

NOVEMBER, 2016 NEWSLETTER

RTD EXPANDS PRODUCTION CAPACITY.... AGAIN

Business is great at RTD!

In 2015, RTD built and renovated an additional building in St Egreve, for the purposes of producing the proprietary raw material for their exclusive fiber post systems, having now outgrown the facility that they first occupied in 1997.

By mid-2016, demand for their name brand products, has increased to require the addition of two more CAD-CAM driven grinding machines for their fiber posts, and additional production lines for the unique blister packaging.

Furthermore, in order to guarantee consistent quality results.....

Read more about it











RTD announces distribution changes in USA

This summer marked a profound change in the distribution of two key RTD products in the United States. These include Macro-Lock Illusion X-RO, and Fibercone Accessory Post. These two popular products are now Imported by Clinicians Choice, Inc, and will be delivered to the end-user by Henry Schein Dental products throughout the US as of July of this year.

"This new channel of retail distribution will give both of these unique products and techniques much greater visibility and accessibility in the US market, which is now more than 50% converted from metal posts to fiber posts" said Norman Hicks, VP and GM of RTD USA..

CCI held comprehensive training programs for Schein's growing team of product experts, and together they plan a series of didactic and hands-on courses throughout North America, to demonstrate rationale and use of their line of products for the Endo-restorative continuum.

Peter Jordan, President of CCI, and CRD in Canada adds: "Our partnership with RTD has allowed us to be able to offer clinicians across North America with cutting edge fiber post technology and the confidence that they are providing their patients with the most advanced post and core solution in terms of retention, strength and esthetics."

For more information on these two products, visit www.dinicianschoice.com, and for product reference codes, dick here

PRODUCT NEWS

Extra-long Quartz Splint Available:

More than half of the indications for use for RTD's Quartz Splint reinforcement fibers involve techniques and procedures more frequently done in a dental laboratory. Frankly, when a dental laboratory uses the product, they use more of it, and frequently require longer pieces longer than 8 cm.

For this reason, RTD also offers its Quartz Splint Unidirectional and Woven in a NEW Refill Package of 5 X 120mm strips.

As before, the product is offered in convenient lightproof plastic boxes which protect from ambient light, and allow storage of the unused material for later use.

Quartz Splint is not sold in the US, but more information about the product is available here









New "Universal" Kit of Macro-Lock OVAL posts

This totally unique version of the Macro-Lock Post design was introduced earlier this year to immediate acclaim by opinion leaders on several continents. The product was launched with offerings of two Introductory kits; one including size number one and number three (with appropriate drills) and the other containing size two and four, again with the right drills.

By popular demand from dentists and dealers alike, RTD is now offering the new "Universal" kit which contains all four sizes, and all of the drills. The reference code for the new Kit is 4690320.

Information on the unique design and benefits of the post itself are available here.

INTERVIEW with Prof. Dr. Ricardo Portigliatti

Dr. Portigliatti currently practices Endodontics and Restorative Dentistry, and offers courses in Argentina and 7 other Latin American countries. He is the author and coauthor of many articles and studies, and has become an expert in post-core restoration,.

We visited him at his University in Buenos Aires, to talk about his new research, and their "best-practice" in



removing fiber posts.

Read the interview here

Clinical Case

The clinical case was submitted by Prof. Dr. Ariel Regidor of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

This 70-year-old female patient presented with failed composite restorations and have required root canals in all six anterior teeth. There was insufficient supragingival hard tissue for individual crowns, and large, wide canal spaces resulted from the root canal treatments and the typical morphology of anterior teeth.



Click here to see the entire case

PUBLISHED RESEARCH REVIEW

RTD makes an effort to keep abreast of published research that addresses the types of products and techniques that RTD supports. Here are a few we have found recently in the mainstream literature.

1. Retrospective study of combined splinting restorations in the aesthetic zone of periodontal patients. Dr. X. Liu and Associates

This is a four-year dinical trial following four types/groups of restorations including a control group, all using some sort of splinting restoration made from RTD Quartz Splint (Woven, 2.5mm). Click here to read the study

2. Comparative evaluation of fracture resistance of glass fiber reinforced, carbon, and quartz post in endodontically treated teeth: An in-vitro study. Dr Shweta Sharma, and colleagues.

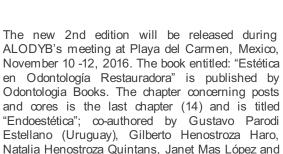
The present study was conducted to evaluate the fracture resistance of glass fiber-reinforced, carbon, and quartz post in endodontically-treated teeth. Click here to read the study

3. Updated Fiber Post Bibliography available for free download

RTD introduced the original carbon fiber post, Composipost in Europe in 1989, and in North America in 1993. Four generations and some 26 years later, RTD makes available a bibliography listing the studies and abstracts that have supported RTD fiber posts through the decades. This compilation of more than 200 international abstracts is the first time that these studies have been listed in chronological order, rather than by study type, It still includes in-vitro studies, clinical trials and review articles. It is available only in English, but is downloadable in A4 size or US letter-size paper.

New edition textbook by Prof. Gilberto Henostroza Haro







(all from Peru). It describes and compares the relative strengths an weaknesses of metallic and fiber-reinforced restorative products & procedures in profoundly compromised teeth, with scientific data and clinical casework. Prof. Dr Henostroza will be offering a lecture at the AMIC meeting in Mexico City, on November 17, Olmeca Meeting Room, 9:00am - 12:00pm, and entitled "Endoestética"; the same name as the book chapter

OTHER NEWS:

José Manuel Ramos Atahua

In addition to its own YouTube channel, which is full of technique videos, RTD offers a library of PowerPoint and Keynote presentations for most of its major products and techniques. These are available FREE for interested parties to view online. For a menu of links to these individual presentations, dick here.



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