

## What's Hot and What's Getting Hotter

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### MATERIAL

**Beautiful® II  
Composite Restorative**  
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It may be considered brazen to give your composite a name that resembles "beautiful"—but if you can stand up to the claim, then why not? Beautiful® II Composite Restorative does indeed fulfill all that its name implies. This composite is available in 12 shades—including two opaque shades to assist in layering for optimum aesthetic results—in either syringe or unit dose tips. Its chameleon-like quality allows for a harmonious blend of shades with natural tooth color, yielding ideal fluorescence and

optical characteristics that mimic natural teeth.

Beautiful II is radiopaque with S-PRG fillers that include nano particles and is 83.3 percent filled by weight. It also is highly polishable with a sustained luster—especially when using Shofu's Super-Snap® Finishing and Polishing System and OneGloss®. What is most interesting is that the S-PRG fillers form a film-like surface on the restoration, which may inhibit plaque formation. Even after brushing, this layer returns in the presence of saliva.

The material is wear-resistant with low shrinkage and is quite creamy. That said, it packs nicely and has the ability to release and recharge fluoride—just like a glass ionomer—due to the S-PRG fillers. There also is a corresponding flowable resin called Beautiful Flow. Strong and easy on the eye, Beautiful II is just what it promises—beauty!



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