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When to Maintain Contacts or Open Contacts on Veneer Preparations

Reasons TO MAINTAIN contacts on Veneer preps.

- *The stump shade is not discolored
- *You are trying to maintain original tooth form
- *You are happy with the dimensions and position of original teeth.

Reasons TO BREAK contacts on veneer preps

- *The stump shade is discolored and may show at the contact areas
- *You wish to change original tooth form or long axis
- *You wish to change position or dimension of original teeth.

REMEMBER

- *Try not to have a finish line between natural dentition and porcelain in an occlusal contact area.
- *Move your finish line to function on natural dentition or porcelain to avoid chipping.
- *Veneer preps should be designed to be restored with an even thickness of porcelain.
- *Thick and thin areas may show through translucent porcelain, or cause fracturing due to uneven cooling.
- * All prepped surface areas should be rounded and smooth (like a sink basin).

Translucency is a two-way street

- *Light goes in and color comes out.
- *Dark colored stumps or abutments, have to have extra room to add a color blocking layer **and** a translucent layer of porcelain.
- *Lithium disilicate e.max) can be cemented or bonded.