success in continuously improving a range of teeth and dentures. The Company has created Enigma and Natura, two ranges of teeth and dentures that not only look more natural but also function better. This has been achieved by using advanced acrylic materials, a wider range of colours and better mechanical design, to give an improved "bite". Options available now take account of the different characteristics of ethnic groups. Continuous innovation in design and professional marketing have enabled this award winner to achieve a substantial share of the market and considerable commercial success whilst providing customers with better looking and performing dentures."



"Visually, I don't feel people are looking at me and saying *she's got false teeth ...* I just wish this had happened years and years ago"

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What is a Cosmetic Denture?

A cosmetic denture is designed to look just like your natural teeth and gums so that the fact that you are wearing a denture is a secret shared only with your clinician. It also allows you to make the changes to them that you might have wanted to make on your natural teeth.

You can decide to have the teeth on your dentures straightened (as if you had had orthodontic treatment), whitened (as if they had been bleached) and any imperfections corrected. The choice is yours and your clinician will help you make this choice.

However, a word of caution, natural teeth are rarely perfectly straight and with time they also get darker. The aim of your Enigma Cosmetic Denture is to make you look as if you have really good teeth - but your own rather than artificial. So the occasional tooth slightly turned and a colour of tooth that has only been slightly lightened may suit you better. Everyone will have different thoughts on what they want and your clinician will help you decide.

*Ann Jennings, aged 73 says:
How lucky can you get. With
beautiful teeth like these I'll
spend the rest of my life smiling.*



*"They are lovely. They feel like my
own teeth. Even my daughter can't
tell".*

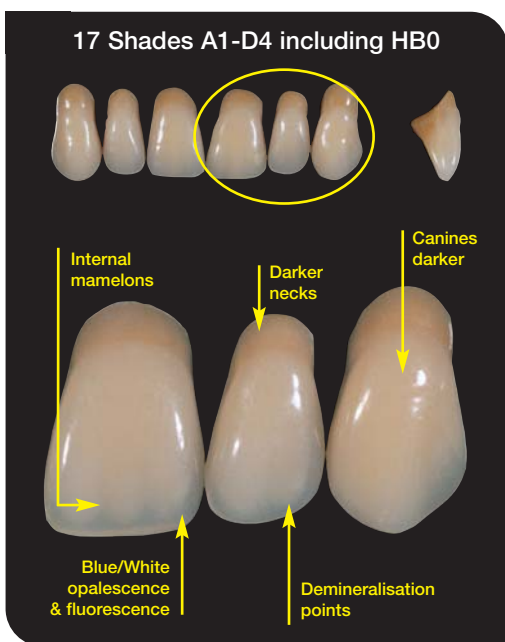
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What makes a Cosmetic Tooth?

Imagine you are talking to someone with lovely teeth of their own. What do you notice? First, that their teeth are bright and vital and seem to have an internal glow. This is because natural teeth have a layer of bright enamel, although this becomes thinner as people get older.

With many people you may notice that as they turn their heads the colours in the teeth also seem to change. This is because you are looking at the underlying dentine through the enamel. Since the enamel is not of even thickness the colour you see changes with it.



Some of the natural effects built into Enigma cosmetic teeth.

If you look closer you may perhaps subconsciously see that there are areas of translucency (called mamelons) or small areas of a slightly different colour which were formed as the teeth developed.

Enigma Cosmetic Teeth reproduce all these effects. It is this incredible attention to details together with the fact that for the upper front teeth alone there are more than 1350 possible combinations that make them into the true cosmetic teeth.



What is Cosmetic Gum Work?

Traditionally dentures have been made by fixing the teeth to pink acrylic to reproduce the appearance of the gums. Unfortunately this is unnatural. The pink colour of the gums is brought about by the tiny blood vessels within the tissue and their colour is therefore not uniform.

There are two ways that this is reduced within the Enigma Cosmetic Denture System. The first is to add special fibres to the acrylic to simulate the veins in natural gums. This looks much more realistic and more faithfully reproduces the appearance of real gums.

The second is more involved requiring additional time and specialist technical skills and mimics the variation in colour that comes both from the blood vessels and the bony structure beneath the surface. Ask your clinician whether they can provide the additional service of reproducing their appearance - using specially developed polymers - the Enigma Colour Tones. The application of these is highly skilled and is normally carried out off the premises in a specialist dental laboratory.



Photos showing the Enigma Colour Tones in the gum work.

Both the Enigma front and back teeth used in these dentures are guaranteed against excessive and abnormal wear for seven years from the date your denture is first fitted.

Ask your clinician for details and request the seven year guarantee card with details of the cover given.



A World of Difference

This programme will give you a better understanding of the stages involved in making dentures including many that you would never normally see.

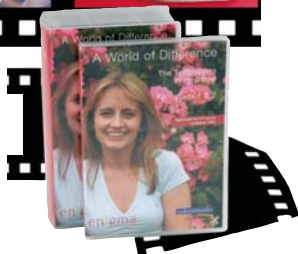
Made in partnership with Specialist Clinician Dr. John Besford and Specialist Technician Ruth Bourke this programme enables you to see the enormous difference that good prosthetics can make to your life.

Through other patients sharing their own experiences on screen you will be led to see the vital role you yourself must play in order for your clinician to provide you with dentures that function better and look more natural.

This Patients Programme is 17 minutes long and is intended either for the waiting room or to be lent to you to view at home.



To view the Patients Programme free of charge and in the comfort of your own home visit www.enigmacosmeticdentures.com or ask your clinician for further details.



"People often say you've got nice teeth, you've got a nice smile and that's something no one had ever said. It was great, I couldn't stop smiling then".

How many appointments do I need?

Making a quality complete set of cosmetic dentures can, depending on the clinical situation, often mean at least four visits to your clinician. Everyone's face, teeth and gums are different as is the relationship between their upper and lower jaws. Each appointment is crucial for a final denture that looks, fits and works well.

Getting used to your denture

It will take a bit of time to get use to your new denture, particularly if it is your first. Expect a number of adjustments to be needed. Always tell your clinician about your concerns, being as specific about them as possible. Complete dentures will never feel like your own teeth, they will, however, become comfortable and functional with time.

Helping your clinician

Your clinician will plan your new set of dentures with meticulous attention to detail and the information you can provide is essential to this process. Some of the questions he or she may ask are shown below. You may want to consider them before your appointment.

1. What are the problems with your present dentures?
2. What improvements would you like, if possible?
3. Are you happy with the size, colour, shape and position of your teeth?
5. Can you speak clearly with your current set?
6. What do you like about your present dentures?

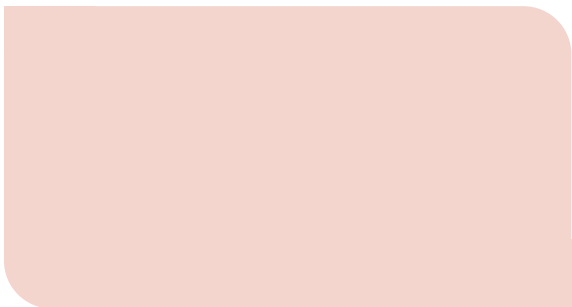
People often look best when teeth of a similar size and shape to their original teeth are chosen. If you have a photograph showing them, then bring it with you since it will help with the choice.

Note: Sometimes it helps to have a friend or member of your family present when the final set-up of the teeth in wax is checked to make sure that the appearance is just right. Discuss this with your clinician. At this stage teeth can easily be repositioned, afterwards they can't.

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If you have any concerns that have not been covered in this booklet your clinician will be happy to provide further information.



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