

8. PLACING ATTACHMENTS

TIPS & TRICKS

- If isolation is challenging, bond in quadrants and use cheek retractors
- Bonding to porcelain can be difficult and technique sensitive. If you need to bond an attachment to porcelain, use dental products designed to help condition porcelain so that attachment material may adhere to them

MATERIALS NEEDED

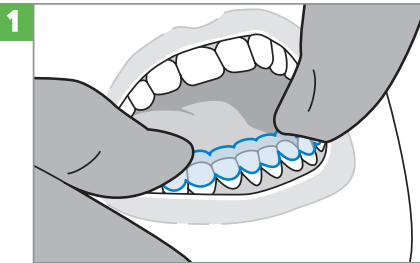
- Attachment Template
- Attachment Kit* or similar dental supplies, including
 - Composite material for creating attachments*
 - Bonding agent*
 - Finishing burs to remove any flash
 - Composite Dispenser*
- Dental Composite Spatula Instrument

Note:

If an attachment falls off during treatment, Align Technology recommends that the doctor use the original attachment template and cut out the specific tooth to rebond the lost attachment. If the original template is not available or this option is not effective, please contact Customer Care to order a new attachment template from the aligner number presently being worn by the patient.

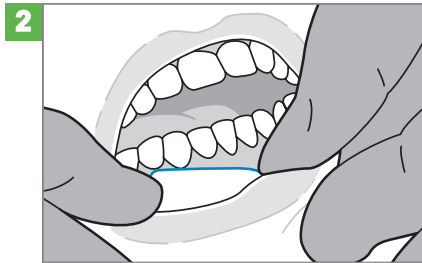
PROCEDURE

Test fit



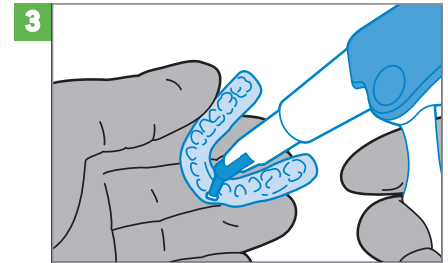
Rinse the attachment template in cold water and test fit in the mouth.

Isolate teeth for bonding



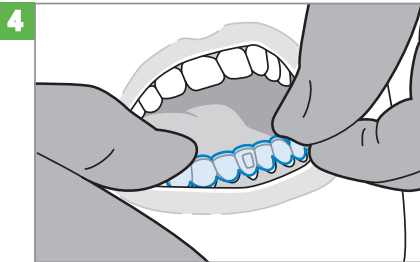
Isolate the teeth and prepare each tooth that will receive an attachment according to the material instructions.

Dispense attachment material



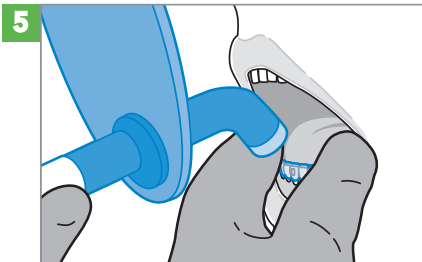
Thoroughly dry template and load a small amount of attachment composite into each attachment well of the template until it is slightly overfilled.

Conform to teeth



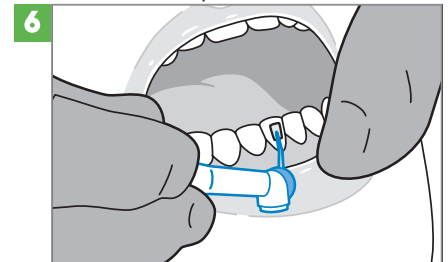
Fully seat the loaded template onto the teeth and apply gentle pressure around each attachment to ensure full adaptation.

Cure attachment



Cure each attachment according to composite manufacturer's instructions.

Remove template and flash



Remove the template and any flash from the teeth using a carbide finishing bur. Repeat process for opposite arch.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

If you experience excess flash when placing attachments, consider an alternate technique. Go to aligntechinstitute.com/attachments to see a video of alternate bonding techniques.

* May be ordered on the Align Store
Please refer to manufacturer's Instructions for Use.