



How to Care for Your Silicone Prosthesis

Daily Care of Your Silicon Prosthesis:

- When using adhesives, we recommend that the adhesive that “touches” the prosthesis be water-based. Sometimes, this is the only adhesive needed, but when a stronger adhesive is needed, an additional silicone-based adhesive can be layered on top of the water-based adhesive.
- Water-Based Adhesives: DO NOT FREEZE! These adhesives are applied one thin layer at a time, usually with a cotton swab, and allowed to dry. They go on white and dry clear. More than one layer can be applied.
- Daro Hydro Bond #B-200-30 – the strongest of the water-based adhesives. May be used by itself if not used in a “humid” environment.
- This adhesive can be used when layering adhesives on the prosthesis. When cleaning the prosthesis, soak in a cup of hot tap water for 30 minutes with CLEAR dish soap. This will loosen the water-based adhesive, and then all the adhesives will just roll off similar to rubber cement.
- Practice positioning your prosthesis without any (or very little) adhesive. When removing the prosthesis, clean only what is dirty and leave the remaining layer. Only remove all the adhesive layers after 2-4 days of accumulation. It will then be easier to remove. To apply new adhesive, repeat the gluing process.
- To clean the rest of the prosthesis, use gentle soap and water and a Q-tip. As with all prostheses, keep away from animals, avoid smoking, prolonged exposure to sunlight, and avoid solvents. Remove at night and keep skin clean. Your prosthesis is made of a durable medical grade silicone but has thin edges which may tear if not handled gently. The coloring process makes the prosthesis susceptible to damage during the first 72 hours. During this initial period, you must be especially careful in handling the prosthesis, and avoid using cosmetics on the prosthesis. Swimming in oceans, lakes, and rivers is not recommended. And do NOT use superglue for quick fixes. Initially, you should wear the prosthesis daily, unless problems arise. If yours is an adhesive-retained prosthesis, practice positioning the prosthesis without adhesive before application. Be sure your skin is clean and oil-free. Some prostheses are tricky to position, and it may take some practice. Do not get discouraged if it takes a couple of weeks before you are able to apply the prosthesis with some ease. If you have sore spots, discontinue wearing the prosthesis and call this office. A facial prosthesis is a passive device, which should not cause soreness or pressure spots