



Doctor Frequently Asked Questions

What are the contraindications for use?

Do not use **SLX[®] Clear Aligners** if your patient is allergic to plastics.

Can SLX Clear Aligners treat all malocclusions?

Henry Schein[®] Orthodontics™ (HSO) recommends that you first treat Class II and Class III patients with the **MOTION 3D™ Appliance/SAGITTAL FIRST™** philosophy to establish a super Class I occlusion before **SLX Aligners**. This approach is designed to simplify and standardize **SLX** Aligner treatment, reducing total treatment time and the number of aligners required.

What is the aligner and retainer material?

ClearWear™ is a BPA-free and phthalate-free plastic that is manufactured through a proprietary process to provide the ideal clarity and fit.

What is the length of time to receive the initial proposed treatment setup?

Online digital setup will be available to review within 5 business days from submission of complete records.

If the treating doctor makes modifications to the proposed treatment plan, what is the length of time to receive the modified treatment setup?

Modified setups will be delivered within 2-3 business days.

What is the manufacturing time for the aligners?

Once the treatment setup is approved, aligners will be shipped within 10-15 business days.

How long should a patient wear each set of trays before switching to the next step?

Patients should wear aligners for 22 hours each day for 2 weeks, when not using any other orthodontic acceleration technology.

What type of impressions are accepted?

Digital scans are the preferred method, but we can also accept PVS impressions.

What type of intraoral scans are accepted?

Digital scans should be submitted as STL format which is an open source – therefore you are not required to use any specific scanner.

Why do SLX Aligners need fewer attachments?

SLX Aligners feature precision fit and optimized trim heights to capture hard and soft tissue anatomy for exceptional control without attachments. Our proprietary **ClearWear** Material is

thermoformed to provide precise force levels needed to further enhance control, reducing the need for attachments.

Will attachments be recommended for use with SLX Clear Aligners?

If you elect to place attachments, **SLX Aligners** will be designed and manufactured to complement your treatment plan.

Are SLX Clear Aligners trimmed in a scalloped shape or straight across?

SLX Aligners are trimmed from the height of contour to height of contour for control and optimal patient comfort.

Why are SLX Clear Aligners so much clearer than other brands?

First, most other aligners are a series of resin impressions made from 3D models printed for every stage of the tooth movement. The printing process creates fine lines on the 3D models, which are then transferred onto the aligners, creating small imprints that are visible. Second, other aligners require numerous attachments. These attachments are visible, can stain, and are unsightly. Third, the thermoforming and cleaning process used by other brands tend to reduce the clarity of the aligners, yielding a dull, cloudy finish. **SLX Aligners** are different because they are made from one precision mold of the patient's teeth. Without 3D printing, the teeth are physically moved from their starting point to the doctors' prescribed positions.

What happens if a patient loses an aligner?

Direct patients to keep their most recently used aligners and temporarily use the previous set while the replacements are being made. Replacement aligners are available for purchase and will generally ship within 7 to 10 business days after placing the order.

What should I recommend if the aligners are lagging or not tracking?

If select teeth are not tracking or lagging behind, please ask your patients to use Chewies to help firmly seat the aligners. If teeth continue to lag behind. Please submit for a refinement.

Are SLX Clear Aligner results guaranteed?

With over 50,000 patients treated with this innovative aligner technology, you and your patients can be confident in **SLX Aligner** performance. However, orthodontic treatment is the responsibility of the treating doctor. HSO cannot guarantee the outcome of any orthodontic treatment, as results may vary.