



# Proper shade taking technique is crucial for successful esthetic restorations and minimizing remakes.

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## Example of Proper Shade Matching



*Inset: Stump Shade*

### Essential Elements of Shade Photos:

- It is extremely important to always include shade tub numbers and shade improvement request photos for the trial insertion.
- For all ceramic restorations provide a Stump Shade photo (inset photo above).
- Include edge to edge position.
- Use the correct camera setting with appropriate lighting. Do not take shade photos with operatory light on.

### For email submission:

- Include both the doctor and the patient names
- Acceptable photo resolution: 1280 x 1280 or higher
- Do not exceed 10MB per total attachments: In case photos exceed 10MB limit we recommend sending a DVD or using online file sharing programs (e.g. Dropbox, etc.)

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## Examples of Poor Shade Matching

Face shade guide to tips of teeth.  
Leave a hair line space between them.



- Shade guide position is wrong.

Include shade tub numbers in the photo frame.



- Shade guide direction is wrong.
- Shade tub numbers are missing.

Use best available light for accurate color representation.



- Operatory light reflection will result in inaccurate shade taking.
- Shade tub numbers are missing.
- It is recommended to photograph selected shade guides in order or provide the written shade guide numbers if tub numbers are not in the photos.



- White reflection should be avoided by controlling camera angle.