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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| ANOVA | Analysis of variance. |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Al ₅ O ₃ | Alumina Oxide. |
| BIS-GMA | Bisphenol glycidyl methacrylate. |
| EF | Enamel Fracture. |
| J | Joule. |
| MPa | MegaPascal. |
| mA | milli Amperage. |
| mW/cm ² | Milli-Watts per square centimeter. |
| lb | Pound mass. |
| SB | Sandblast. |
| SBS | Shear Bond Strength. |
| SD | Standard Deviation. |
| SE | Standard Error. |
| Sec | Second. |
| SEM | Scanning Electron Microscope. |
| TBS | Tensile Bond Strength. |
| W | Watt. |

INTRODUCTION

In the early days of bracket adhesion research, the aim was to achieve a strong and reliable bond between the bracket base and the enamel surface. Now the focus is more on details such as faster bonding, harmless removal procedures, and antibacterial effects of the bonding materials to help oral hygiene.

The use of sandblasting technology for dental applications was initiated by Robert Black¹ in the 1951 and was successfully introduced in 1955 with the air-dent air abrasion unit. The air-abrasive technique such as sandblasting was used to improve the bond strength of amalgam, porcelain, and gold crowns.

Because this preparation procedure roughens the tooth surface, it was possible to direct bond of orthodontic brackets without acid etching. It has been suggested that the sandblasting technique could contribute to a better bond system with less enamel loss.

Existing research has been diverse with respect to controlling variables and set of parameters of sandblasting technique in relation to shear bond strength. Thus, it was found important to perform this research aiming to control the variables

of sandblasting technique to enhance the bond strength of orthodontic brackets to the enamel surface.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

For the sake of clarity the review of literature would be presented under two main topics:

- I. Orthodontic Bonding:
 - 1. Shear bond strength.
 - 2. Factor affecting bond strength tests and measurements.
 - 3. The effect of storage media on bond strength of orthodontic brackets.
 - 4. The effect of bracket base design on bond strength of orthodontic brackets.
- II. Different approaches for enamel preparation prior to bonding of orthodontic bracket:
 - 1. Acid etching.
 - 2. Sandblasting.

I. Orthodontic Bonding

The bond strength of orthodontic attachment to enamel surface must be adequate to withstand orthodontic forces. The orthodontist is also concerned with the bond strength of the attachments because at the completion of treatment, the attachments will have to be intentionally removed.

Bishara et al.,² in 1993 found that a mean safe debonding strength should be less than 11.5 Kg/cm² (11.28 MPa). Mc Sherry³ in 1996 stated that higher bond strength were not always better and bond strengths that were too high may do nothing more than create iatrogenic damage during bracket debonding. Rossouw⁴ in 1999 found the optimum range was between 5.9 and 13.53 MPa.

Larmour et al.,⁵ in 2006 found excessive bond strength could cause unwanted damage to enamel surfaces. An acceptable range of bond strength is desirable during treatment to minimize bracket failure. The brackets should also be easy to remove at the end of treatment to avoid damage to the enamel surface.

1. Shear bond strength

In case of shear bond strength the debonding force applied to the junction between the bracket and adhesive interfaces; this method comes closest to applying a true shear force, which may never occur clinically. Furthermore, shear testing may not be sensitive enough to detect variations at the enamel-resin interface that might be revealed by other modes of stress.

Eliades and Viazis⁶ in 2000 found the using of shear loading had been very popular, due to simplicity of the experiment and increased the reliability of simulating debonding that occurred during treatment. The tensile or torsion loading modes had been considered by many investigators as less relevant to clinical practice and had attracted less interest.

Ozutrk et al.,⁷ in 2003 applied shear stress using a variety of technique such as wire loops, steel blades or rods. The rates of loading included 0.5 mm/min, 1 mm/min, 2 mm/min and 5 mm/min. They concluded that the main disadvantage of shear bond testing might not represent the intraoral stresses and orthodontic appliance adjustments, which could result from short resin tags, inadequate etching, acid resistant enamel, or other factors.

Klocke and Nieke⁸ in 2006 determined the effect of debonding force direction on orthodontic shear bond strength. The debonding forces were directed either parallel to the bracket base, toward the enamel surface, or away from the enamel surface. Analysis of variance indicated that shear bond strength were significantly higher when a force direction toward the enamel

surface. Shear bond strength decreased significantly when a force direction away from the enamel surface was used.

Swartz⁹ in 2007 found main disadvantage of shear testing could not represent the intraoral stresses and orthodontic appliance adjustments.

Penido and Pinto¹⁰ in 2009 evaluated the shear bond strength in-vivo and in-vitro of metallic brackets bonded to human teeth with light curing bonding material. The test was performed one day after bonding. They found that test-performed in-vitro resulted in larger bond strength values than those performed in-vivo.

2. Factor affecting bond strength tests and measurements

Katona¹¹ in 1997 stated that bond strength could vary depending on the method of testing. Eliades and Viazis⁶ in 2000 mentioned some critical aspects of orthodontic bond strength protocols that affect the outcome of research trials, similar to:

- Bracket type.
- Design of debonding jig in universal testing machine.
- Pretreatment of enamel surface.
- Other factor that effect bond strength testing is fatigue of adhesive bracket system.