

What's Hot and What's Getting Hotter

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Super-Snap® X-Treme
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We all remember the famous line "Wax on, wax off" from the 1984 film "The Karate Kid." It was about teaching discipline—and achieving a highly polished, glossy surface.

Now you too can achieve a high sheen—on composite restorations, with Super-Snap® X-Treme polishing disks from Shofu Dental Corp. These new aluminum oxide disks are a wonderful adjunct to the already popular Super-Snap system, which currently employs a black disk (coarse) for contouring, a violet disk (medium) for finishing, a green disk (fine) for polishing, and a red disk (superfine) for super polishing.

Available in green and red, the enhanced Super-Snap X-Treme disks are thicker than the originals, allowing you to apply gentle pressure while maintaining a tactile sense. Even better, they are flexible enough to follow the natural curvature of the tooth surface, and they are especially useful in the interproximal areas.



Thanks to their advanced 3-D polishing technology (originally developed for the semiconductor industry), Super-Snap X-Treme disks offer high-gloss results. The semispherical grit shape allows for the discharge of debris, reducing the risk of clogging and unwanted scratches. Plus, these disks generate far less heat than most systems and lessen the risk of denaturing the composite resin material.

These double-sided, single-use disks are available in two sizes, 12 mm (standard) and 8 mm (mini). When it comes to achieving a glossy, glass-like finish on an anterior restoration, Super-Snap X-Treme is "x-tremely" useful!



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