

## Special Instructions for Flexible Partial Dentures

Because the DuraFlex material is very different from the hard acrylic from which conventional partial dentures are made, it is important that you follow these instructions in order to keep the material beautiful and undamaged. Serious damage can occur to the material otherwise!! In addition, the use of any non-recommended materials for cleaning/soaking the partial denture will “soften” the material, causing it to be more porous and collect bacteria colonies, leading to halitosis (chronic bad breath).

1. After meals, rinse the partial denture with water, to remove any food particles.
2. DO NOT USE: chlorine bleach, hydrogen peroxide, or alcohol, or any cleaner that contains any of these, on the partial denture. These can cause discoloration of the material and damage to it.
3. DO NOT brush the partial denture with any kind of toothpaste or use any abrasives such as powdered household cleaners! Brushing causes the material to become porous, and become permanently stained. No polishing can remove this kind of stain once it occurs. Use a soft cloth or soft-bristled toothbrush, gently with non-abrasive soap, if needed.
4. DO NOT SOAK the partial denture in commercial mouthwash, especially any containing alcohol!!
5. Clean the partial denture at least three times a week. Use the sonic cleaner with “Retainer Brite” or “Val-Clean” tablets. You can use the sonic cleaner with plain water at other times, if desired. You can order Retainer Brite (what we recommend) online at [www.dentakit.com](http://www.dentakit.com) or [www.smileshop.com/keller](http://www.smileshop.com/keller), or call 1-877-552-7483. Soaking tablets (such as Polident, Efferdent) for partial dentures (found at grocery/drug stores) can also be used.
6. Do not try to adjust the partial denture yourself. Allow sore spots to heal after our adjustment of the partial denture for 1-2 days. Do not assume that any soreness will go away on its own, or that you “just have to get used to it.” Sore spots almost always must be corrected by our adjustment of the partial denture.

Please call us at (519) 759-7631 if you have any problems or questions!