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Frequently Asked Questions on Veneers

Does enamel have to be ground down? : Not in all cases

How much is removed usually?: Depends on the case, but approximately 0.7mm.

Do I have to have injections? In some cases yes; just to make you comfortable if enamel has to be removed; if not; then there is no need. Veneers bond very strongly to enamel; so the more enamel is left; the better is the bond strength.

What if I would like to see what they would look like before having them actually done? Is that possible? Yes; In some cases through the “trial smile” technique; an impression is taken of your teeth, and some photographs; then the dentist records what needs to be modified and how; a prescription is sent to the laboratory with the impressions and the photographs. The lab then manufactures a wax mock-up of what the smile would look like when veneers are provided. You can then see what the teeth would look like on a plaster model; in addition; a template is made out of the mock-up, filled with white resin material and applied to your teeth; when the material sets; the template is removed; then you are able to see what your new smile would look like. If you are satisfied; then everything is copied; and if you have certain observations or would like any modifications; these are applied to the mock up, photographed and then used as a template for the veneers.

Will my teeth hurt after enamel preparation? Every precaution is taken to avoid such sensitivity happening; and provisional veneers are bonded to

those teeth where enamel has been prepared to seal them and prevent sensitivity. If sensitivity occurs; It is usually of a very short term nature.

How long do veneers last? There are no hard and fast rules about how long you can expect your porcelain veneers to last. You can certainly expect that they will remain cosmetically pleasing and structurally sound for many years, but it is unrealistic to expect that they will last forever. With good home care and by exercising good judgment, it seems likely that a porcelain veneer could last well in excess of ten years.

Porcelain veneers cannot be placed on unhealthy teeth.

Porcelain veneers cannot be placed on teeth that have decay or are involved with periodontal disease (gum disease). These conditions must be treated by your dentist before a porcelain veneer can be successfully placed.

Placing a porcelain veneer on a tooth will not provide a strengthening effect.

If a significant amount of tooth structure has been lost as a result of decay or fracture, or else has already been replaced by a dental filling, the tooth may not be a good candidate for a porcelain veneer.

Porcelain veneers will not strengthen the teeth on which they are placed. Teeth that have histories where a significant amount of tooth structure has been lost are usually better served by placing a dental crown on them, not a porcelain veneer.

What are Lumineers? Lumineers are very strong, and very thin veneers which are applied to teeth with virtually no enamel preparation at all; they are not suitable for all cases.

What is the difference between Lumineers and future veneers?

Lumineers is the American brand, Future veneers is the British brand (slightly cheaper as it is manufactured in the UK)

What is the average price? £400 per veneer (traditional) Future veneers are £450, and Lumineers are £500 each. (Excluding mock-up and trial smile which starts at £500)

Any Guarantees: Depending on the type of veneers, you could expect anywhere between 1 year to 5 year warranty excluding neglect, accidents and misuse (biting nails, opening bottles with teeth..etc.)