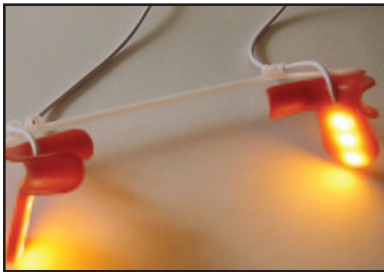


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Illuminated Retractor

The OralEnlight Retractor is designed to illuminate the posterior teeth, making molar bracket placement easier and more accurate and thus resulting in fewer repositioning or rebonding appointments, according to the manufacturer. The LED-equipped units are now autoclavable. A starter kit with one retractor and a rechargeable battery pack can be purchased with either bright white or orange lights.



For additional information, contact Molar Bond, Inc., 8857 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. (800) 577-0010; www.oralenlight.com.

Digital Model System

The Maestro 3D Desktop Scanning System creates accurate, high-resolution, fully rendered three-dimensional digital models from intraoral scans, impressions, or plaster casts with an affordable in-office scanner, according to the manufacturer. The system includes a dedicated Dell computer preloaded with software to view, measure, manipulate, and archive digital models using STL files.



For additional information, contact Great Lakes Orthodontics, 200 Cooper Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150. (800) 828-7626; www.greatlakesortho.com.

Treatment Design

Ormco has launched Insignia Advanced Smile Design, an all-inclusive digital treatment-planning and appliance-design system compatible with Insignia Clearguide Express aligners, Damon self-ligating brackets, Titanium Orthos, and Inspire ICE brackets. Three-dimensional planning software allows users to customize treatment from the initial stages of smile design to the fabrication of patient-specific appliances, according to the manufacturer.



For additional information, contact Ormco Corporation, 1717 W. Collins Ave., Orange, CA 92867. (800) 854-1741; www.ormco.com.

Chain Retainer

Reliance Orthodontics' popular Ortho-FlexTech lingual retainer chain is now available in stainless steel, at half the cost of the original Gold Ortho-FlexTech. The new material features the same dimensions and flexible link style, but with 30% greater tensile strength and 300% greater torsional strength than the solid-gold chain has, according to the company. Both chain retainer types are sold in 30" spools.



For additional information, contact Reliance Orthodontic Products, Inc., 1540 W. Thorndale Ave., Itasca, IL 60143. (800) 323-4348; www.relianceorthodontics.com.

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