



Orthodontic Adhesive Systems

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Topics to be covered:

Orthodontic Adhesive Systems

Enamel Etching

Cements in Orthodontics

Bonding to Non-conventional Surfaces

Elastomeric Ligatures and Chains

Orthodontic Wires

Temporary Anchorage Devices (TADs)

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Orthodontic Materials

Scientific and Clinical Aspects

William A. Brantley
Theodore Eliades



Thieme

History

- Buonocore in 1955 improved retention of resin adhesive to enamel by using 85% phosphoric acid
- Newman in 1965 was the first to acid etch and bond brackets using epoxy resin



Newman, G. V. Epoxy adhesives for orthodontic attachments:
Progress report. Am J Orthod 51:901, 1965.

Adhesive Systems

Should not fail during the treatment period

Failure results in treatment delays

Failure means unwanted expenses or patient inconvenience

Should not damage the enamel on debonding at the end of the treatment.

Classification of Adhesive Systems

Based on polymerization they are classified into:

Chemically Cured

Light Cured

Dual Cured

Chemically Cured Adhesives

- Two Phase

- Mixing of the liquid and paste components

- One phase

- No mixing is involved

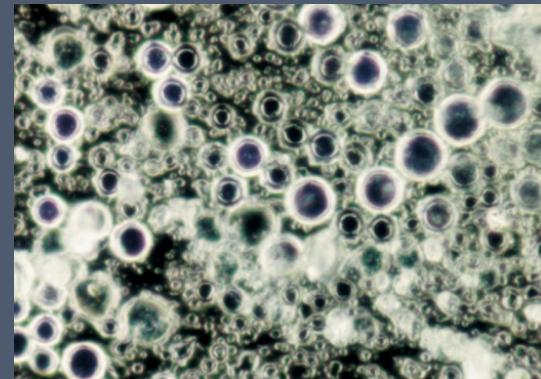
- Apply the liquid on enamel and bracket

- There is insignificant difference in bond strength between them

- (Bradburn and Pender, 1992)

Chemically Cured

- Two phase adhesive systems (Concise, 3M)
- ☞ Manipulation is problematic and time consuming
- ☞ Mixing two components introduces defects
- ☞ The degree of cure did not exceed 55%



Chemically Cured

■ One phase Systems (System 1,Ormco) (Unite, 3M)

Advantages:

- ☛ No-mix of the components
- ☛ Reduces the steps needed to place the material
- ☛ Application of the liquid component on enamel and bracket base reduces the mixing induced defects

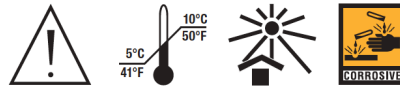
Disadvantages:

- ☛ Polymerization is in-homogenous due to the sandwich technique and diffusion of the liquid

One Phase Systems (System 1, Ormco) (Unite, 3M)



Unite™ Bonding Adhesive with
Unite™ Adhesive Primer



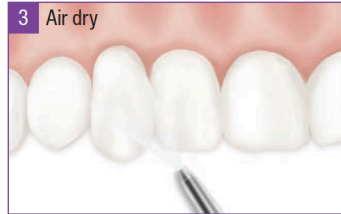
1 Clean teeth



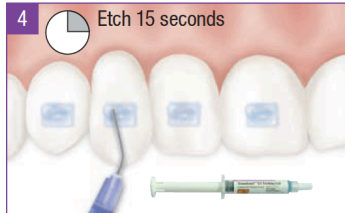
2 H₂O



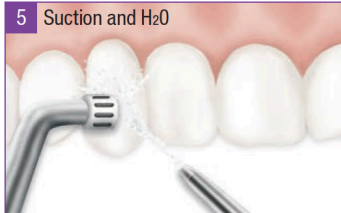
3 Air dry



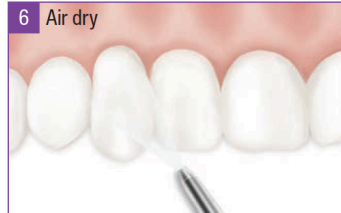
4 Etch 15 seconds



5 Suction and H₂O



6 Air dry



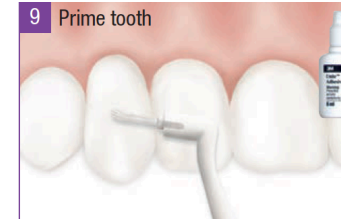
7 Unite™ Adhesive Primer



8 Unite™ Adhesive Primer



9 Prime tooth



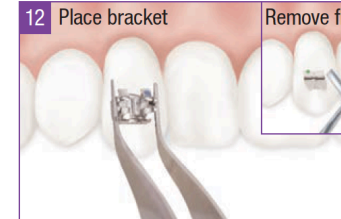
10 Prime bracket



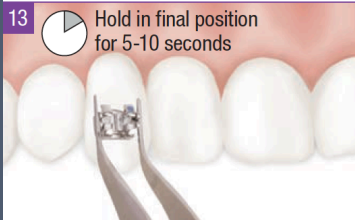
11 Apply adhesive to bracket base



12 Place bracket



13 Hold in final position for 5-10 seconds



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Table 4. In Vitro Tensile Bond Strengths of Chemically Cured and Paste-Primer Resin Composite Orthodontic Adhesives as a Function of Thickness Between the Bracket and Substrate

| <i>Resin Composite</i> | <i>Bond Strength, MPa</i> | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>0.00 mm</i> | <i>0.25 mm</i> | <i>0.30 mm</i> | <i>0.33 mm</i> |
| Chemically cured | 4 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Paste-primer | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 |

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Light Cured Bonding Systems

- Permits increased working time
- Much easier to clean up around the bracket base
- The ability to cure immediately reduces the chance of contamination
- Degree of cure under stainless steel brackets is comparable to ceramic brackets
- Time consuming

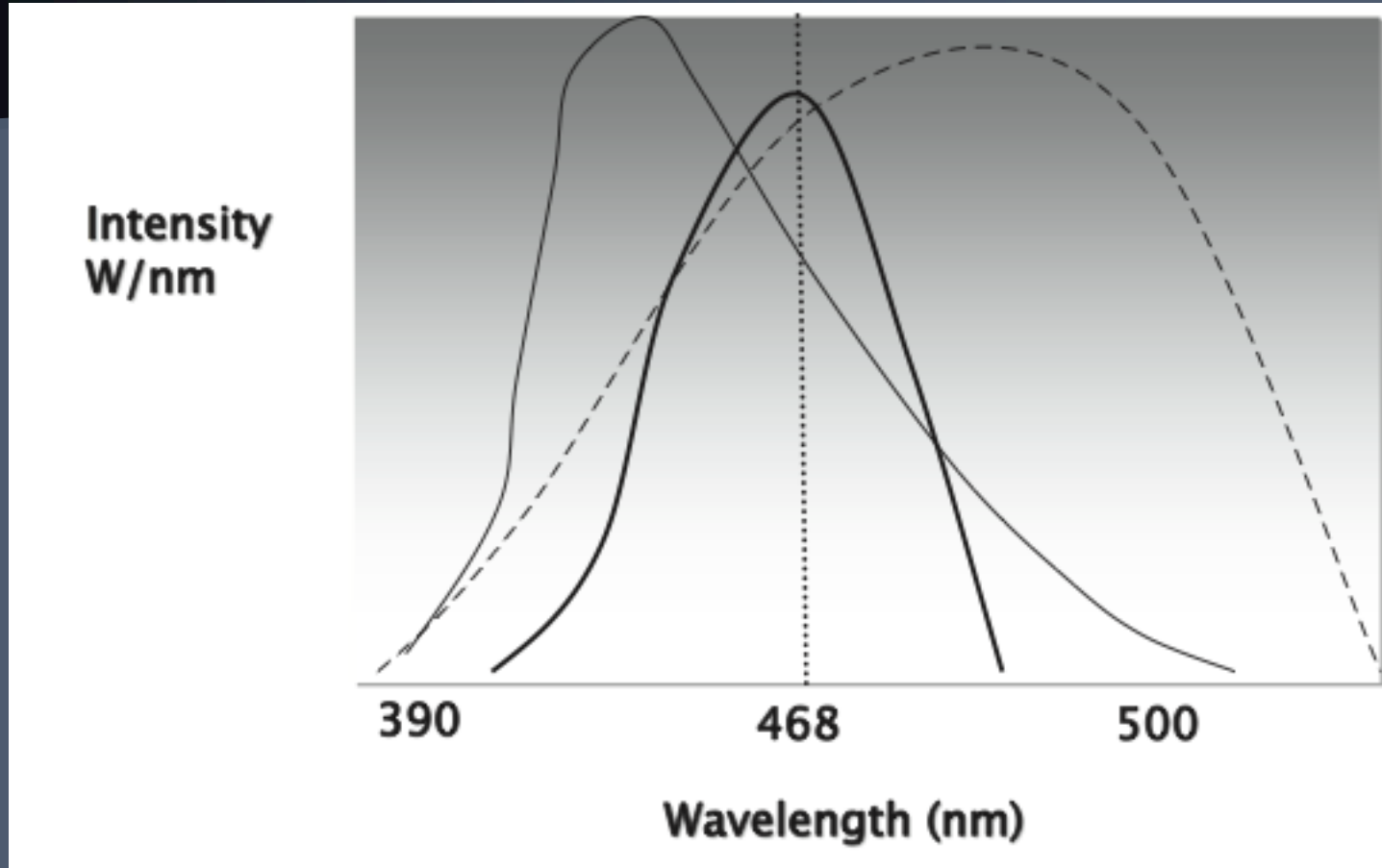
Light Cure Bonding Systems

- The extent of polymerization depend on:
 1. Exposure time
 2. Light intensity
 3. Photoinitiator concentration
 4. Peak absorbance wavelength by the photoinitiator
 5. Filler volume

Photoinitiator

- Camphorquinone (CPQ)
- It's sensitive to light in the blue region of the visible light spectrum
- CPQ absorbs blue light, which has a wavelength between 400 and 500 nanometers
- Peak absorbance is at approximately 468 nm
- It produces free radicals that initiate the polymerization process

Photoinitiator



Theodore Eliades

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Light Curing Units

- Tungsten-quartz halogen curing units (TQH)
- Plasma arc curing unit (PAC)
- Light emitting diodes (LED)

Tungsten-quartz halogen Curing Unit (TQH)

- It's a conventional curing unit
- Uses a halogen lamp to generate a white light which is then filtered so that only blue light in the 400 to 500 nanometer range is emitted from the tip
- It generates heat, and therefore the lamp becomes extremely hot
- Halogen bulbs have a limited effective lifetime of around 100 hours and reduced power output overtime



Plasma Arc Curing Units (PAC)

- It was developed in the 1990s
- It uses a high frequency electrical field to generate its plasma energy by transforming xenon gas into a mixture of ions, electrons thereby releasing a significant amount of energy as plasma



Plasma Arc Curing Units (PAC)

- It produces high intensity light delivering more than 1800 mW/cm² as compared to 400-900 mW/cm² for halogen conventional curing units
- It cuts down the curing time to 4-9 seconds
- These units have disadvantages as expensive and oversized



Light Emitting Diode (LED)

- It requires no filters to produce blue light
- The lifetime is more than 10,000 hours
- Invariable output energy over time without degradation
- The high-intensity LEDs decreased total light curing time.



Precoated Brackets (APC)

- Increase bonding efficiency
- Standardize the bonding procedure
- Standardize the amount of the adhesive



Precoated Brackets (APC)

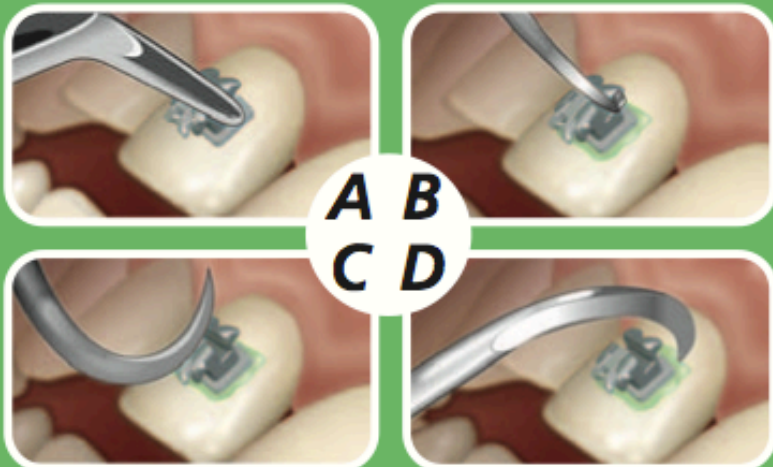
- Research showed that APC has lower bond strength, but clinically insignificant
- Kula (2002) showed that there is no difference in bracket failure rates between pre-coated and uncoated brackets (7.5%)
- APC II modified the adhesive with less filler
- APC Plus is a photochromatic adhesive

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TWO-WAY COLOR CHANGE ADHESIVE



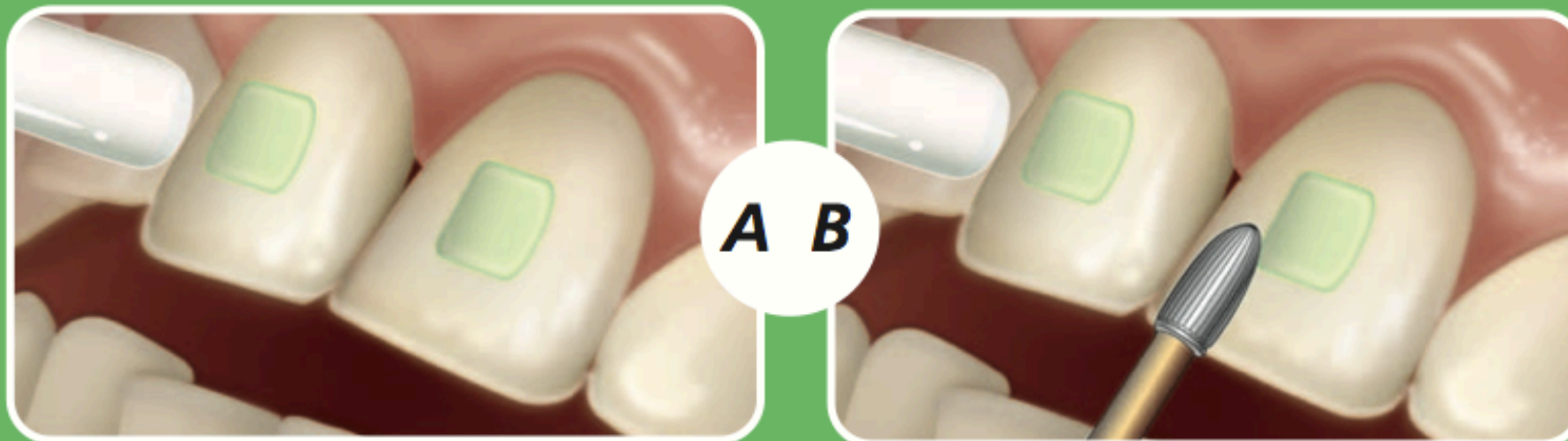
Step 3



Step 4



Cleanup Feature



APC Flash-Free

No Adhesive Flash
Clean-Up

Reduced Bonding
Time – up to 40%
per bracket



Reliable Bond
Strength: <2%
Bond Failure Rate

Reduced Bonding
Steps and
Variability – 5 Steps

APC™ Flash-Free
Adhesive Coated Appliance System

APC Flash-Free

Bonding Steps – Adhesive Systems

APC™ Flash-Free Adhesive System – 5 Steps



APC™ II / PLUS Adhesive Systems – 6 Steps



Traditional Light Cure Bonding Systems – 11 Steps



*Using Transbond™ Plus Self Etching Primer

Original Article

**A new flash-free orthodontic adhesive system:
*A first clinical and stereomicroscopic study***

Moritz Foersch^a; Christian Schuster^b; Roman K. Rahimi^c; Heinrich Wehrbein^d; Collin Jacobs^e

Conclusion: The flash-free adhesive significantly reduced the time needed for the bonding process. The excess resin expanded 0.16 to 0.08 mm over the bracket margin. The new technology seems to facilitate a smooth and sufficient marginal surface of the adhesive, which clinically might improve reduction of plaque accumulation. (*Angle Orthod.* 2016;86:260–264.)

Dual Cure Adhesives

- Reliance phase II Dual cure
- It combines the benefits of chemical cure and light cure in a single system
- Polymerization is initiated by light and proceed by a chemical reaction
- The most time consuming



Classification of Adhesive Systems

- Conventional composites
- Conventional glass ionomer cement
- Resin-modified glass ionomer (Hybrid ionomer)
- Polyacid-modified composites (compomer)

Resin Composites

- Dimethacrylate monomers and glass particles
- Highly filled resins contain 60-80% glass filler
- Lightly filled resin contain 28% silica

Resin Composites

- Chemical cure requiring hand mixing (Concise)
- Light cure is supplied as a single paste (Transbond)
- Paste-primer formulation do not require mixing, it depends on the intimate contact between the paste and primer (System 1 +)

Conventional Glass Ionomer

- The powder is fluoroaluminosilicate glass
- The liquid is polyacrylic acid in water
- Chemically cured
- Supplied as powder and liquid
- Mixed by hand or encapsulated

Conventional Glass Ionomer

Advantages

Self adhesion to enamel and dentin

Fluoride release

Biocompatible

Thermal expansion similar to dentin

No setting exotherm

The possibility of eliminating etching

The possibility to bond in a wet environment

Conventional Glass Ionomer

Disadvantages

Short working time

Long setting time

Slow development of strength

Low abrasion resistance

Lack physical properties to retain brackets

Low bond strength

Failure rates can reach 50%

Resin-Modified Glass Ionomer (Hybrid)

- It combines the properties of GI and the strength of resin composites
- Powder is Fluoroaluminosilicate
- Liquid is a complex monomer of carboxylic acid groups and vinyl groups
- Can be chemically cured: Fuji Ortho (GC America)
- Can be light cured: Fuji Ortho LC (GC America)



Table 2. Typical In Vitro Tensile Bond Strengths of Direct-Bonding Orthodontic Adhesives to Ceramic, Metal, and Plastic Brackets

| <i>Adhesive</i> | <i>Bond Strength, MPa</i> | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | <i>Ceramic</i> | <i>Metal</i> | <i>Plastic</i> |
| Hybrid ionomer | 6-7 | 3-4 | 1-4 |
| Resin composite, slightly filled | 5 | 9 | 8 |
| Resin composite, highly filled | 5 | 13 | 8 |

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Compomers

(Polyacid-modified Composite Resins)

- Is a single paste with major ingredients of resin composites and glass ionomer except for water
- Initial setting occur by polymerization
- Acid-base can occur later as the material absorbs water
- Example is 3M/Unitek, Transbond Plus

Compomers (Polyacid-modified Composite Resins)

- Acid etching is required
- Bonding surface must be dry
- Release of small amounts of fluoride
- Chemical adhesion has not been shown
- Strength is superior to resin-modified GI but less to resin composites



Bracket Failure Rates

- Chemical cure composites vs. light cure composites
No significant difference
- Chemical cure composites vs. glass ionomer
Glass ionomer had higher bracket failure rates
- Chemical cure composites vs. compomer
No significant difference,
Compomer had better protection against demineralization
- Resin-modified glass ionomer
Has clinical failure rate of 3%

Journal of Orthodontics 2002; 29: 205-210

Rogers S et al. Orthodontic fluoride-containing adhesives and decalcification in patients with fixed appliances: a systematic review.

Am J Orthod Dentofacial Orthop. 2010 Oct;138(4):390.e1-8

- It is impossible to make recommendations on the use of fluoride-containing orthodontic adhesives during fixed orthodontic treatment
- Glass ionomer cement is more effective than composite resin in preventing white spot formation, but the evidence is weak;
- Further research is required to determine the effectiveness of the various fluoride-containing orthodontic adhesives

Bonded molar tubes: a survey of their use by specialist orthodontists

Murray et al. J Orthod. 2012; 39:129-135

A 74%
response rate
was obtained

In more than
80% of cases,
BMTs were
used on first
and second
permanent
molars by 52%
and 33% of
orthodontists
respectively

Direct bonding
was used by all
for BMT
placement.

Etch times for
molars,
compared to
other teeth,
increased from
15 to 30
seconds by
51% of
orthodontists.

Adhesives for bonded molar tubes during fixed braces treatment.

Millett D. et. al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Jun 15;(6)

- The failure of molar tubes bonded with either a chemically-cured or light-cured adhesive was considerably higher than that of molar bands cemented with glass ionomer cement.
- There was less decalcification with molar bands cemented with glass ionomer cement than with bonded molar tubes cemented with a light-cured adhesive.

