

Preparation Guidelines

GENERAL PREPARATION GUIDELINES FOR ALL-CERAMIC RESTORATIONS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED (FIG. 1 & 2):

- 1. Preparation should follow the anatomy of the tooth, providing at least the minimum thickness required for the respective restoration (Table 1). A 1.0 mm axial and occlusal reduction is considered ideal for full contour zirconia restorations.
- 2. A definitive finish line (shoulder with rounded internal line angles or chamfer) is recommended.

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3. All sharp edges and line angles should be rounded.

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Connector Dimensions

Minimum	Zirconia	Thickness -	Crowns

Anterior	Crowns ≥ 0.5 mm	
Axial		
Incisal/Occlusal	≥ 0.5 mm	
Connector Dimensions	n/a	
Posterior	Crowns	
Axial	≥ 0.5 mm	
Incisal/Occlusal	> 0.5 mm	

Minimum Zirconia Thickness - Bridges

Anterior	3-Unit	≥4 units with max 2 connected pontics	Cantilever with 1 pontic
Axial	≥ 0.5 mm	≥ 0.7 mm	≥ 0.7 mm
Incisal/Occlusal Connector	≥ 0.7 mm	≥ 1.0 mm	≥ 1.0 mm
Dimensions	≥ 7 mm ²	\geq 9 mm ²	≥ 12 mm ²
Posterior			
Axial	≥ 0.5 mm	≥ 0.7 mm	≥ 0.7 mm
Incisal/Occlusal Connector	≥ 0.7 mm	≥ 1.0 mm	≥ 1.0 mm
Dimensions	$\geq 9 \text{ mm}^2$	$\geq 12 \text{ mm}^2$	$\geq 12 \text{ mm}^2$

FIGURE 1

Occlusal reduction 1.0 mm ideal 0.5 mm minimum Rounded internal line angles Taper between 4° and 8° Axial reduction 0.5 mm to 1.5 mm Reduction of ≥ 0.5 mm at gingival margin

