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Sterngold S 1126386 E HN I Image: Sterngold S Zn, Ru 80 / - 65 / - 35 / - 15,000 / - 103 / - 50,000 / - 345 / - 1730-1760	
Sterngold 1* 1127781 A, E, G HN II 2 77.00 0.95 13.63 7.87 Zn, Ir 105 / - 86 / - 31,000 / - 214 / - 59,000 / - 407 / - 1695-1760	
Sterngold 10 1126245 A, C, E, G HN III ③ 62.00 1.00 26.50 10.00 Zn 112/219 97/190 16/2 24,000 / 51,000 165 / 351 46,300 / 75,000 319 / 517 1560-1670	0 849-910 1300 704 1820 994 650 (343) 30 14.27 615 Fine Order online at ww
Sterngold B 1127575 A, C, E G HN III ② 73.00 2.20 2.80 15.00 6.50 Sn, Ir 165/- 145/- 16/- 60,900/- 420/- 81,200/- 560/- 1688-1814	
Sterngold 2 1127472 A, E, G HN II ② 74.25 3.80 9.95 11.00 Ru 138 / - 120 / - 37 / - 32,000 / - 220 / - 61,000 / - 421 / - 1640-1760	0 893-960 1300 704 1910 1043 15.44 615 Fine Ceramic Presoldering (Yellow) Gold Solders Melting Range
Sterngold 20 1125935 A, E, G HN II ④ 59.50 4.00 25.00 11.00 Zn 140 / - 122 / - 30 / - 35,000 / - 241 / - 57,000 / - 393 / - 1605-1700	0 873-927 1300 704 1850 1010 14.19 615 Fine S.G. 1030, #010822-1 1814-1886°F 990-1030°C
Apoilo 1124525 A, C, E, G, I, J N IV ③ 46.00 6.00 39.50 7.47 1.00 Ir 135 / 230 119 / 215 30 / 13 50,000 / 84,000 345 / 579 65,000 / 100,000 448 / 690 1600-1725	
Solaro® 3 01050007 A, C, E, G, I, J HN IV ③ 56.00 0.40 5.00 25.00 11.80 1.70 Ir 175/260 175/255 30/10 50,763/87,022 350/600 142,137/- 980 1598-1715	C C 1190 #010010 1 1040 1072°E 1000 1000°C
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REGULAR WHITE ALLOYS	S.W. 1100, #010918-1 1850-2012°F 1010-1100°C S.W. 1125, #01050031-1 1841-2057°F 1005-1125°C
Sterngold 66 1180229 A, C, E, G, J N IV 2.00 13.50 2.00 1.00 190/260 160/225 10/4 61,000/94,500 421/652 72,000/16,000 497/800 1690-1760	
	CERAMIC PRESOLDERS
CERAMIC YELLOW ALLOYS (physical properties after the ceramic cycle)	S ¹ – After ceramic firing cycle Wherever possible, select a pre-solder the high end of whose melting range is at least 100F (56C) below the low end of
Metal Content % Thermal Expansion Ultimate	Specific your casting alloy's melting range.
Others Marchage Mar	Melting Melting Burnout Burnout Casting Casting Gravity (heat treating) Suggested Suggested MF-Y YELLOW PRESOLDER
Alloy Name Number Applications Category Type Ref. Au Pt Pa Ag in Cu Zn Sn Ga <1% (20-500 C) (20-600 C) S1/H S1/H S1/H S1/H S1/H S1/H S1/H S1/H	Range (F) Range (C) Temp°F Temp°C Temp°C Temp°C *F (C) Min. g/cm³ Pre-Solder Post-Solder Though we offer several ceramic presolders, MF-Y solder is by far the most popular. It flows magnificently and bonds
2713 1069010 B, E, G HN I 20 90.00 10.00 14.22 14.46 N/A N/A 29 / – N/A N/A 26,500 / – 182 / –	1960-2100 1071-1149 1450 788 2325 1274 19.51 MF-Y Chrome 2 beautifully to both noble and base alloys. In fact, unless you
Majestic II 1068752 B, D, I HN IV IV 85.45 8.00 2.50 I Ir 14.22 14.60 200/- 170/- 13/- 68,168/- 470/- 84,100/- 580/-	1928-2165 1070-1185 1450 788 2372 1300 18.50 MF-Y Chrome 2 need a white solder or want a silverless solder to compliment your silverless alloy, we suggest MF-Y for virtually all ceramic
Auramic 2 1068640 B, D, I HN IV 2 86.45 1.90 8.55 0.50 1.20 15.02 15.20 218 / - 190 / - 55,575 / - 383 / - 74,100 / - 511 / -	2150-2205 1177-1207 1450 788 2335 1290 17.61 MF-Y Chrome 2 metals.
Bio-C 1068001 B, D, E, G HN IV 3 77.0 19.50 2.00 Ir, Sn 14.00 14.20 245 / 255 200 / 205 9 / 6 83,300 / 110,400 643 / 761 108,200 / 128,000 746 / 827	
V-Gnathos Plus 01050032 B, D, E, G HN IV 3 85.40 11.70 0.10 1.50 Ir, Rh, Fe, Mn, Nb 14.30 14.50 210/205 208/203 6/- 78,320/- 540 78,320/84,121 540/580	1877-2174 1025-1190 1562 750 2534 1390 18.80 S.G. 1030 S.G. 750
CERAMIC WHITE ALLOYS (physical properties after the ceramic cycle)	REGULAR SOLDERS (POST-SOLDERS)
V-Deitaloy 01050001 B, D, I HN IV 54.20 31.04 4.83 8.99 0.90 Ir, Ru 14.10 14.30 250/255 240/250 7/- 92,099/- 635/- 102,252/- 705/-	2039-2363 1115-1295 1562 850 2642 1450 14.70 S.W. 1100 S.G. 750 ing range is at least 100°F (56C) below the low end of your
	Casting alloys melting range.
Attas 106000 B, D, I HN V 40.00 39.40 10.00 8.80 14.0 14.10 14.40 260/290 225/280 15/9 78,300/79,800 540/550 116,000/121,800 800/840	
	Chrome 2 is by far our most popular regular gold solder. Originally
Cerapall® 2 0150011 B, D N IV 2.00 78.50 4.50 6.10 0.10 2.00 5.50 Ru 13.50 13.90 280/305 271/300 34/- 85,572/- 590/- 124,732/- 860/-	2129-2345 1165-1285 1562 850 2642 1450 11.40 S.W. 1125 S.G. 750 developed for connecting gold clasps to chrome frameworks (thus its name), it is excellent for any type of C&B soldering. It flows
	2111 2200 1155 1265 1562 850 2642 1450 1440 SW 1125 SC 750 better than any other solder we've ever used, and offers an excep-
Ceradelta® 2 01050033 B. D, I, K N IV 61.45 24.45 2.00 2.00 10.00 Ru, B 14.20 14.60 315 / 265 308 / 262 9 / - 78,320 / - 110,229 / - 760 / -	2120-2309 1160-1265 1562 850 2642 1450 11.30 S.W. 1120 S.G. 750
	2095-2265 1145-1240 1450 788 2455 1345 1100 (600) 30 11.40 MF-Y Chrome 2 Solution regular s
	Vellow Solders Melting Bange
V-Delta SF 01050017 B, D, I N IV 51.50 38.40 8.50 I 1.50 Ru 1.30 1.300 1.225 / 25 216 / 233 25 76,144 / - 525 / - 114,580 / - 790 / -	2210-2390 1210-1310 1562 850 2642 1450 14.50 S.W. 1125 S.G. 750 Yellow Solders Melting Range 500 Fine, #1245011 1300-1400°F 704-754°C
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											Metal Co	ntent %						Thermal E µm/	xpansion m-k				
NON-PRECIOUS CERAMIC ALLOY																							
V-Classic	01050023	B, D, E, G, I	HN	IV		75.00	19.00	1.00	2.00	0.44	0.50	2.00		Ir, Ru	14.00	14.30	250 /2 50	240 / 240	15 / -	82,672		570 / -	
Vista	1060005	B, D, I, J, K	N	V			60.55	28.10	6.60			2.50		Ru	14.50	14.70	310/-	300 / -	13 / –	107,600	/ -	742 / –	
Columbus	1069900	B, D, I, J, K	N	V		1.80	75.70		8.00	7.50			6.30	Sn, Ru, B	14.10	14.30	290/315	280 / 290	19/16	145,700 / 16	60,000	1005 / 1103	;
Ceradelta®	01050020	B, D, I, K	N	IV			57.45	32.00	6.00		1.00	2.00	1.50	Ru	14.60	14.90	250/305	240 / 300	13	81,946	′-	565 / -	

NON-PRECIOUS CERAMIC ALLOY White Solders Chrome 2, #1245811 Chrome 2, #1245811																																		
Alloy Name	Product Number	Applications	Insurance Category	Туре	Ni	Cr	Мо	Co	Ве	Metal Content Fe	% Si	AI	Nb	Та	Others		Expansion /m-k (20-600°C)	Vickers Hardness	Brinell Hardness	Elongation %	Yield PSI	Yield MPa	Ultimate Tensile PSI	Ultimate Tensile MPa	Melting Range (°F)	Melting Range (°C)	Burnout Temp°F	Burnout Temp°C	Casting Temp°F	Casting Temp°C	Specific Gravity (density) g/cm ³	Suggested Pre-Solder	Suggested Post-Solder	Color Reference Key Dark Gold ③ Light Gold ⑤ Lightest
Beta	5052225	B, D, I, J, K	PB	V	76.00	14.00	6.00		1.80			2.00			<1.00	14.00	14.40	240	215	12-15	80,000	552	165,000	1138	2250-2355	1230-1290	1600	870	2500	1371	7.8	MF-Y	Chrome 2	Cold ④ Yellow
Delta	5052227	B, D, I, J, K	PB	V		31.50	5.00	59.50	1		2.00	1	1		2.00	14.30	14.80	280	270	9	65,000	448	111,000	766	2265-2465	1240-1350	1600	870	2700	1480	8.8	MF-Y	Chrome 2	The color reference is based on the amount of
Omega	5052228	B, D, I	PB	V	54.00	22.00	9.00			4.00			4.00	4.00	3.00	14.10	14.40	240	200	6-7	52,000	359	84,000	579	2225-2250	1220-1230	1600	870	2500	1371	8.6	MF-Y	Chrome 2	whitening alloys (i.e. Platinum group) with a known light source.
Alpha	5052226	B, D, I, J, K	PB	V	72.00	15.00	9.00		1.80			2.00			<1.00	13.60	14.00	200	170	9-12	80,000	552	130,000	897	2200-2300	1205-1260	1600	870	2500	1371	7.8	MF-Y	Chrome 2	with a known light source.



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White Electrosolder

Sigma Soldering Fluxes These are highly active fluoride fluxes in a noncontaminating waterbase formulation. Fluoride flux works great with previous metals. It also removes the invisible chromium oxide on non-precious castings – oxides conventional borax fluxes can't touch.

Solder for Electrosoldering - 2 Dwt Strip

Melting Range

1365-1465°F 740-796°C

PROTECTED ELECTROSOLDER

Signa-Lo Flux (#5204201) for Crown-and-Bridge and Post-Ceramic Soldering

Sigma-High Flux (#5204200) for Pre-Ceramic Soldering

IDENTALLOY

Alloy Classification

The ADA Council on Dental Materials has defined 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.)

Symbols of Assurance

When you see these Identalloy symbols, you are assured of receiving a certified Identalloy alloy.

HIGH ® NOBLE	Typical Insurance Codes
HN	2750 single crown — porcelain
FIIN	6240 bridge pontic — porcelain
	6750 bridge retainer — porcelain

NOBLE Typical Insurance Codes W

2752 single crown — porcelain 6242 bridge pontic — porcelain 6752 bridge retainer — porcelain

Typical Insurance Codes 2751 single crown — porcelain 6241 bridge pontic — porcelain

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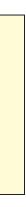
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- A Single Crowns (Metal)
- B Single Crowns (PFM)
- C Bridges (Metal)
- **D** Bridges (porcelain bonded)
- E Inlays

Preteniumly RASE PB

- G Onlays
- I Cast plastic attachments
- J Cast posts
- K Cast partial Frames

Specifically developed for electrosoldering, each laminated strip features solder on one side and pure gold on the other. The thick 2 Dwt strip and heavy gold layer prevent the bub-bling and spitting often encountered during electrosoldering



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 nium 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. Sternaold 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. Sternaold 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 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 Good tarnish resistance with only 46% gold content. A moderately priced workhorse alloy for crown and bridge work. Solaro[®] 3 - High Noble TypeIV 01050007 Medium-gold casting allow, extra hard. Indicated for crowns and bridges, inlays, onlays, milling and cast partial frames. Aurofluid[®] 2PF - High Noble High-gold casting alloy, hard, palladium free. Indicated for crowns and small span bridges, inlays nd 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. Fiffany - Noble 1125031 One of our most popular Type IVs. Light gold color. An alloy with only 50% gold, yet easy to cast. tremely low tarnish and corrosion rates White Alloy for Crown and Bridge Restorations Sternaold 66 - Noble 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 Allov 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 Allov 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.

Type V 5052227 **Delta** – Predominantly Base 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

emium, deep gold color alloy. Micro-fine grain. Developing less oxide than most hard eramic 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 rcelains. If you prefer a yellow ceramic metal, this is an excellent choice.

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Type IV

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

I-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 01000030 High precious metal content for all metal ceramic restorations especially for implant work. V-Deltalov - High Noble Type IV 01050001 Medium gold for porcelain bonding extra hard crowns and bridges. Galaxy - High Noble VI eqvT 1065225 Silver free gold-palladium alloy eliminates "greening" effect in porcelain. Micro-fine grain. alaxy 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 - Hiah Noble 1060000 Medium-gold palladium alloy. Metro is the strongest high noble ceramic alloy that we offer. It olders well and does not exhibit the brittleness some technicians report in other medium-gold eramic allovs. Estheticor[®] Accurate 40 - High Noble Type V 01000112 Medium-gold for porcelain bonding platinum and copper-free crowns, bridges, milled work. Cerapall[®] 2 - Noble 01050011 Type IV 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 procelain to metal crowns and bridges, implants and milled work. Pegasus[™] - Noble 1069906 A 6% gold alloy that produces a clean, very light oxide. Requiring no special pre-coat or acid leanup, Pegasus[™] casts exactly like a premium alloy. Forms accurate castings with no brittlenes Its high yield strength makes it ideal for long spans, and its relatively high thermal expansion nakes 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 procelain to metal crowns and bridges and milled work. Ceradelta® - Noble 01050020

Palladium-based extra hard dental alloy for porcelain to metal crowns and bridges and milled

Columbus - Noble 1069900 1.8% gold and 75.7% palladium. No silver. Columbus has low elongation and a very high yield trength. Contains gallium to regulate thermal expansion and make it compatible with a wide ange 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. t casts and polishes like a conventional ceramic gold. We recommend that Vista be used with erngold'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.

V eqvT 5052226 Alpha – Predominantly Base 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

or 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, clasps, thin veneered single crowns, full arch fixed dental prostheses or those with small cross-sections, bars, attachments, implant retained superstruc-

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 crosssections, clasps.

Note 1- The higher application type can include lower application

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 - Nobel 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%

(Nobel 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 1.5% Ru & Zn 4% Pd the laboratory – then in the 19.5% Cu \sim mouth Nevertheless, a minute 25% Ag

spent reading the manufacturer's alloy properties chart 50% Au can give you a good idea of Is the noble content all what to expect of a new alloy before you place your order.

you care about?

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.

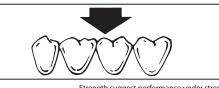
Composition - what it tells you and what it doesn't.

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

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 666104 Rev. F

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.



Alloy	
Bio-H Tiffany	

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.

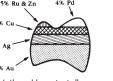
Many people confuse hardness with strength. which indicates how an alloy will perform when a restoration is loaded. If you're looking for an alloy that will resist permanent distortion in a long span bridge, pay particular attention to the "yield strength." The higher the number, the greater the metal's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

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-



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

Strength suggest performance under stress

Brinell	Yield
lardness	Strength
250	88,750 psi
217	102,000 psi

mium inlay alloy like Stern S combines high elongation (29%) with low vield 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 vou'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 allov 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.

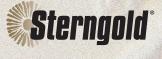
Of course, with ceramic alloys you're interested in how the crown or bridge will perform after its been fired. The elongation, hardness and strength of an alloy can change dramatically in your porcelain furnace. So, if you don't find a note on the chart specifically stating that the tests were performed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



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alloy and physical properties chart





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