

Shade matching tips for the best possible results

Important tips to remember

1. The teeth should be clean (have patient remove lipstick and preferably brush teeth)
2. No bright colors in the immediate field of view
3. Wear neutral color gloves
4. Subdue wall color (preferably greyish to slate blue)
5. View patient at eye level
6. Ambient lighting is best (no operating light or bright sunlight)
7. Determine shade at the beginning of an appointment
8. Popular shade guides are Vita, Vita 3-D and Chromoscop
9. Decision should be made as quickly as possible, as to prevent drying of teeth, affecting shade

Step-by-step instructions



1. Start with entire shade guide



2. Narrow down to 4 shades



3. Narrow down to 2 shades



4. Determine best shade and include shade tab in photos that are sent to the lab

Planning for e.Max

Remember to include a stump shade. This can be the difference between success and failure.



Tip: If you do not have a stump shade guide, you can use the reverse of the shade tab.

IPS e.Max Shades

- IPS e.Max Shade Selection Wheel is available on the Ivoclar Vivadent website
- Easy-to-use, two-step process; encompassing even the stump shade



Why adequate reduction is important



Improper reduction will lead to opaque/core show-through or "bounceback"



Translucence and light transmission with **adequate reduction**

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If you want to send us a photo you don't need high tech equipment, a smart phone camera will be just fine. The patient's mouth and shade tab **MUST** be included in the photo. Upload the photos through our secure portal at MyDDSLab.com.