

D&S Dental Laboratory Shade Taking Check List



Equipment Check List: Retractors Shade guide ShadeWave Shade Reference (optional) Camera

1. **Reduce reflections** in the middle of the shade tab or teeth.
 - Close blinds on large windows or turn your dental chair away from direct window light.
 - Tilt your shade tab slightly toward the patient, incisal edge up.

2. **Raise your dental chair** to its maximum height. You want to be at or near the same height as your patient.

3. **Know what tooth to match.** Don't take photos of missing teeth or temporaries.

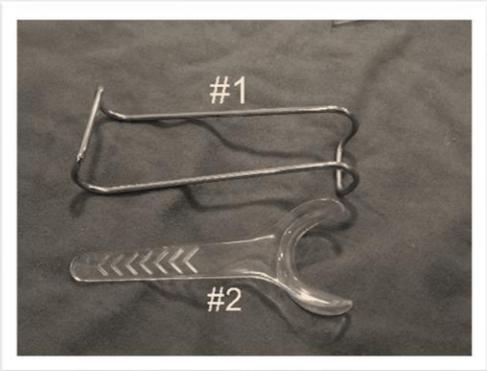
4. **Always use these two shade tabs,** an A2 on your Left and a D3 on your Right.

NOTE: With Shadewave, the shade tab does not have to match the tooth. All shade tabs work.

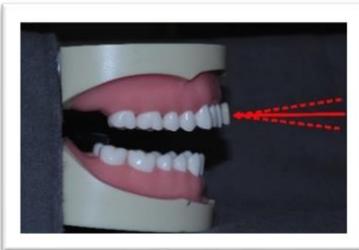
5. **Cheek retractors:** Wingless metal (#1) are better. The wings of the plastic ones (#2) may get in the way.

6. Show about 8 teeth. No closer than 6 teeth.

7. iPhone: Distance is about 4 1/2 inches from subject



8. **Pitch Angles:** Take two or three pictures at different Pitch angles. Especially for a single incisor.



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Provide to the Lab for Every Case

1. **Full-Face Photo:** Give your ceramist a connection to the patient.
2. **Shade Tab Name:** Always take and include a photo of the shade tab(s) with the name. The photos are useless to the lab if they don't know the name of the shade tabs.
3. **Shade Photos Before Prep:** Take two or three photos of tooth to be matched. Minimize glare.



4. **After Prep Stump Shade:** Take photograph with shade tab. Remember to raise the dental chair. You may use stump shade tabs if you have them.



5. **Before the Patient Leaves:** Check your pictures and retake if necessary.