

CROWN & BRIDGE ALLOYS

Yellow Alloy for Crown and Bridge Restorations

Sterngold S - High Noble Type I 1128386
Premium soft gold for inlays. Micro-fine grain structure. Clinically proven for over 40 years. A deep gold color alloy, Sterngold S makes extremely burnishable inlays. High gold content (83%). As with all Type I alloys, we do not recommend it for high stress applications.

Sterngold 1* - High Noble Type II 1127781
Premium alloy with excellent gold color. Micro-fine grain. Harder than Sterngold S, it is better suited for MOD inlays. Casts into a highly aesthetic inlay and burnishes well.

Sterngold 10 - High Noble Type II (annealed); Type III-IV (hardened) 1126245
A lower cost gold for MOD inlays. Finishes to a pleasing light gold color. Excellent choice for MOD inlays, crowns and bridges. Produces more castings at lower per unit cost due to a lower specific gravity and gold content.

Sterngold B - High Noble Type III 1127575
A strong casting gold with a rich gold color. Excellent for all crown and bridge work subject to normal occlusal stresses and for all inlays.

Sterngold 2 - High Noble Type III 1127472
Premium yellow alloy that casts with a slight reddish tinge. Micro-fine grain. Combining the strength of a Type III alloy with a high elongation factor, it can be used for both bridges and burnishable inlays.

Sterngold 20 - High Noble Type III 1125935
Excellent economy in a high noble, yellow gold. While only 59.5% gold, it holds up well in the mouth. Very clean looking after divesting. A favorite of dental technicians and dentists for almost half a century.

Apollo - Noble Type III 1124525
Good tarnish resistance with only 46% gold content. A moderately priced workhorse alloy for crown and bridge work.

Solaro® 3 - High Noble Type IV 0105007
Medium-gold casting alloy, extra hard. Indicated for crowns and bridges, inlays, onlays, milling and cast partial frames.

Aurofluid® 2PF - High Noble Type III 01050010
High-gold casting alloy, hard, palladium free. Indicated for crowns and small span bridges, inlays and onlays.

Sterngold 3 - High Noble Type III (annealed); Type IV (hardened) 1126956
Rich gold color. Micro-fine grain. Offering the best combination of both physical and working properties of any Sterngold Type IV alloy, Sterngold 3 is an excellent selection for difficult restorations such as pin-ledge anterior splints. Margins finish easily without the shredding encountered with some hard alloys. Its rigidity and freedom from warpage make it the alloy of choice for gold removable partial denture frameworks.

Sterngold 100™ - High Noble Type IV 1126040
Finishes to a pleasing gold color. If you are looking for a gold color Type IV alloy to use as your laboratory's standard for crown and bridge cases this is a good candidate. Low in cost and burnishable, it has survived the test of time for over 50 years. With its low specific gravity, you get more castings per ounce.

Tiffany - Noble Type IV 1125031
One of our most popular Type IVs. Light gold color. An alloy with only 50% gold, yet easy to cast. Extremely low tarnish and corrosion rates.

White Alloy for Crown and Bridge Restorations

Sterngold 66 - Noble Type III 1180229
Super economical alloy with 3% gold. This versatile alloy has proven itself in millions of units for over 40 years.

* Certified by the American Dental Association

Bio Alloys

Sterngold's Bio Alloys have been developed for patients who are allergic to conventional dental alloys. To permit restorations which are as inert as possible in the mouth, Bio Alloys maximize gold and platinum content. These are the two most noble, and least orally reactive, elements. Further, Bio Alloys limit the use of other elements to the minimum necessary for adequate physical properties.

Bio-H - High Noble Crown and Bridge Alloy Type IV 1127006
Bio-H is extra hard. When heat treated its Vickers value is 290. It also has good yield strength. Can be used for bridges and removable partial denture frameworks.

Bio-C - High Noble Ceramic Alloy Type IV 1068001
Greater noble metal content than Bio-4, 98+% gold and platinum. Too low a yield strength for long-span bridges. Use Bio-C for crowns and short-span bridges only.

2713 - High Noble Ceramic Alloy Type I 1069010
This is the most noble alloy we offer — 90% gold and 10% platinum. It is used for single tooth castings; inlays, onlays, full metal crowns, and porcelain veneer crowns. Do not use 2713 for fixed partial dentures, as its yield strength is too low.

NON-PRECIOUS CERAMIC ALLOY

Beta - Predominantly Base Type V 5052225
Beta is an easy-to-cast non-precious alloy. Unlike many non-precious alloys, Beta requires no metal conditioner or bonding agent, and it polishes to a high shine. It bonds well to all major brands of porcelain. Beta is a nickel chrome alloy and should never be specified for patients allergic to nickel.

Delta - Predominantly Base Type V 5052227
Delta is a nickel and beryllium free alloy. Although this chromium/cobalt alloy has a slightly higher casting temperature, and is a bit harder, it is amazingly similar to Beta.

CERAMIC ALLOYS

Yellow Alloy for Porcelain Veneered Restorations

Majestic II™ - High Noble Type IV 1068752
Premium, deep gold color alloy. Micro-fine grain. Developing less oxide than most hard ceramic alloys, it cleans easily prior to porcelain application. Its rich gold color looks good near tissue and blends well with yellow crown and bridge alloys. It can be used with most porcelains. If you prefer a yellow ceramic metal, this is an excellent choice.

Auramic 2 - High Noble Type IV 1068640
Our hardest yellow ceramic alloy. Because its Vickers number is 218, Auramic 2 is the best yellow ceramic alloy to use in ERA® Partial Denture Attachment cases. Plastic pattern attachments must be cast in hard alloys to prevent excessive wear.

V-Gnathos Plus - High Noble Type IV 01050032
High-gold, extra hard for porcelain bonding - palladium free. Indicated for porcelain to metal applications, crown and bridges.

White Alloy for Porcelain Veneered Restorations

Est. Implant® 58 - High Noble Type IV 0100030
High precious metal content for all metal ceramic restorations especially for implant work.

V-Deltaoy - High Noble Type IV 01050001
Medium gold for porcelain bonding extra hard crowns and bridges.

Galaxy - High Noble Type IV 1065225
Silver free gold-palladium alloy eliminates "greening" effect in porcelain. Micro-fine grain. Galaxy is compatible with most porcelains and burnishes well. However, like other silver free white alloys, there may be potential for checking when used with porcelains possessing an exceptionally high thermal expansion coefficient.

Atlas - High Noble Type V 1060000
Medium-gold palladium alloy. Metro is the strongest high noble ceramic alloy that we offer. It solders well and does not exhibit the brittleness some technicians report in other medium-gold ceramic alloys.

Estheticor® Accurate 40 - High Noble Type V 01000112
Medium-gold for porcelain bonding platinum and copper-free crowns, bridges, milled work.

Cerapall® 2 - Noble Type IV 01050011
Palladium-based dental alloy for porcelain bonding extra hard and silver-free for porcelain to metal crowns, bridges and milled work.

V-Delta Special - Noble Type IV 01050028
Medium-gold dental alloy for porcelain to metal, crowns and bridges as well as milled work.

Ceradelta® 2 - Noble Type IV 01050033
Palladium-based extra hard dental alloy for porcelain to metal crowns and bridges, implants and milled work.

Pegasus™ - Noble Type V 1069906
A 6% gold alloy that produces a clean, very light oxide. Requiring no special pre-coat or acid cleanup, Pegasus™ casts exactly like a premium alloy. Forms accurate castings with no brittleness. Its high yield strength makes it ideal for long spans, and its relatively high thermal expansion makes it compatible with most of the major porcelain brands.

V-Delta SF - Noble Type IV 01050017
Palladium-based extra hard silver free dental alloy for porcelain to metal crowns and bridges and milled work.

Ceradelta® - Noble Type IV 01050020
Palladium-based extra hard dental alloy for porcelain to metal crowns and bridges and milled work.

Columbus - Noble Type V 1069900
1.8% gold and 75.7% palladium. No silver. Columbus has low elongation and a very high yield strength. Contains gallium to regulate thermal expansion and make it compatible with a wide range of porcelains.

Vista - Noble Type V 1060005
Palladium-silver alloy. More porcelain fused to metal restorations have been fabricated using Vista than any other precious Sterngold alloy. Millions of units in the mouth testify to its popularity. It casts and polishes like a conventional ceramic gold. We recommend that Vista be used with Sterngold's Color Coupler (#5204010) to keep porcelain shades true.

V-Classic - High Noble Type IV 01050023
High-gold extra hard dental alloy for porcelain to metal work for inlays, onlays, crowns and bridges and milled work.

Omega - Predominantly Base Type V 5052228
For those who would like to stay with the traditional nickel/chromium formula, but are concerned with beryllium content, Omega is the ideal choice. Other than somewhat lower yield and tensile numbers it is hard to tell Omega from Beta.

Alpha - Predominantly Base Type V 5052226
You will notice that the composition and physical property numbers for Alpha are almost the same as Beta. The one exception is the thermal expansion. Alpha was formulated with a slightly lower CTE so that it will work better with the Vita porcelains.

How to Choose the Dental Alloy Which Meets Your Needs

For the purposes of this International Standard, a metallic material is classified according to its mechanical properties by a Type number, of which there are six. Examples of the applications for which these Types are intended are as follows:

Type 0: Intended for low stress bearing single-tooth fixed prostheses, e.g. small veneered one-surfaced inlays, veneered crowns; NOTE- Metallic materials for metal-ceramic crowns produced by electroforming or sintering belong to Type 0.

Type 1: For low stress bearing single-tooth fixed prostheses, e.g. veneered or unveneered one-surface inlays, veneered crowns;

Type 2: For single tooth fixed prostheses, e.g. crowns of inlays without restriction on the number of surfaces;

Type 3: For multiple unit fixed prostheses;

Type 4: For appliances with thin sections that are subject to very high forces, e.g. removable partial dentures, clasp, thin veneered single crowns, full arch fixed dental prostheses or those with small cross-sections, bars, attachments, implant retained superstructures;

Type 5: For appliances in which parts require the combination of high stiffness and proof stress, e.g. thin removable partial dentures, parts with thin cross-sections, clasps.

Note 1- The higher application type can include lower application types.
Note 2- Multiple unit and full-arch, fixed dental prostheses are also referred to as bridges.

The ADA Council on Dental Materials, Instruments, and Equipment has determined the composition required for metals to be considered High Noble, Noble, or Predominantly Base.

High Noble – Noble metal content of 60% or greater. At least 40% must be gold.

Noble – Noble metal content of at least 25%.

Predominantly Base – Noble metal content is less than 25%.

(Noble metals include gold, platinum and palladium.)

General type classifications are one guide to use in selecting dental golds, but referring to the properties of the alloys themselves on the Sterngold alloy chart can be most revealing. Moreover, physical and mechanical properties can help your selection of an alloy from among alloys within the same general class.

How to read an alloy properties chart.

The real test of an alloy is how it performs – first in the laboratory – then in the mouth.

Nevertheless, a minute spent reading the manufacturer's alloy properties chart can give you a good idea of what to expect of a new alloy before you place your order. Unfortunately, many technicians and dentists either ignore the chart altogether, or they skip over some of the import parts. So this presentation is sort of a "Reader's Guide" to the alloy properties chart.

Composition - what it tells you and what it doesn't.

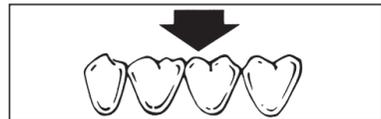
Most manufacturers list the gold (Au), platinum (Pt), palladium (Pd), and sometimes silver (Ag) content of their alloys.

Though an alloy's nobility alone won't guarantee tarnish resistance, the sum of its gold, platinum and palladium content gives you a rough idea as to how

well the alloy will resist discoloration. For example, you'd expect a Stern 3 crown, with AU, PT and Pd totaling 75%, to perform better in a particularly tarnish prone mouth than a Stern 66 crown which is 33% noble.

Other than tarnish resistance the alloy's nobility doesn't tell you all that much about physical properties. That's why we list such characteristics as hardness, yield strength, percent elongation and melting range.

Hardness and strength - the difference - Hardness tells you how much occlusal faceting to expect.



Strength suggest performance under stress

Alloy	Brinell Hardness	Yield Strength
Bio-H	250	88,750 psi
Tiffany	217	102,000 psi

ference.

In dentistry, hardness is measured using two tests: Vickers and Brinell. Hardness indicates resistance to indentation, so it tells you whether an occlusal surface will facet as the patient chews.

Many people confuse hardness with strength, which indicates how an alloy will perform when a restoration is loaded. If you're looking for an alloy that will resist permanent distortion in a long span bridge, pay particular attention to the "yield strength." The higher the number, the greater the metal's tendency to spring back to its original shape after bending.

As you can see in Table A, our Tiffany alloy gives you a much higher yield strength than Bio-H alloy even though Bio-H is harder. **Remember:** "hardness" means resistance to indentation. "Yield strength" means resistance to permanent distortion.

Some alloys list two numbers for hardness and also two values for yield strength, related to the softened ("S" on the chart) or hardened ("H" on the chart) state of the alloy. With sufficient copper content gold crown and bridge alloys can be heat treated, a laboratory technique which lets you switch the alloy back and forth between its hard condition and its soft condition at will. This useful property allows easier burnishing in the soft state and greater yield strength in the hardened state. Check the manufacturer's instructions for specific alloys.

How burnishable will the alloy be?

As we had said, for long spans you want a high yield strength. For extensive burnishing, on the other hand, you want a low yield strength. The lower the yield strength the easier it will be to adjust the margins. The alloy's elongation tells you how far you'll be able to stretch the metal before it begins to crack. So, a pre-

mium inlay alloy like Stern S combines high elongation (29%) with low yield strength (17,500 psi).

To get a rough idea as to how easy a metal will be to burnish divide its elongation by its Brinell hardness. If the result is 0.35 or more the alloy is highly burnishable – great for inlays. If the result is between 0.20 and 0.35 you'll be able to adjust the margins, but not much more. And less than 0.20, you couldn't adjust the margin with a jack-hammer. Forget burnishing altogether.

For example, Stern S has an elongation of 29% and a Brinell hardness of 64. so, dividing 29 by 64 gives 0.46, indicating high burnishability.

How the melting range affects your solder?

All dental alloys melt over a range, so the chart presents the melting temperatures as two numbers. The



Is your solder compatible with our alloy? First check the melting range.

lower, called the solidus, is the temperature at which the alloy begins to melt. The metal still looks solid but molecular changes have started to occur. The higher temperature is called the liquidus. As you might guess, it's the lowest temperature at which the alloy is completely molten.

If you have ever had distortion when you solder a bridge there's a good change that your solder's liquidus was too close to the bridge's solidus. In other words, by the time your solder was hot enough to flow the bridge had started to melt. To avoid this distortion allow approximately 100°F between your solder's liquidus and the casting alloy's solidus.

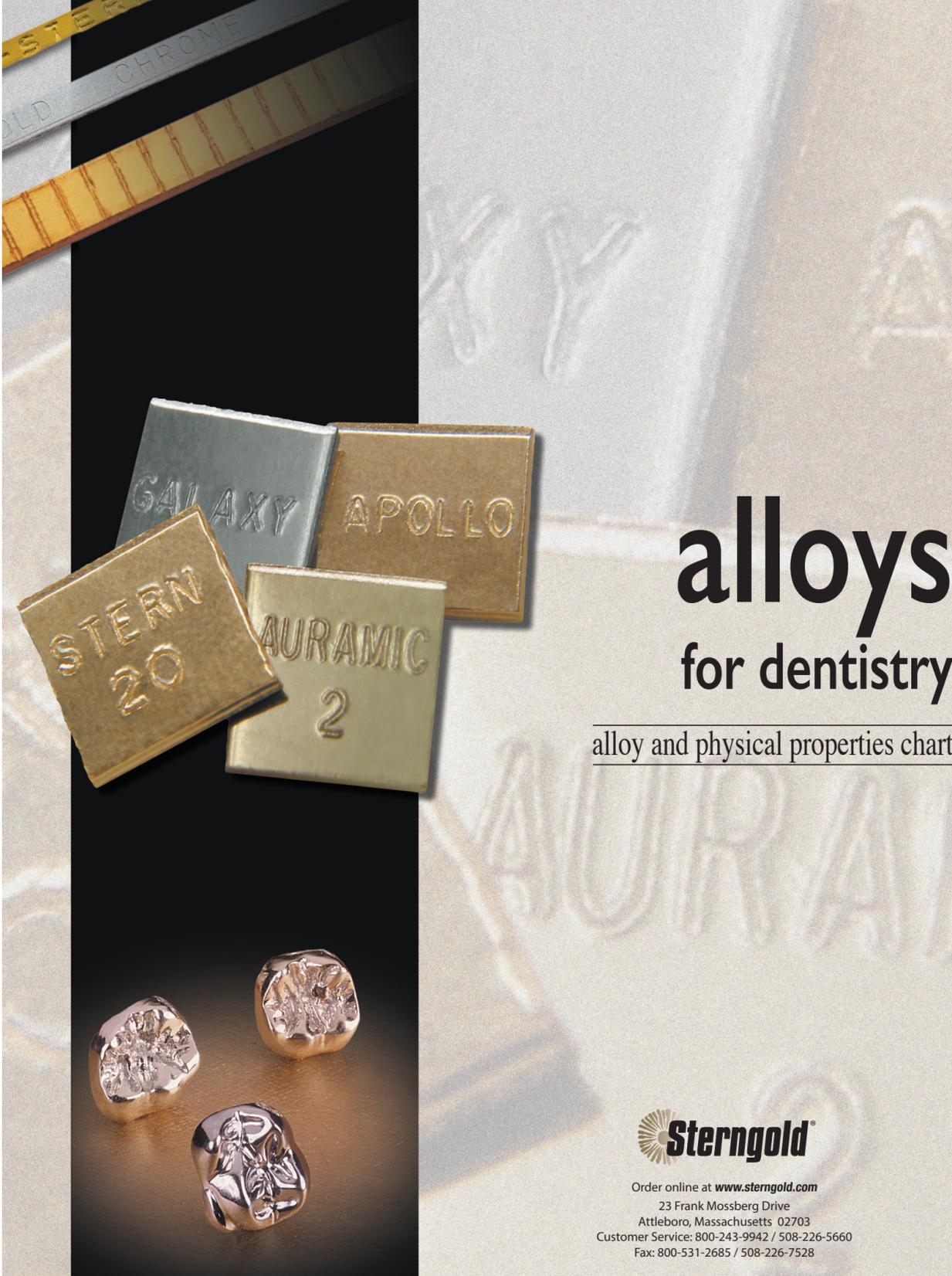
If you do much pre-ceramic soldering, you'll want a ceramic metal with a good high solidus. This way, there's virtually no chance the high temperature soldering procedure will cause the metal to sag – even if you overheat the bridge slightly. A laboratory that solders its copings might be more likely to choose Vista (with a melting range of 2065-2325°F) than our Majestic II (with a melting range of 1928-2165°F).

Specific gravity - how many castings per ounce?

Obviously, the lighter the metal, the more units you'll get per ounce. An alloy's specific gravity lets you roughly estimate the relative number of units you can expect from each ounce of alloy. For example, an alloy that has a specific gravity around 20 as compared to one with a specific gravity around 10 would require twice the weight of alloy to cast the same crown. In general, the less the specific gravity of an alloy, the more pieces you can cast per ounce, and thus, the lower the per unit cost.

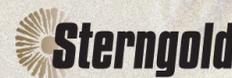
A special note about ceramic properties.

Of course, with ceramic alloys you're interested in how the crown or bridge will perform after its been fired. The elongation, hardness and strength of an alloy can change dramatically in your porcelain furnace. So, if you don't find a note on the chart specifically stating that the tests were performed after the ceramic cycle, call the manufacturer and ask their technical department.



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