

1. What happens if the ASTICS wire breaks?

If wire breakage occurs, contact your dentist or orthodontist immediately to arrange for appliance repair. The broken wire and possibly the metal connectors will be removed and replaced.

2. What happens if the ASTICS wire crazes?

When excessive crazing or whitening of the wire is observed, it should be replaced as described in question 1.

3. What precautions should be taken when handling the ASTICS retainer?

Always remove the appliance by first dislodging the clasps in the posterior regions of the retainer. Retainer removal should proceed from the back of the mouth to the front. It is important not to pull down or push up on the ASTICS wire during the process of removal and insertion.

4. What precautions should be taken while cleaning the ASTICS retainer?

The ASTICS wire should not be brushed. Instead, the wire should be gently wiped down with or without toothpaste. The retainer can be rinsed with mouthwash.

5. Will the ASTICS wire yellow over time?

Extensive real environment testing has been done on the wire. It has been subjected to conditions found within the mouth and immersed in concentrated solutions of coffee, tumeric, etc., for extended periods of time with no ill effect.