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# Cast dental restorations modern repair possibilities

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#### Introduction

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#### Objectives

The aim of the study was to test microplasma welding possibilities of cast dental restorations.

## **Material and Methods**

Different Ni-Cr cast restorations with defects were chosen in order to add proximal contacts, to repair casting voids and to lengthen short cast crowns (Fig. 1-3) using microplasma welder (Schütz Dental, Rosbach, Germany). As filler material a Ni-Cr wire Wiroweld NC (Bego, Bremen, Germany) was selected. The optimal welding parameters were correlated with the defect type, size, and working stage.

If these marginal discrepancies are minor and if cast the piece correctly adapts to die axial, proximal and occlusal and there are no other casting defects, they can be repaired by welding with filler material.

Nondestructive and destructive analyses tested the welding quality.



Fig. 1: Lack of substance defects on restoration





restoration

Fig. 2: Undersized contact area



Fig. 3: Marginal lack of substance defect on Fig. 4: Filling of the material absence by welding

## Results

The welding parameters were determined for each defect type. Pores and holes defects repairs (Fig. 4) were made using the following welding parameters: power step 6 and pulse delay 35 ms both for deposition and for surface fining. Undersized contact areas were corrected by welding with filler material (Fig. 5) using the parameters: power step 6 and pulse delay 30 ms for deposition and power step 7 and pulse delay 35 ms for surface fining. The used parameters for minor marginal discrepancies (short restoration) (Fig. 6) were: power step 3 and pulse delay 25 ms for wire fixing, deposition of filler material and fining.

An adequate combination of them allowed to obtain optimal repairs. These were proved by testing methods (Fig. 7-9).



Fig. 5: Rebuilding of the contact area by welding with filling material



Fig. 6: Extension of the cast restoration margin by welding with filling material



Fig. 7a: Microstructure of the occlusal repair: heat affected zone



Fig. 7b: Microstructure of the occlusal repair: weld area



h Fig. 8b: Microstructure of the contact area

build-up: weld area

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Fig. 9a: Microstructure of the marginal extension: heat affected zone



Fig. 9b: Microstructure of the marginal extension: weld area

# Conclusions

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