impression techniques



custom impression tray fabrication

A dimensionally accurate impression is one of the primary determinants for precise-fitting indirect restorations. A custom tray will provide dimensional accuracy and stability allowing a uniform thickness of impression material. Use one of these techniques to fabricate a custom impression tray to improve the accuracy of the working model for implant-supported restorations.

option 1: starting with healing abutments

Make a full-arch impression

Make a full-arch impression of the healing abutments connected to the implants and the surrounding soft tissue. Send the impression to the laboratory for fabrication of a model and custom impression tray.



Lab step - Fabricate the stone model

Fabricate a working model in minimal-expansion, high-hardness die stone.



3 Lab step - Block out the space for the copings

Block out the area above the healing abutments on the working model with baseplate wax to allow adequate space for the direct pick-up impression copings.

The direct pick-up impression copings are 11mm in height. The depth of the tissue must be considered when blocking out the space for the copings on the working model.

4 Lab step - Fabricate the custom tray

Fabricate a custom impression tray following conventional laboratory procedures. Make holes in the custom tray above the area of the implant healing abutments so the direct impression coping screw will protrude through the tray.





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custom impression tray fabrication option 2: starting with indirect copings

component options

- indirect scoop coping
- direct pick-up coping
- .050" (1.25mm) hex driver
- implant analog

Make a full-arch impression

Make a full-arch implant-level impression using the closed tray technique using the indirect transfer coping module.

2 Lab step - Fabricate the stone model & place the copings

Fabricate a working model in minimal-expansion, highhardness die stone. Place direct copings onto the analogs in the stone model that was made using the closed tray technique using the indirect transfer coping module.





Lab step - Place the wax spa

Apply baseplate wax material around the copings extending far enough to the distal on each side to ensure an accurate intraoral seating along the retromolar pad.



4 Lab step - Fabricate the custom tray

Fabricate a custom impression tray around the baseplate wax following conventional laboratory procedures. Remove the coping screws and separate the tray from the model. Remove the wax and copings from the tray. Enlarge the screw access holes if necessary.

Confirm accuracy and return to clinician.



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