

## Instructions for cleaning and maintenance

The appliances (splints) fabricated out of thermoforming materials should be cleaned and maintained as follows.

Cleaning agents:

- soap, curd soap, liquid soap and dish-washers. Do not use any strongly perfumed soaps. Not suited are: tooth-paste (contains abrasive particles), mouth-wash (can cause discolouring) and water that is hotter than 50 °C (deformation). Cleaning agents for dentures can be used but do not have any advantage.

After use:

- Well wash with water. Best is to thoroughly clean the inner and exterior side of the splint with a tooth brush and soap.
- Again well wash with water.
- Shake off the water or dry with a towel.
- Never blow-dry - deformation!
- Very important: Allow the splint to completely dry! Keep at a dry place, at best in a box like the Erkobox (215 030) or splintbox (214 020), that has aeration holes.
- Again wash with water before using it.

## Generation of bad smells

If after some time the splint has adapted a strong smell, additionally put the splint for one hour in a non-perfumed, concentrated soap solution, afterwards thoroughly wash with water. Such a soap sud removes most of the smell generating bacteriae.

## Discolouring

Soft thermoforming materials have the tendency to discolour. This intake of colour pigments can be reduced or avoided by a careful maintenance but it cannot be reversed. Mouth-washes and amalgam fillings can also cause discolouring.

## Disinfection

With the exception of Erkoloc and Erkoloc-pro all thermoforming materials can be disinfected with disinfection alcohol and other commercial liquids. Erkoloc and Erkoloc-pro have to be stored for app. 5 hours at a dry place without any pressure on it after having contact with alcohol in order to ensure that the alcohol can evaporate completely. Otherwise a bonding of the hard and soft layers is no longer guaranteed.

## Sterilisation

A sterilisation with gaz and plasma (< 50 °C) is possible. As a result of the thermo-lability the materials are not autoclavable.



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