



Dental Nurse Network

Professional growth for dental nurses

Guide to grading impressions:

ALGINATE

GRADE 1: Excellent

Crisp, clean buccal and lingual margins
Records all teeth
Occlusal anatomy and incisal edges captured
No air blows
No deficiencies or tears
No thinning of Impression material

GRADE 2: Some errors

Small voids
Small Drags
Partial Coverage of occlusal anatomy
Tray is slightly visible through material
(Acceptable for Bleaching Tray Only)

Grade 3: Unacceptable

Large tears, voids or blows
No occlusal detail
Lack of detail of labial surface
Lack of detail of margins

SILICONE - 2 Stage Technique

GRADE 1: Excellent

Crisp, clean buccal and lingual margins
Records all teeth
Occlusal anatomy and incisal edges captured
No air blows
No deficiencies or tears
No thinning of Impression material
No Pull away of light body from heavy body

GRADE 2: Some errors

Small voids
Small Drags
Partial Coverage of occlusal anatomy
Tray is slightly visible through material

Grade 3: Unacceptable

Large tears, voids or blows
No occlusal detail
Lack of detail of labial surface
Lack of detail of margins
Pull away of light body from heavy body