

# BioHPP – The new class of materials

in prosthetics



Physiological, aesthetical, durable

# Why use a new material?

Gold casting alloys, cobalt-chrome casting alloys and titanium are the most accessible and well-known materials used for the manufacture of framework structures today.

In the last 15 years, zirconium dioxide has become processable due to the CAD/CAM technique and has pushed significant numbers of metallic alloys off the market. In order to be able to process the zirconium dioxide, dental technicians had to master a new technique and make major investments in software and hardware. Manufacturing is increasingly carried out in milling centres today, meaning that there is a stronger price war for this material and the dental prosthesis manufactured from it.

**BioHPP** is a material based on PEEK (polyetheretherketone), which has already been successfully used in operations carried out on humans for many years. Thanks to its excellent stability, its optimal polishable properties and its low plaque affinity, **BioHPP** is particularly well suited for producing high-quality prosthetic restorations.

The elasticity of the material, which lies within the range of bone, makes it a more natural material, as it is able to compensate for the torsion of bone, in particular in the case of larger implant work. The aesthetic white shade supports its use in the field of prosthetics.

## The initial PEEK material

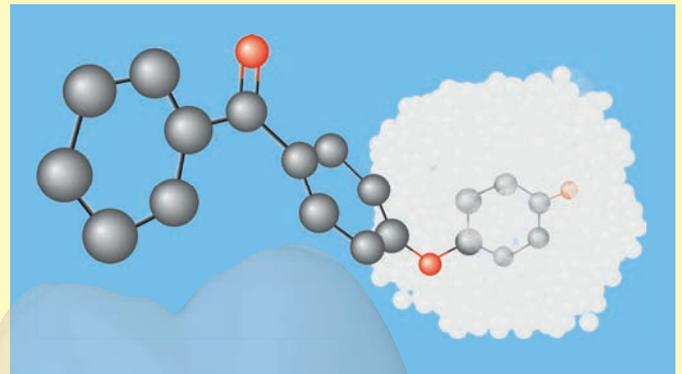
For more than 30 years, PEEK has been used in human medicine as an implant material (finger prostheses, intervertebral discs and hip joint prostheses). The benefits lie in the highly biocompatible material properties, which make fusion with the bone possible. What is more, the mechanical material properties are very similar to that of the bone skeleton.

As a rule, PEEK is used in medicinal products, in order to achieve greater benefits: in order to make a product lighter, have a higher level of design freedom and a higher level of functional integration on the one hand, but also as a cheaper alternative to precious metal or other materials, on the other hand. Its performance characteristics include biocompatibility, chemical stability, resistance to gamma and X-ray radiation and radiological transparency (no production of artefacts).

PEEK (polyetheretherketone) is the most significant representative of polyaryletherketone (PAEK). This is a partially crystalline, thermoplastic high temperature-resistant high-performance plastic with a melting temperature of approx.

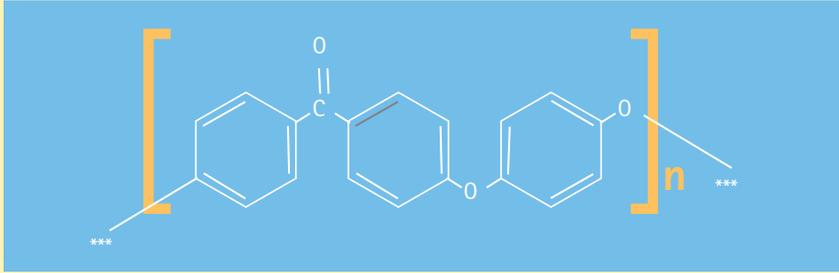
Its insolubility in water makes it a biocompatible material, which is ideal for patients with allergies.

High-performance polymers have a great potential as framework material, both for fixed and removable dental prostheses. On the one hand, they are considerably cheaper than gold and on the other hand, they are lighter and easier to work with in dental laboratories compared to NPM, titanium or ceramics. Moreover, demand for metal-free dental prostheses is on the increase, with more and more cases of metal intolerance.



Structural formula of a PEEK molecule. The white cloud indicates the ceramic filler, which is responsible for the high mechanical material properties, especially for dental technical use.

334°C. PEEK is therefore suited for processing in extrusion and injection moulding procedures, but can also be used to manufacture tense rotating parts and milling parts. The material is highly stable and can bear pressures of up to 3.6 GPa.



Chemical structure formula of the PEEK molecule.

- Used as implant material for over 30 years in human medicine
  - Reinforced with ceramic particles, partially crystalline thermoplastic for extreme stress
  - Metal-free
  - Not abrasive for the remaining teeth
  - White shade
  - Can be veneered with traditional veneer composites (e.g. visio.lign)
  - Class IIa medicinal product
- ▶ Long-term experience has been gained
  - ▶ The material is suited as framework material
  - ▶ No exchange of ions in the mouth, no discolouration
  - ▶ The enamel of the opposite teeth is protected
  - ▶ Can be used fully anatomically
  - ▶ High aesthetics and customisation
  - ▶ Permanent dental prosthesis



Photo: Giuseppe Leonetti, Turin/Italy.

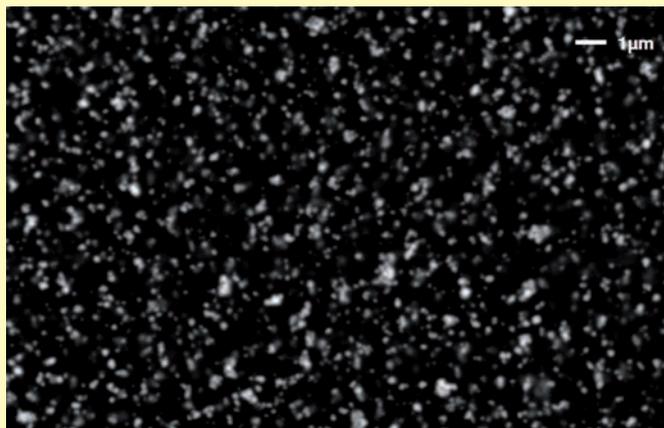
Front teeth in the maxilla from BioHPP veneered with the veneer plastic of the visio.lign system.

# What is so special about BioHPP

BioHPP (High Performance Polymer) is a PEEK variant that has been specially optimised for the dental field. Thanks to strengthening with a special ceramic filler, optimised mechanical properties have been created for dental technical and/or dental medical use in the crown and bridge area.

This ceramic filler has a grain size of 0.3 to 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . Due to this very small grain size, constant homogeneity can be produced. This homogeneity is an important prerequisite for these outstanding material properties and forms the basis for consistent quality.

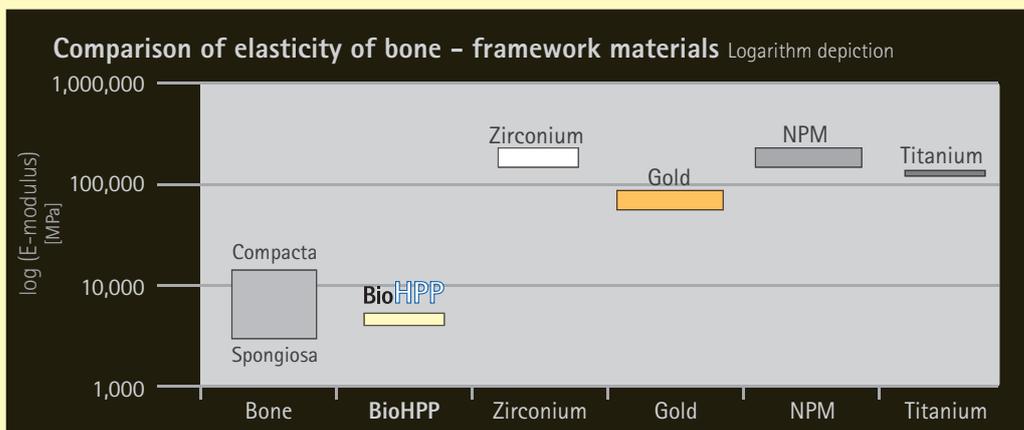
The fine granularity of the filler is the basis for the extremely good polishing properties that emerge later. The deposit of plaque is prevented and the degree of discolouration is reduced due to the fact that the surfaces are polished to a high shine.



Surface of BioHPP enlarged 1000 times.



BioHPP bridge veneered with visio.lign composite - which enables direct contact on the gingiva thanks to the highly polished surfaces. Gum irritation is avoided thanks to this surface quality.



In contrast to the framework materials previously used, BioHPP has an elasticity that is suited to the bone. Ceramics and NPM are approximately 20 x as rigid as bone, and gold and titanium are 10 x as rigid as bone. This similarity to bone has a beneficial effect, especially in wide-span framework structures.

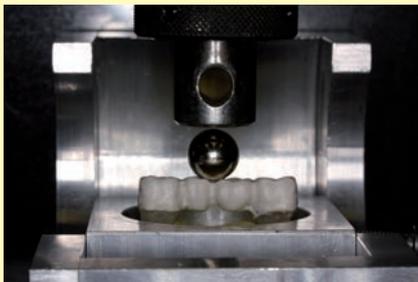
# BioHPP in clinical and scientific studies

Knowledge of the mechanical properties of a material is important in order to be able to determine the envisioned indications from it. The E-modulus, the maximum fracture resistance, the bond strength and the polishing properties are crucial factors in this case.

In cooperation with Jena University (Outpatient Department for Dental Prosthetics and Materials) and Regensburg University (Specialist field of Dental Prosthetics), **BioHPP** was scientifically and clinically assessed during in vitro tests with regard to the aforementioned material properties.

## Elasticity modulus

The E-modulus of **BioHPP** lies in the range of 4000 MPa, which very strongly resembles the elasticity of human bone (e.g. in the mandible). The chewing forces are therefore cushioned, even with implant-supported bridges.



The trial structure for the break load in the universal test machine "Zwick". The compression forces are applied using a metal stud in the centre of the pontics.  
Source: Regensburg University, Outpatient Department for Dental Prosthetics.

## Fracture resistance

The maximum fracture resistance indicates the force - measured in Newtons - at which the sample fails (4-part bridge on human stumps in our trial structure). Values of up to 1200 Newtons were reached during this test, which, in comparison to a maximum chewing force of 500 Newtons for a human bite, represents an adequate safety margin.



4-part bridge made from **BioHPP** veneered with visio.lign with mobile socket with vario-link II prior to the chewing simulation test.

Source: Regensburg University, Outpatient Department for Dental Prosthetics.

## Bond strength

With the bond strength it is crucial that the framework can be veneered with all traditional veneer composites. The advantage here is that bond strengths of over 25 MPa are achieved using the adhesive visio.link, whereas the required standard value according to DIN EN ISO 10477:2004 is a max. 5 MPa.



The use of visio.link as an adhesive with veneer composites from other systems is also crucial for the high level of adhesion.

## Plaque resistance

The polishing properties of **BioHPP** are of eminent importance. These properties counteract plaque deposits and discolouration even in exposed surfaces and framework structures. Gum irritation is ruled out due to the surface quality of the material and its low rough depth of  $0.018 \mu\text{m} R_A$  (Jena Uni) .



The polishing properties of the veneer composite and of the **BioHPP** as fully-anatomical chewing surfaces are so good that a rough depth in **BioHPP** of only  $0.018 \mu\text{m} R_A$  can be achieved.

# Advantages and benefits of BioHPP

## Reproducible manufacturing process

- Advantage  Consistent quality thanks to an automatic and electronically-monitored pressing procedure
- Benefit  Consistent material properties and avoidance of complaints

## Shock-absorbing effect (so-called off-peak)

- Advantage  Protection of the implant against high chewing loads
- Benefit  Durability and increased wearing comfort for the patient

## Abrasion-resistant tooth-like material

- Advantage  Chewing surfaces keep their shape over long periods of use
- Benefit  Increased quality of life

## White framework material that can be veneered

- Advantage  Can be veneered individually with composite veneers
- Benefit  Enables individual adjustment to the remaining teeth and prevents chipping

## Low density (1.3 to 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

- Advantage  Very simple dentures
- Benefit  Increases wearing comfort for patients

## Steady friction in connecting elements

- Advantage  Prevents loss of friction
- Benefit  Increases wearing comfort and saves on replacing the dentures with new ones

## Homogeneity

- Advantage  Equally distributed filler in the partially crystalline polymer matrix
- Benefit  Manufacture of permanent dentures (MPG Cl. IIa)

## Biocompatibility

- Advantage  No substances that are not compatible with the body, such as metals or residual monomers are released
- Benefit  Offers dental prostheses that are compatible with the body and healthy

# Material-specific properties of BioHPP

## Mechanical properties according to ...

DIN EN ISO 10477

- E-modulus — 4,000 MPa
- Flexural strength (no material failure) — >150 MPa
- Water absorption — 6.5 µg/mm<sup>3</sup>
- Water solubility — < 0.3 µg/mm<sup>3</sup>

Thermocycling 10,000 cycles 5°C / 55°C in accordance with DIN EN ISO 10477

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- Flexural strength— >150 MPa (no material failure)

## Breaking load tests on 3-part bridges

- Maximum load without failure (after 24 hr immersion in water, 37°C) — >1,200 N
- Maximum load without failure (after mechanical and thermal alternating load 1.2 million x 50 N, 10,000 x 5°C / 55°C) — >1,200 N

## Other properties

- Melting range (DSC) — approx. 340°C
- Bond strength (combo.lign) — > 25 MPa
- Thickness — 1.3 to 1.5 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Hardness (HV) — 110 HV 5/20



6-part anterior bridge with a very high-quality aesthetic veneer.

## BioHPP when processing in the *for 2* press System



The BioHPP is processed in the *for 2* press vacuum press device. The entire injection process is completed fully automatically. A blue LED light marks the end of the process.

In order to be able to exploit the material properties as much as possible, the initial material must be processed in a procedure especially developed for this purpose.

The initial situation is a wax model, which is invested in a mould with an investment material especially developed for this purpose. This mould is heated to between 630°C and 850°C in a pre-heating oven, the wax is melted away and then cooled at 400°C. At this temperature, BioHPP is brought to the melting range of this investment material mould and melted down. The insertion of the press plunger and transfer of the mould into the *for 2* press system then takes place. By raising the lift, the pressing procedure is triggered automatically and takes place in a vacuum. After completion of the vacuum, the mould is cooled down to room temperature within 35 minutes - whilst maintaining the pressing pressure, and can then be devested as usual.

## The *for 2* press System offers the following advantages

### Low investment

- Low costs, profits

### Known manufacturing process

- Rapid learning curve (return of investment)

### Perfectly fitting prosthetics

- Quality, patient satisfaction

### Controllable investment material

- Controllable friction properties

### Extensive area of indication

- Large scope

### Can be veneered with visio.lign

- Aesthetic result

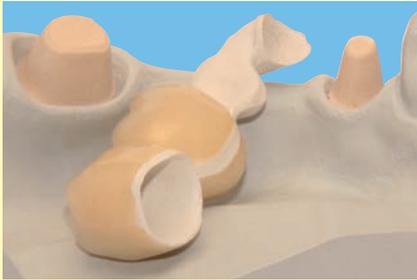
### Coordinated overall system

- Process reliability when handling

# Indications of BioHPP

## Fixed dental prosthesis

### Posterior area



4-part posterior bridge veneered with visio.lign. Due to the high level of fracture resistance, up to two pontics are possible. Due to the white shade effect of the material, an optimum veneer basis is provided.

### Anterior area



Photos: Schwindt Dental Laboratory, Landau/Pfalz.

The aesthetic zone in the anterior area offers the best possible range of indications for this biocompatible and metal-free framework material.

## Removable dental prosthesis

### Bridgework



### Telescopic work



Photo: Annett Fiedler, Dental Laboratory, Neulüßheim

The **BioHPP** offers outstanding friction properties in combination with metallic and ceramic primary structures. As far as the patient is concerned, the high wearing comfort and ease of insertion and removal stand to the fore. The inert properties preclude any interactions with other materials.

There is no loss of friction thanks to the flexibility of the material and the ease with which the secondary structure can be veneered.

# Implantology

## SKYelegance – individual abutments



The individual abutment "SKYelegance" has been developed for bredent medical's SKY and blueSKY implants. In the future, additional abutments will also be available for other companies' implant systems.



The SKYelegance is blasted with aluminium dioxide with a grain of 110 µm and a max. pressure of 3 bar before wax modelling.



Finished wax modelling on the SKYelegance.



The wax model is sprued with the SKYelegance on the base mould of the for 2 press system. A casting bulb is used for this.



The SKYelegance individual abutment is over-pressed with BioHPP.



The finished abutment can now be directly veneered or treated with a ceramic crown.

## Example of application using a telescopic implant bridge



The titanium abutments SKYelegance that can be over-pressed are modelled with modelling wax and the parallel telescope surfaces are processed on the milling machine. Afterwards, the wax casting bulbs are added on the individual abutments.



The finished modelled abutments are fixed to the base mould. The mould is then invested with the brevest for 2 press investment material, pre-heated accordingly in the pre-heating oven and over-pressed with BioHPP in the for 2 press vacuum press device.



Taking into consideration the direction of insertion, the parallel surfaces of the primary parts made from BioHPP are milled and polished to a high shine.



After the production and polishing of the primary telescope, the entire wax model of the telescopic bridge can be modelled.



Due to the expansion of the investment material covering the material, optimum and durable friction properties are achieved.



The finished telescopic bridge is veneered with visio. lign veneers.

# Example of use of SKY elegance abutment

## Initial situation



Loss of the upper incisor. A bredent medical blueSKY implant was inserted in this patient. After a 3-month recovery period, the implant can be released and permanently restored.



Perfect aesthetic result and a happy patient. The crown inserted has a natural translucency.

Photos: Dr. Alexandros Manolakis, Thessaloniki/Greece



The innovative BioHPP material was chosen as a framework material for the crown abutment. Due to the white shade effect, BioHPP is optimally suited for an aesthetic veneer with the bredent visio.lign system.

The elegance abutment is suitable for:

	Manufacturer	Implant
1	bredent medical	SKY®
2	Straumann®	Bone Level®
3	Nobel Biocare®	Nobel Active®
4	Astra-Tech®	Osseo Speed TX®



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# Processing steps

## Initial situation



In order to provide optimum support to the framework structure, a casement or level preparation is required. We do not recommend any tangential preparations.

## Modelling



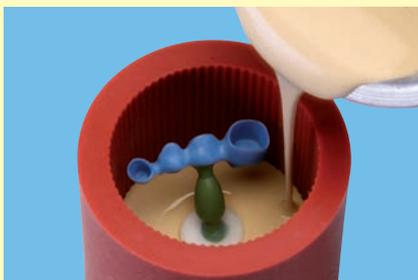
The objects are modelled in accordance with the standard dental technical rules. In order to guarantee a mechanical bond between **BioHPP** and veneer composites, retention crystals can be used.

## Sprue technology



In order to be able to achieve perfect pressing results, certain regularities such as selection of the supply channel, cross-care and positioning must be observed.

## Investment



The wax model is invested with a special phosphate-bound investment material - taking into consideration the fluid concentration.

## Pre-heating



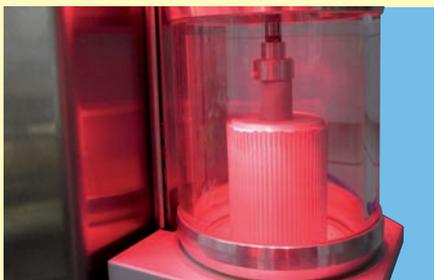
The pre-heating process, for melting the wax and controlling expansion of the investment material, is carried out in the laboratory's own pre-heating oven (between 630°C and 850°C).

## Melting



The melting procedure is carried out in the pre-heating oven. For this, the melting temperature of 400°C (20 min. and not longer) must be observed exactly and controlled.

## Pressing



The pressing procedure in the *for 2* press system is completed fully automatically within 35 minutes.



The dental technician is informed of the end of the automatic pressing procedure by an acoustic signal and by the blue LED light. The technician can then continue the process by immediately deinvesting the mould.

*What makes the for 2 press system special is the fact that the pressing procedure is also continued when cooling the mould. This principle ensures the high material properties of the BioHPP, which are transferred into later treatment.*

## Devesting



The object transferred in **BioHPP** can be devested after 35 minutes. A short water bath guarantees freedom from dust and makes the devesting process easier. The fine investment material residues are removed using a fine blasting device with aluminium oxide with 110 µm max. 3 bar.

## Adjustment



The simplicity of the adjustment is due to the material and reduces the need for time-consuming reworking. Fine cross-toothed carbide mills are particularly well suited to this.

## Conditioning



The bridge framework is blasted with 110 µm and 2-3 bar pressure. The blasting distance must not be less than 3 cm.



In order to achieve a sufficient adhesion between veneer composites and framework material, a special adhesive (visio.link) must be used.

## Veneering



Framework structures made from **BioHPP** can be veneered with all traditional veneer composites. The best results are achieved with visio.lign.

## Polishing



The veneer composite and the **BioHPP** can be polished to a high shine, by following the correct polishing sequence.

## High-shine polishing



Due to perfect high-shine polishing (five steps), the material properties of **BioHPP** with regard to plaque affinity, tendency to discolouration and surface quality are supported.

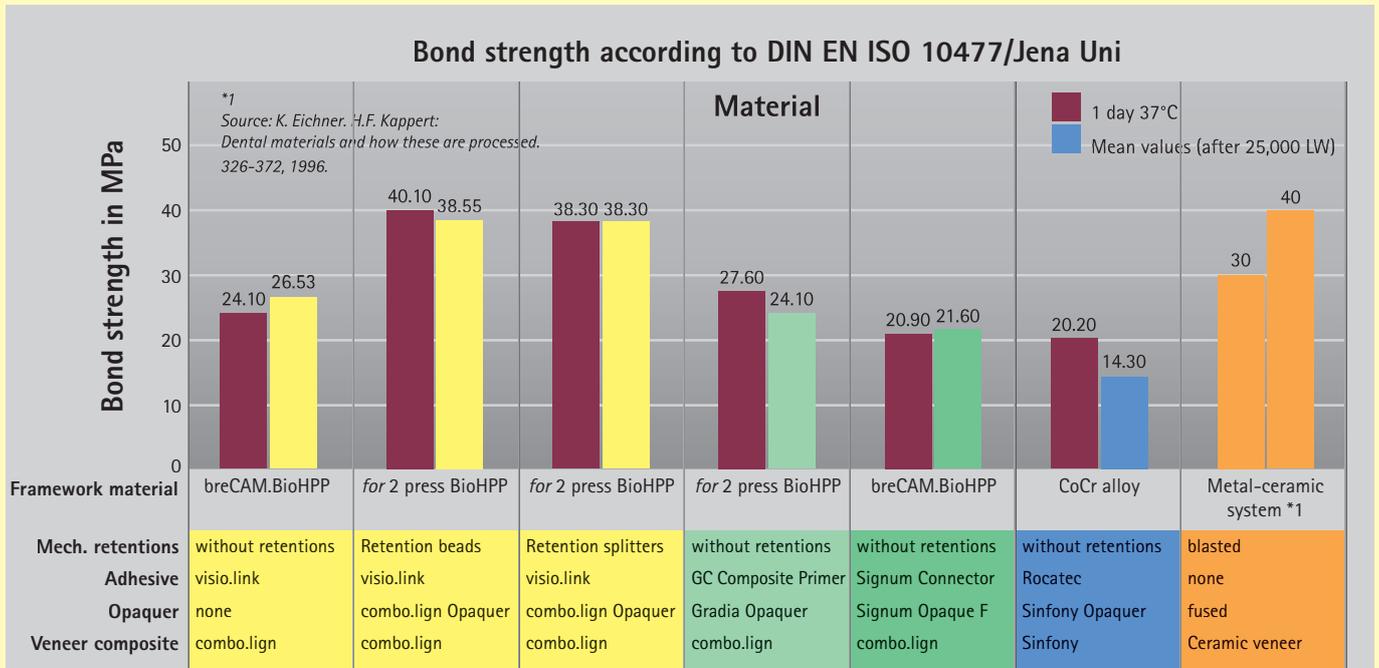
1. Step: Carbide mills
2. Step: Diagen-Turbo-Grinder
3. Step: Ceragum rubber polisher
4. Step: Bims goat hair brush
5. Step: Goat hair brush + Abraso Starglanz

# Bound by the BioHPP

## Bond with visio.link from the visio.lign veneer system

To enable the manufacture of an aesthetically-pleasing and durable prosthetic with BioHPP, the bond between BioHPP and the composite veneer is of the utmost importance.

The visio.link adhesive from the visio.lign veneer system combines all the outstanding adhesive properties with materials such as PMMA and composites. In this way, visio.link is a primer and bonder in one.



The bond strength of different veneer composite systems was compared with the framework materials BioHPP and CoCr sample frameworks. The highest bond strength values according to DIN EN ISO 10477 were achieved when using the visio.lign veneer system. A crucial factor for these high values is the use of mechanical retentions in the form of retention beads or splitters and the thin application of the special adhesive bredent visio.link.

If adhesives from other systems, such as Gradia by GC or Signum by

Heraeus-Kulzer are used, bond strength values of 24.1 Mpa and 21.6 Mpa are achieved.

Therefore the use of visio.link as an adhesive yields higher values. Additional mechanical retentions should be applied for safety reasons. As a result, significantly higher bond strengths are achieved on **BioHPP** frameworks than in traditional CoCr alloys.

## Fixing restorations BioHPP orally

Restorations made from **BioHPP** must be fixed with adhesive, i.e. with composite adhesive such as Vario-Link (Ivoclar-Vivadent) or Panavia (Kuraray). The adhesive surfaces of the restoration made from **BioHPP** must be conditioned as follows for this purpose:

Blast the restoration made from **BioHPP** with aluminium oxide (110 µm) at 2 to 3 bar blasting pressure. Moistening then takes place with light-hardened PMMA & Composite Primer "visio.link" and subsequent polymerisation within a light polymerisation device (e.g. 90 seconds in a bre.lux Power Unit or Heraeus Kulzer UniXS) in accordance with the "visio.link" processing instructions.

Pre-treatment of the cavity by the dentist is carried out in the same way as with a ceramic or composite restoration.



This diagram shows how unfavourable the model of the pre-test bridge is with regard to a much too thin/unanatomical framework in combination with an unfavourable veneer layer that is much too thick.

# Advantages for the laboratory, the practice and the patient



## Laboratory

- Extensive range of indications
- Biocompatible and metal-free
- High accuracy of fit
- Clear investment volumes
- Known processing procedures
- Ability to carry out veneers
- Effortless processing

## Dentist

- Extensive range of indications
- Biocompatible and metal-free
- Veneers can be repaired intra-orally
- Appealing to patients
- White shade effect



## Patient

- Higher level of wearing comfort
- Biocompatible and metal-free
- Plaque-resistant and colour-safe
- Aesthetic material
- Abrasion-resistant
- Protection of antagonists

# The system components

## The material BioHPP

BioHPP is protected against moisture and packaged in transparent plastic tubes. The required quantity can be weighed out to the nearest gram using the wax calculation table. Only the material that is required is processed.

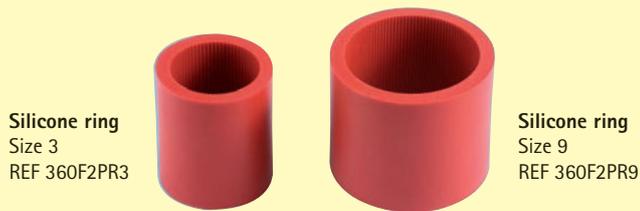
**BioHPP (Granulate)**  
 20 g REF 540F2PB2  
 100 g REF 540F2PB3

**BioHPP (Pellet)**  
 75 g ( 5 x 15 g) REF 540F2PB4  
 150 g (10 x 15 g) REF 540F2PB5



## Silicone rings

Silicone ring suited for the mould system *for 2* press mould. Quick and easy deforming of the bound investment material mould. Grooved inside, enlarged surface for rapid moisture emission during pre-heating.



**Silicone ring**  
 Size 3  
 REF 360F2PR3

**Silicone ring**  
 Size 9  
 REF 360F2PR9

## Mould system for the *for 2* press mould

Consisting of one mould plate and the corresponding silicone ring. Available in 3 different sizes: 3, 9 and 9 XXL.



Mould plate and silicone ring

Size 3 REF 360F2P16      Size 9 REF 360F2P20      Size 9 XXL REF 360F2P30

## Mould plate



**Mould plate (individual)**  
 Size 3  
 REF 360F2PT1

**Mould plate (individual)**  
 Size 9  
 REF 360F2PT2

**Mould plate (individual)**  
 Size 9 XXL  
 REF 360F2PT3

## Disposable press plunger *for 2* press filler

Disposable press plunger for pressing the high-performance plastic in. Rounded on one side for a better glide during the pressing procedure. Uniform cooling concomitantly to investment material, no risk of the press material cracking, pressed in firmly. Can be used once.



***for 2* press filler (disposable press plunger)**  
 16 mm 25 pc. suitable for mould plate size 3  
 REF 570F2P16

***for 2* press (disposable press plunger)**  
 20 mm 25 pc. suitable for mould plate size 9  
 REF 570F2P20

***for 2* press (disposable press plunger)**  
 30 mm 14 pc. suitable for mould plate size 9 XXL  
 REF 570F2P30

## Brevest investment material *for 2* press

Fine grain special investment material for the *for 2* press System. Suited for use as a speed investment material or conventionally heated up. Easy to remove.



**Brevest *for 2* Press**  
 carton with approx. 7.35 kg incl. 1000 ml Bresol *for 2* press  
 REF 570F2PV1

## Fluid for the investment material brevest *for 2* press



**Bresol *for 2* press**  
 1000 ml  
 REF 520F2PL1

## for 2 press Basic Set

This set contains basic equipment for immediate work. Based on the size of the model, the *for 2* press Basic Set is sufficient for 5–7 presses and contains all of the necessary materials.



### Contents

- 1 x *for 2* press pneumatic vacuum press device
- 1 x *for 2* press mould (mould system, consisting of mould plate size 3/16 mm and silicone ring)
- 35 x 210 g Brevest *for 2* press investment material incl. 1000 ml Bresol *for 2* press liquid
- 25 x *for 2* press filler (disposable press plunger size 16 mm for pressing the material into the mould)
- 20 g **BioHPP**, thermoplastic high-performance plastic

**for 2 press Basic Set**  
REF 14000601



## BioHPP – granulate or blanks?

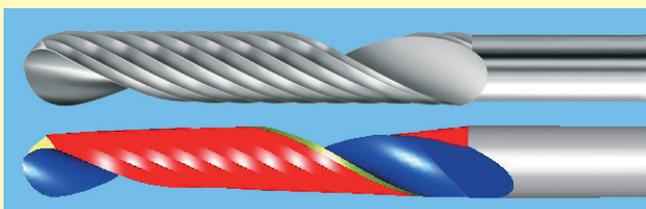
**BioHPP** is available as a milling round blank **breCAM.BioHPP** for processing in CAD/CAM manufacturing. The milling round blanks are processable in every standardised milling machine when using a **breCAM.Cutter** (mill) especially developed for this

purpose. The material properties between pressed and milled **BioHPP** are virtually identical. The milling round blanks are produced without material degradation due to the especially developed manufacturing procedures.



16 mm 20 mm 24 mm

**breCAM.cutter** with patented cutting geometry



Order information	16 mm REF	20 mm REF	24 mm REF
<b>breCAM.BioHPP</b>	540 0203 0	540 0203 1	540 0203 2

Further information can be found in Brochure REF 000470GB.

