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Lava™ Crowns and Bridges

Give your smile  
a brighter future.

# You need a restoration.

## So what is a restoration?

- An indirect restoration, also called a crown or bridge, is used to cover or replace a tooth that is broken, discolored, badly shaped or has too much decay for a filling
- The restoration is fitted over the original tooth after any decay has been removed
- The right restoration will look, feel and last like your natural teeth



# What materials can be used for a restoration?

All-Metal	Porcelain-Fused-to-Metal	All-Zirconia	Porcelain-Fused-to-Zirconia
<p>Metal alloys with either silver or gold appearance. Does not mimic look of real teeth. The traditional restoration used for decades.</p>	<p>Porcelain, fused to a metal structure. Comes closer to the look of real teeth than metal restorations. The metal substructure limits translucency, resulting in restorations looking dull and lifeless.</p>	<p>This is the strongest, all-ceramic restoration type available. Using patented color ion technology, 3M's Lava™ Plus High Translucency Zirconia will match your teeth.</p>	<p>Porcelain is added to zirconia to create more customized esthetics. In cases where such esthetics are required, your dentist may prescribe this restoration.</p>
			



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Natural beauty that brings out the same.

- Lava™ and Lava™ Plus Zirconia restorations are an ideal alternative to metal-based restorations
- Lava zirconia restorations mimic the translucency and beauty of your natural teeth
- Lava zirconia could be an alternative for those who have concerns about metal
- Lava zirconia is gentle and will not wear down your natural teeth

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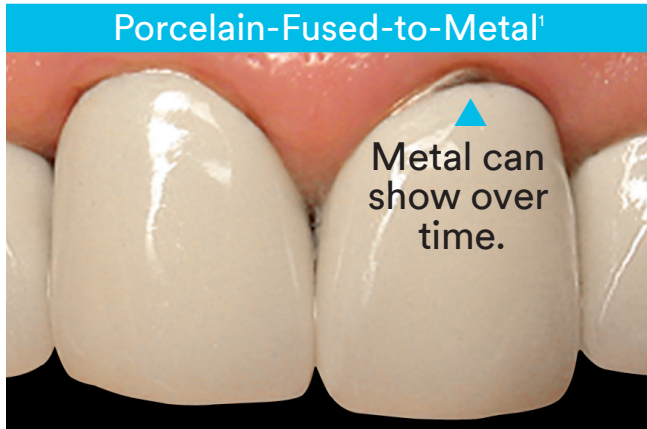
An investment that helps you live comfortably.

- Precision computer design ensures Lava restorations fit well, and feel comfortable
- 3M is committed to providing materials and solutions that are safe and effective for use



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## Beauty that lasts like no other restoration.



Over time, metal restorations can leave a dark ridge where the gums recede.



With Lava zirconia, your restoration retains its original beauty for years.

<sup>1</sup> Photography and case study courtesy of Dr. Heather Rehtin

<sup>2</sup> Photo courtesy of Ariel Raigrodski, DMD, MS

# Lava™ Crowns and Bridges

All-zirconia for strength and durability.

Metal Fillings<sup>1</sup>



Over time, metal fillings can allow additional tooth decay. This may require replacement with a full crown.

All-zirconia<sup>2</sup>



With Lava Plus High Translucency Zirconia, your esthetic all-zirconia restoration is as strong as possible.

<sup>1</sup> Clinical images provided by Dr. Robert Ritter of Ritter & Ramsey General and Cosmetic Dentistry

<sup>2</sup> Lava™ Plus Zirconia Restorations designed by Bob Williams, CDT, Owner of Synergy Ceramics

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