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eautiSealant is easier to work with rather than the traditional sealant that requires the etch step first," said a hygienist who has been in practice for 37 years. Another hygienist from North Hollywood, CA, commented, "It seems to be stronger than our current brand." Of the 14 hygienists who participated in this *Dental Product Shopper* evaluation, 11 said Shofu's BeautiSealant is much better or somewhat better than similar sealants offered by other manufacturers.

According to Shofu, BeautiSealant Pit and Fissure Sealant is a fast, easy, and gentle sealant system that eliminates the need for phosphoric acid etching and rinse steps, while maintaining equal or better shear bond strengths.

BeautiSealant is a tooth colored, fluoride-recharging, pit and fissure sealant with a self-etching primer. As the newest member of the GIOMER family, BeautiSealant is filled with Shofu's proprietary S-PRG (Surface Pre-Reacted Glass) with cariostatic properties, acid neutralization, and plaque inhibition.

Working Time

Manufacturer Description: BeautiSealant has a quick 30-second application. The sealant's self-etching primer speeds treatment time by eliminating the need for phosphoric acid etching.

Evaluator Feedback: Ten evaluators rated working time as their favorite product feature. A hygienist with 32 years of clinical experience said, "I love that you do not have to etch and rinse. It saves time and makes the procedure so much more comfortable and efficient for



the patient." Another evaluator with 19 years of experience in dentistry said, "I was popping sealant procedures out 1-2-3. [BeautiSealant] saved all kinds of time."

"The ability to not have to etch and rinse is such a time saver, especially with young patients," explained a hygienist who has been in practice for 6 years. A second evaluator agreed: "It also cured quickly—huge plus for children with no attention spans."

Ease of Use

Manufacturer Description: BeautiSealant is an easy-touse product containing dual adhesive monomers that thoroughly penetrate and prepare pits and fissures for bonding to the sealant.

Evaluator Feedback: Twelve evaluators said that ease of use is a very important characteristic to consider when purchasing a sealant. When rating this feature, an evaluator from Crookston, MN, said, "The instructions were



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Sherry Knutson, RDH Crookston, MN







Viscosity was spot-on! Pamela Emard, AA, AS Great Falls, MT







After some practice, this seems easier. Melanie Walker, RDH Midvale, UT









easy to understand, and I didn't get any complaints from patients telling me it tasted bad (this was common with etching gel)." A hygienist with 32 years of experience added, "It is also very easy to work with this product."

When asked how BeautiSealant could be improved, several evaluators suggested changes for the syringe tip. An Illinois-based hygienist said, "I had some difficulty squeezing out the sealant as I got down to the bottom of the syringe." This evaluator went on to rate her overall satisfaction with BeautiSealant as excellent.

[or] thick." A second evaluator added, "I thought it filled in the grooves nicely without over filling them." Another evaluator with 28 years of experience said BeautiSealant had "No bubbles!"

Evaluators were also asked to rate BeautiSealant's flowability/control of material. An evaluator with 32 years of experience in dentistry said, "I loved how easy it was to control the flow of the material onto the tooth."

Overall Satisfaction

Twelve of the 14 evaluators said they would definitely or probably recommend BeautiSealant to colleagues or contacts in the dental profession. Eleven evaluators said they would definitely or probably purchase the product in the future. One hygienist with 32 years of experi-

ence said, "When I completed my testing syringe, I called my dental dealer and ordered some more. I loved this product."

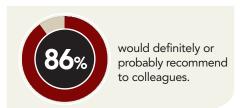
Nine evaluators rated overall satisfaction as excellent, 3 rated it as very good, and 2 rated it as fair. An evaluator with 19 years of experience in dentistry said, "This is the best stuff I have used to date."



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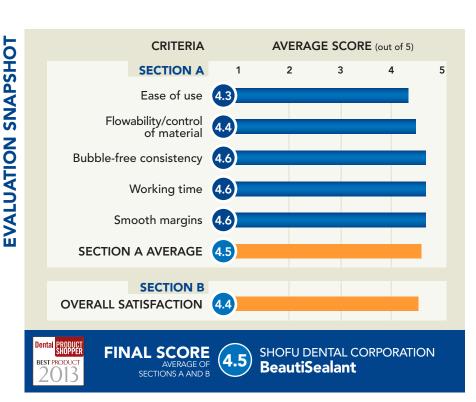
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Bubble-Free Consistency and Flowability

Manufacturer Description: BeautiSealant is an easy to apply sealant optimized for a smooth, bubble-free consistency. It provides excellent handling characteristics, and its viscosity and syringe design reduces overfilling.

Evaluator Feedback: Ten of the 14 evaluators said BeautiSealant's bubble-free consistency was excellent. A hygienist from Great Falls, MT, said, "I loved the way it flowed—viscosity was spot-on! Not too liquid, not too heavy



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