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Getting a Handle On Your Occlusal Marking

A combination of proven articulating foil technology with a new, convenient handle to make the experience simpler for the clinician

What are the daily nuisances that plague your practice? Running out of a product you need? Patients who cancel appointments at the last minute? For Dr. Ira Hoffman, it was not being able to hold a thin articulating foil in his forceps without the material crinkling or being damaged.

Thanks to Bausch, that is no longer the case. For several months, Dr. Hoffman has been using Bausch's Arti-Fol metallic Complete BK 328 articulating foil, which combines the already effective articulating foil with a new and hygienic cardboard holder.

"It's a great foil, and in the past, I've always had to manipulate it myself and put it in my forceps," Dr. Hoffman shared. "The addition of a handling instrument that is already mounted is much more convenient."

Because the foil is thin and pliable, it bends and creases easily, which can make it unusable. But Bausch's solution, foil with its own handle, eliminates that problem. Dentists can take the foil out of the cellophane pouch and use it right away.

The unique combination of a high-tech metal foil of only 12 microns and a 2-sided color coating with micro-fine ground color pigments enables clear, visible marking of all occlusal contact points.

The Arti-Fol metallic Complete BK 328 also precisely marks moist occlusal surfaces, making it universally applicable for all materials, including metal, ceramics, plastics, and natural teeth. The foils allow patients to efficiently grind in, even with occlusal splints. Dr. Hoffman said that the material is most useful with implants.

"Implants are integrated with the bone, so they're very stable," he explained. "The 12-micron foil with this new handle delivery is the best option for these cases because a 200-micron articulating foil is too thick to offer the preciseness needed."

This articulating foil is thin enough to detect the most minor malocclusions, which is critical with implants. Having the handle on the foil makes manipulating it inside the mouth an easy process for Dr. Hoffman.

"The biggest advantages of this product are the ease and simplicity of use," noted Dr. Hoffman. "Not as much material is wasted, and it eliminates frustration caused by accidentally bending or creasing the foil."

Due to its unique shape, Arti-Fol metallic Complete can be used individually on the left or right side, or together for the entire dental arch. Dr. Hoffman has found that this makes using this foil on his patients a piece of cake.

"Now that Bausch has put this disposable handle on it—and because the handle and the foil are bonded together—the process of marking occlusion is even simpler," he concluded. "And simplicity is the key for any successful product."

