# **Multi-layered protection splints**

# **Materials & Accessories**

## Fabrication:

- Erkoflex, flexible, transparent and coloured, 2.0 and 4.0 mm Erkodur-S, hard, 0.8 mm as hard insert for heavy-pro and light-pro
- Degreasing agent (613 050) Alginate based insulation Commercially available fusing gun,  $\geq$  500 W with screw-top (special top for fusing gun 177 010) - Erkoflexsticks-95/-82 (177 006/177 005) - Cover templates (110 900)

## Model preparation:

Erkogum (110 844) for blocking out, high-fusing wax (725 080) for filling bubbles in the plaster.

## Finishing:

Finishing set Quick 3 (110 830) Special scissors XL (220 301) Hot air burner (177 540) FG sheets (177 400)

## **Hints**

- For an optimum multi-layered protection splint the upper jaw model should represent the vestibulum completely.
- When embedding the models please ensure that hollow spaces under the model are completely filled with granules.
- For determining the bite situation, ideally a construction bite (prebite Dott. Pelosi up, 85 10 16) with a spacing of 4-5 mm should be available.
- If the model is insulated, the insulating material must be washed off before using the hot-air burner in order to avoid black stains.
- If Erkoflex transparent shall be used as second layer, remove the insulating foil before thermoforming.
- With Playsafe 4 u almost each favorite design on all Playsafe triple types and on Erkoflex based protection splints is possible (www.erkodent.com).

# Versions of multi-layered protection splints:

### Flex light:

Erkoflex 2.0 mm + Erkoflex 2.0 mm Flex medium: Erkoflex 2.0 mm + Erkoflex 4.0 mm Flex light-pro: Erkoflex 2.0 mm + Erkodur-S 0.8 mm + Erkoflex 2.0 mm Flex heavy-pro: Erkoflex 2.0 mm + Erkodur-S 0.8 mm

+ Erkoflex 4.0 mm

A sports-mouthguard is always fabricated for the upper jaw. To protect the root zone, it covers as much as possible of the vestibulum.

1. Model preparation: Fill plaster bubbles with blocking out wax. Block out undercuts of a possible gap (special case) with Erkogum.

2. Embed the model in a way that the entire vestibulum remains visible.

### 4. Special case:

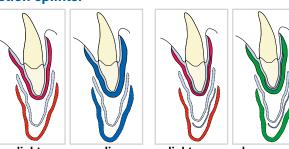
On the first layer the gap is filled with Erkoflexsticks-95/-82 (fusing gun).

#### 6.-11. only Flex light-pro / heavypro:

The hard Erkodur-S (0.8 mm) completely covers the vestibular area and just barely the incisal edge and the vestibular/buccal edge.

8. Degrease visible area (degreasing agent 613 050, ensures a reliable bond of the layers).

10. Take the foil compound off the model and roughly cut out with the scissors.



light



special case

Heavy-pro can for a short period of wear also be ets. Impression without wiring, and wire area with Erkogum.

Erkogum

A sports-mouthguard covers the first molar. The increase of occlusion is 4-5 mm at the incisal point. In most cases the blockage is done on average values.

hard

Erkodur-S

3. Always thermoform the first layer (Erkoflex 2.0 mm) together with the ex works applied insulating foil and allow to cool down. Cut out with special scissors, leave everywhere a little bit longer as the final mouthquard.

5. Smooth applied stick material with Liskosil-I.

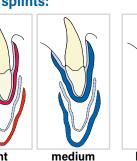
7. Embed model with the first layer into the granules, only the area of the later hard Erkodur-S layer plus 2 mm remain visible.

9. \* Position of the hard laver at patients with vestibular brackets.

Additionally degrease the side of the Erkodur-S that has to be applied onto the first layer and thermoform.

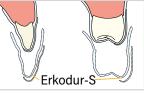
11. First with the tungsten carbide bur, then with Liskosil-I grind and smooth the hard protruding edge.

The limitation of Erkodur-S is visible as a line. Reput the first layer onto the model and ...















heavy-pro

fabricated for patients with brackblock out bracket **12. Without Occluform/-3:** ... embed the model (2) and apply a cover template. Well degrease first layer(s) and the model side of the second plate. Pay attention to the alignment of model and multi-coloured plates.

**14.** Cut out the protection splint with special scissors as per the extensions described formerly, exposing the area around the fraenulums well.

**16.** ... in case of larger air pockets press on with a FG-sheet.

Smooth with Liskosil-I and narrow spaces with Liskosil-m (10 000 rev/ min). Inner side only with Liskosil-s.

18. Imprint opposing bite in the

**articulator:** Fix model with the worked protection splint in the articulator. Block 4-5 mm with the supporting pin. Insulate opposing bite with alginate based insulation (lower jaw teeth).

**20.** Make imprint of the opposing bite and allow to cool down. For a much better wearing comfort grind away the details of the impression with Liskosil-I whilst retaining a vestibular wall.

22. With Occluform-3: Imprint the opposing bite during thermoform-ing:\*

Fix the model in the model pot that high that the first layer can be put back onto the model.

**24.** Insulate the opposing bite with alginate based insulation (colour-less). Cover the granules with a cover template. Degrease well the first layer and the model side of the second layer.

**26.** After cooling down open the Occluform and take out the model together with the model pot.

Finish as described in step 13-17.

Pay attention to the cleaning and maintenance instructions.























**13.** Take the foil off the model, then firstly remove the cover template, secondly the insulating foil.

**15.** Roughly work out with the tungsten carbide bur (> 20 000 rev/min) and reput the protection splint onto the model. Heat the cut-open air pockets with the hot-air burner and seal with the blunt end of a wax knife or ...

**17.** Reput onto the model and shine with the hot-air burner, thereby do not remain for too long in one position. The hot surface can be smoothed and polished by shortly pressing on the FG-sheet.

**19.** Heat occlusal surface of the protection splint. Thereby stroke the hot-air burner slowly about 20 times over the occlusal surface.

**21.** Heat occlusal surface one more time and close the articulator. Finished multi-layered protection splint.

Pay attention to the cleaning and maintenance instructions.

**23.** Articulate the models with a construction bite in the Occluform or, like shown here, at average values\* by lifting the supporting pin at 3-4 scale-lines and arrest the joint.

\* only Occluform-3

**25.** Thermoform the second foil and immediately close the Occluform until the supporting pin gets contact.

\* The imprint can also be made using the bite spacer according to the Playsafe triple instructions.

**27.** Finished multi-layered protection splint.

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**Readaptation,** a laminated protection splint can be easily readapted to a changed dentition. Please ask for the instructions or find under www.erkodent.com > Service/Download > Instructions

## Instructions for cleaning and maintenance

Best results are achieved with Oxydens cleansing tablets for dental splints (280 030, Oxydens Clean-set, 280 032, 32 cleansing tablets).
Further 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). Solvent-based cleaning agents cause delamination of multi-layered splints.

After use: Wash well with water. - Best is to thoroughly clean the inner and exterior side of the splint with a tooth brush and soap.

- Again, wash well 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.

