

COMPOSITE CROWN

When a front tooth is fractured or badly decayed, it may be restored with an composite crown. A composite crown closely matches the natural color of the other teeth. Advances in dental materials have created tooth-colored plastic crowns, which can be directly bonded to the tooth. These techniques require more time and skill of the dentist and also the full cooperation of the child.

Because these crowns are not as durable as metal, they require more care by the child.

1. Regular cleaning is needed to maintain their appearance and prevent gum irritation.
2. Avoid sticky or hard foods such as taffy, beef jerky, hard candy, carrots, apples and nuts.
3. You may cut up harder foods into bite sizes and have your child use the back teeth to chew them.
4. Avoid chewing on hard toys, nail biting or clothes fasteners (like zippers).

These composite plastic crowns can fracture or become dislodged when accidents or improper eating occurs. The child may wear through these crowns over a period of time, and they may require further repair or replacement.