

SHADE TAKING CHEAT SHEET

Most Important Set-Up for Consistent Shade Taking



BLEACHING?: Ask the patient if they plan on bleaching or are they currently bleaching?



LIGHTING: Use non-fluorescent, color-corrective, & adequate lighting. Turn off overhead dental lights.



RETRACT: Use retractors.



POSITIONING: Have the patient stand against the wall and shoot straight on, from 4"-5" away.



SHADE TAB: Take photos with shade tab in place to see the number/letter on tab in photo.



INCISAL SHADE: Position shade tab with incisal edge of tab to incisal edge of tooth.

Indicate the Following on Your Rx:



SHADE GUIDE: (1) Which shade guide AND shade #. (2) Value/Lightness (*base shade—go with your first impression, not staring for more than 5-7 seconds.*) (3) Chroma (*opacity or translucency.*) (4) Hue (*Warm—A's & B's or Cools—C's&D's.*)



SURFACE TEXTURE GLAZE: Note any translucencies, banding, decalcification spots.



STUMP SHADE: Take a stump shade (if an all-ceramic, zirconia material.)

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS:

- ▶ Make sure that photos are taken straight on and not at an angle (angles can cause shadows.)
- ▶ Most important thing is to BE CONSISTENT.

RECORDS:

- ▶ The more pre-op records you can give us, the better the results for custom shading.

DENTAL PHOTOS:

- ▶ If you need to show anything extra, print the photo(s) and draw on them.
- ▶ Do not forget to send the following:
 - ▷ Photo with no shade tab,
 - ▷ Photo with shade tab and letter showing,
 - ▷ Any extra photos that you feel are helpful.

Custom shade is available at: 