

Removable Partial Restoration Guide

	Indications	Contraindications	Material	Reline Chairside	Ease of Repair	Overview
Duraflex™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible/easy insertion • Design versatility • Acrylic allergies • Metal sensitivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for rigid appliance • Less than 5mm vertical clearance • Flat ridge 	Thermoplastic	No	Difficult	The translucent material allows natural coloring of tissue to show through. Material will not gum up on burs while adjusting.
Valplast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible/easy insertion • Design versatility • Acrylic allergies • Metal sensitivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for rigid appliance • Less than 5mm vertical clearance • Flat ridge 	Nylon Thermoplastic	No	Difficult	Thinner and more translucent. Minimal to no prep required, easy insertion, and metal free comfort.
Metal Frame Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long and free end saddles • Flat ridge • Few remaining teeth • Strong and stable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible/esthetics • Metal or acrylic allergies 	Acrylic to Chrome Cobalt	Yes	Easier	Can be designed traditionally or with hidden clasps.
Combo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible desired, but strength needed • Long and free end saddles • Strong and stable • Flat ridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of vertical clearance 	Flexible to Chrome Cobalt	No	Difficult	Utilizes the benefits of strength of a cast framework and esthetics of a flexible. Tooth and tissue supported.
Acrylic Flipper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary treatment partial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not long term • Acrylic allergy 	Acrylic	Yes	Easier	Typically used as transitional appliances. Ideal for healing implant placement or extraction.

