

# Flexible Partial Dentures

## Removeable appliances

When several teeth in your upper or lower arch are missing, a flexible partial denture is a good treatment for replacing them. Flexible partials are removable appliances that are held in place by gum-colored clasps that fit around the necks of the remaining teeth.

With proper home care and regular checkups, a flexible partial can provide a functional bite and a natural-looking smile.



*Missing teeth*



*Model*



*Completed flexible partial*



*Flexible partial moving into position*

## Placing a flexible partial

The process of making a flexible partial denture varies in each case, and it usually involves a series of appointments. We take impressions of your mouth, and an accurate model is made from these impressions. The lab uses this model to create a wax replica of the final denture, called a wax-up.

Depending on the circumstances, we may have you try in the wax-up, and we note any changes to the fit and to the color, shape, and placement of the teeth. We then send the wax-up back to the lab, and they process it to create the final denture.

When the partial is ready, you try it in, and we make any necessary adjustments.

## The benefits of a flexible partial

Flexible partial dentures have several benefits. They help stop the remaining neighboring teeth from shifting. They balance your bite, so you chew better and have a healthier jaw joint. The denture is not bulky, so it fits comfortably, and the translucent materials blend in with natural tissues for a beautiful smile.