

My experience with the SYMPRO denture cleaning unit.

Automatic denture cleaning that really works!

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“Full aisles, lots of booths, a total information overload! Everything new, everything great and everything EXPENSIVE. But then, something caught my eye. A small, white/grey and simple looking device, but somehow, it was something special. It was only then that I realized I was standing in front of the Renfert booth. Laboratory stuff! I’m a Dentist! What is this?”

The friendly answer was to the point: It’s a SYMPRO denture cleaning unit, for use as an addition to or exclusively in the practice. Great! The laboratory has something like that in large. It takes 2–3 hours to get the dentures back again. But then they look like new. So, I asked

for more information. I was told it takes 20–40 minutes’ cleaning time, post-polishing is not necessary. Wow! And that works? OK, the price is less than I expected.

Whilst waiting for the device to arrive, I did my research. It all sounded very positive. In particular, I find the idea of a dental technician who thought of offering cheap denture cleaning for retirement homes using this device via the internet, fantastic.

And then, at last, my first practice run. In fact it’s true, within 20–40 minutes, depending on the state of the denture, you can achieve very good results, which are comparable to the laboratory denture

cleaning. Ideal for cleaning the dentures whilst the patient receives prophylactic tooth cleaning treatment, where you can then send the patient away with completely clean teeth.

It’s fair to say, that approximately 80% of denture cleaning is now done in the practice. The unit is well and truly integrated within the daily practice routine and works reliably”.

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“Meanwhile, we receive dentures again, that were cleaned months ago. There are no increased deposits on the dentures, that would indicate any micro-abrasion may have occurred. In addition, patients with heavily discolored dentures due to

Lower denture base before cleaning



Lower denture base (buccal view) after 20 minutes’ cleaning





Lower denture with excessive basal deposits



Lower denture after 20 minutes' cleaning



Upper denture with stubborn deposits before initial cleaning



Upper denture after 40 minutes' cleaning

smoking, have approached us and asked directly for the denture cleaning service. The plan to use the device for regular cleaning of dentures from retirement home residents is currently still failing due to logistics. There is a need, but whether this will be paid for remains to be seen".

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"A year has passed. With the exception of new patients, there are hardly any dentures requiring excessive and therefore longer cleaning times than > 20 minutes".

Conclusion

"Denture cleaning only takes < 20 minutes and can be easily carried out in half the time it takes for a professional tooth cleaning session.

This also applies to my experience in the retirement home, with the exception of one new retirement home resident. During a routine visit in a retirement home, these dentures were shown to me. The staff had previously tried to clean the dentures using all sorts of methods, and probably meant well. Unfortunately, the denture teeth had suffered. At the request of the relatives, however, the dentures were not to be sent to a laboratory for cleaning, in order to save costs. At last, a challenge awaited me".

The Challenge

"The tartar, which had built-up over the years, was so stubborn, that cleaning took much longer than for standard soiling. However, the results were impressive.

This service, which required no manual work, earned me €30. The manufacturer's invoicing examples were very helpful".

Conclusion after one year

"I would say, the introduction of the SYMPRO denture cleaning unit into my practice, has been a great success".