

## how long will my veneer last?

Veneers should last for between 10 and 15 years but can chip or break just like real teeth. Your dentist will tell you how long each individual veneer should last. Small chips can be repaired, or a new veneer fitted if necessary.

## what are the alternatives?

A natural-colored filling material can be used for minor repairs to your front teeth. This is an ideal solution if your tooth is strong enough to support the filling, but may not work so well if your tooth corners are broken. There will always be a join between the tooth and the filling material.

Crowns are used in cases where your teeth need to be strengthened – either because they have broken, have been weakened by a very large filling, or you have had root canal treatment.



## why Philips Sonicare® is good for patients with veneers?

Generally, the edge of the veneer will be right on your gum line. For optimal gum health and restoration longevity, it is imperative that you keep these areas clean and healthy.



Philips Sonicare® is a highly effective toothbrush which uses high frequency brushstrokes and extra-wide sweeping motions to generate a dynamic cleaning action in your mouth. With its fluid cleaning action, Philips Sonicare® is the ideal

electric toothbrush for cleaning veneers. Please ask your dental professional for further details about Philips Sonicare®.



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## what is a veneer?

An alternative to crowns, veneers are very thin pieces of specially-shaped porcelain or plastic that are glued over the front of your teeth and require little or no anesthesia to fit.

Veneers are normally used to treat teeth that are severely discolored, chipped, misshapen or crooked, or for the correction of small holes and unwanted or uneven spaces in your teeth.

Strong and very durable, veneers can last for between 10 and 15 years. They also come in a choice of shades that will brighten dark teeth without changing their color.

## when might I need a veneer?

Veneers can be used to improve the color, shape and even position of your teeth, and make chipped teeth look intact again.

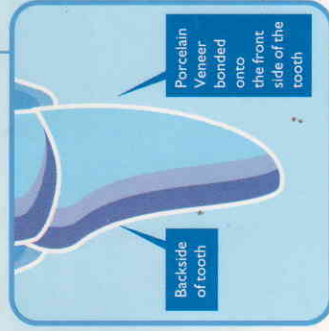
Veneers can also be used to close small gaps where orthodontics (braces) are unsuitable or teeth are slightly out of position.

## what are the advantages of a veneer?

- Veneers can help to make your teeth look more natural and healthy.
- Veneers are very thin and require very little preparation of the tooth to bond into place.
- Veneers are difficult to stain, making them a very popular solution for people in search of a perfect smile.

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## did you know...



*In ancient times, people often used human, animal and even wooden teeth to replace their missing teeth. Porcelain (a combination of feldspar, silica and kaolin or clay) was first used in the 18th Century. Starting from the 19th Century, individual porcelain teeth were mounted on gold or platinum.*

## how will my teeth be prepared for a veneer?

A thin layer of the shiny outer enamel surface of your tooth will be removed to enable the permanent bonding into place of a veneer.

A veneer of the same thickness will then be fitted. This may or may not require a local anesthetic.

Once your tooth has been prepared, your dentist will make an impression which will be given to the dental technician to make your veneer.

The color of the surrounding teeth will be matched against a shade guide to ensure that your veneer will look 100% natural.

## how long will I have to wait?

The fitting of a veneer will involve at least two visits to your dentist: the first to prepare your tooth and match its shade, and the second to fit the veneer.

Before bonding the veneer in place, your dentist will show you the veneer on your tooth to make sure you are happy with it.

## what will happen after my veneer is fitted?

New glue-like resin cements enable the creation of an extremely strong bond between your teeth and its new veneer.

Only minor adjustments can be made to your veneer once it has been fitted.

You should give yourself time to adjust to the new veneer before you attempt to make any changes.

Your dentist will probably want to check and polish your veneer a week or so after it is fitted in order to make sure that you are happy with it.