# SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Self-Ligating Appliance System

Lunch and Learn





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- Bonding Benefits
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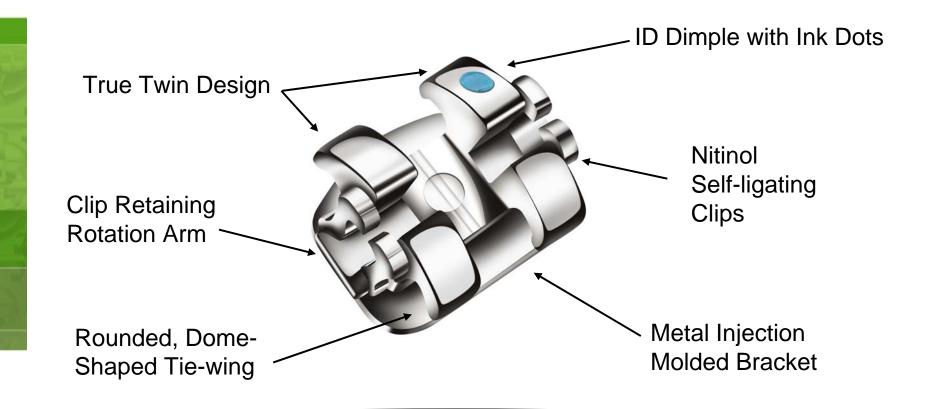


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# SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Brackets: Key Features



The Only Metal True Twin Self-ligating Bracket!



# SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Bracket: True Twin Design

- Familiar Twin Wing design ➤ allows for treatment flexibility
- Only metal self-ligating bracket offered with APC<sup>™</sup> Adhesive ➤ consistent adhesive application and improved bond reliability
- Twin bracket design ➤ allows selective bracket or tie-wing ligation, increasing interbracket width when needed
- Variable bracket widths and twin bracket design > enhanced rotational and tip control
- Available in bondable molar brackets ➤ complete 6 to 6 system





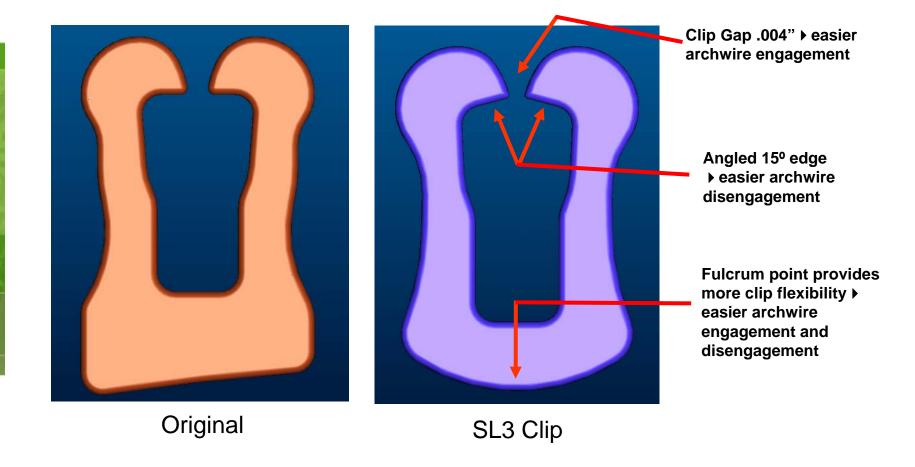
# SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Bracket: Ligating Mechanism

- No moving parts or doors to open and close ▶ saves time over ligated brackets or competitive SL brackets
- Clips snapped over protrusion prior to laser welding base to bracket ▶ creates clip stability
- One step archwire engagement ➤ reduces chair time for better chairside productivity
- Quicker archwire removal ➤ cut the archwire toward the anterior and pull out
- Low engagement force ▶ 2 to 3 lbs of force needed to engage archwire, similar to ligating a bracket
- Nickel-titanium clips are fatigue resistant with optimal shape memory
- Intelligent clip ➤ pre-programmed release of the archwire if force is excessive





# SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Bracket -- Clip Design Improvements





### Advantages of SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Brackets

- Reduction in friction, which results in more efficient sliding mechanics than traditionally ligated brackets
- Improvement in oral hygiene with an open slot and elimination of ligature ties
- Reduced chair-time for archwire removal and insertion
- No plaque entrapment in sliding mechanism and bracket slot
- Ability to ligate on an as-needed basis
- Treatment flexibility of twin tie-wing design



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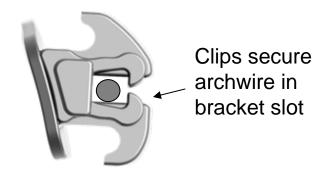
### How do they work?

Self-ligating brackets contain special locking mechanisms to secure the archwire in the bracket slot, without the need for a ligature. Removing the need for ligatures eliminates the friction between ligatures and the archwires, providing enhanced sliding mechanics with less force application.

#### **Traditional Ligated Bracket**

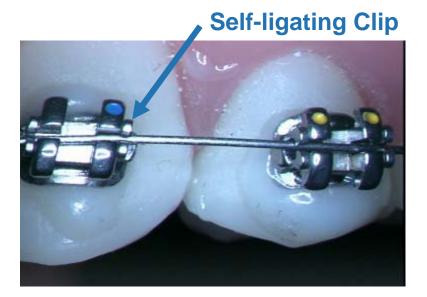
Ligature secures archwire in bracket slot

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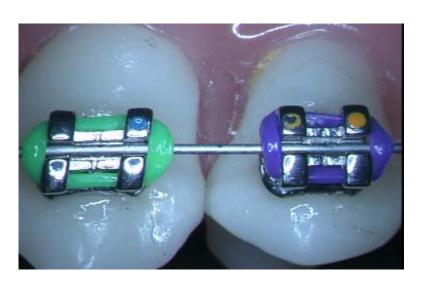




### SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Bracket vs. Non-SL Brackets



Self-ligation with SmartClip™ SL3 Brackets



**Traditional Ligation** 



# Consultation Benefits: Hygiene and Comfort

...self-ligating bracket systems display a lower level of frictional resistance, less chairtime for arch wire removal and insertion, and improved infection control, when compared with polyurethane elastomeric and stainless steel tie wire ligation. (AJO/DO 1994;106:472-80.)



### SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Brackets ...

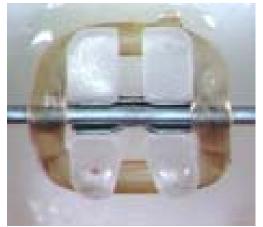
 Reduce the use of ligatures that contribute to poor oral hygiene as food traps



### Improved Hygiene

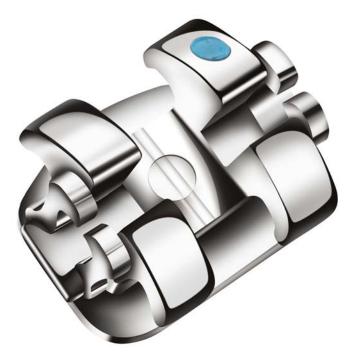
- Ligatures can retain food particles around the bracket, which makes it more difficult for patients to keep teeth clean
- Ligatures are made of elastomeric material that stain over time from food products
- Self-ligating brackets remove the need to use ligatures







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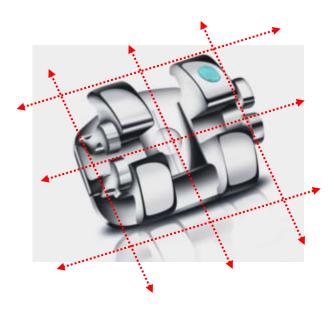




### Bracket Positioning Benefits: Visual References

...Accuracy of bracket positioning is essential, so that the prescription of the bracket can be expressed. This helps treatment mechanics and improves the consistency of the results.

-Systemized Orthodontic Treatment Mechanics (Mosby, 0-7234-3171-X)

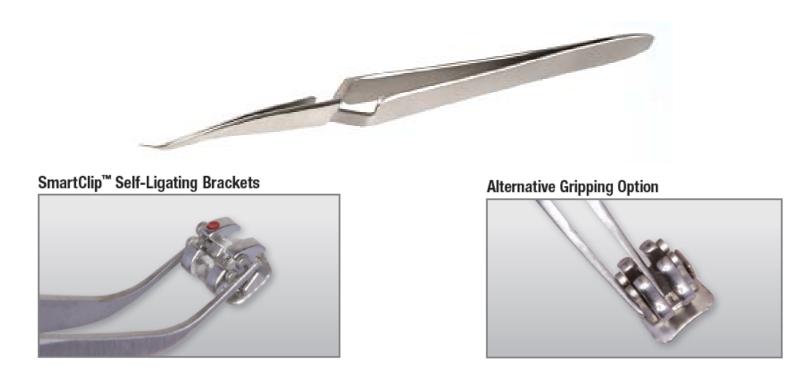


### SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Brackets Offer ...

- True twin design
- Open slot as horizontal indicator
- Clips serve as long axis indicators
- Proprietary color changing
   APC<sup>™</sup> PLUS or APC<sup>™</sup> II Adhesive



### Unitek<sup>™</sup> Bracket Placement Instrument (804-171)

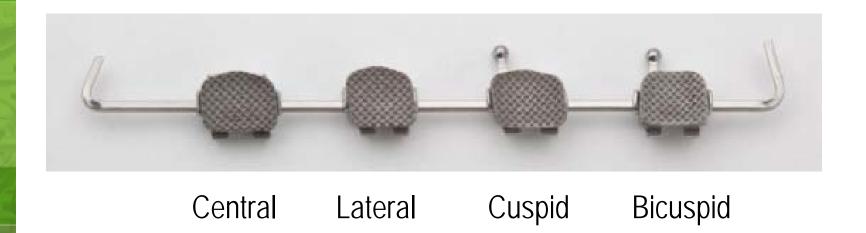


#### How do I sterilize this instrument?

Vacuum autoclave, minimum of 20 minutes at 121° C. Do not exceed 138° C (280° F). For further decontamination instructions, please refer to the Unitek™ Bracket Placement Instrument Instructions For Use Ref 011-633.



### Bracket Positioning Benefits: Tactile



### SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Brackets Feature ...

- Tooth-specific design for better tooth adaptation / fit
- Compound contour base with 3-Point Contact



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### Bonding Benefits: Bonding Surface



### SmartClip™ SL3 Brackets Offer ...

- 80 Gauge Micro etch pad ➤ compatible with 3M Unitek adhesives
- 3-point base conforms to tooth anatomy
- Smooth, molded features facilitate indirect bonding
- Compound contour base



### Bonding Benefits: APC<sup>™</sup> Pre-coated Adhesives



### SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Brackets Are ...

- Available pre-coated with APC<sup>™</sup> II and APC<sup>™</sup> PLUS
   Adhesive to reduce steps during bonding
  - APC<sup>™</sup> PLUS Color Change Adhesive assists with flash cleanup and is fluoride releasing

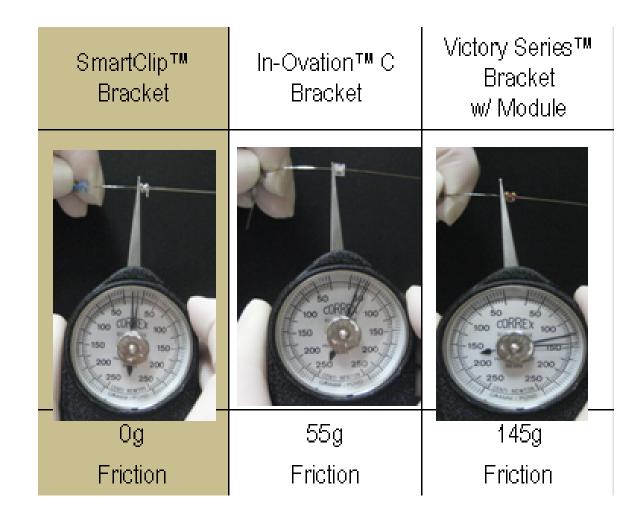


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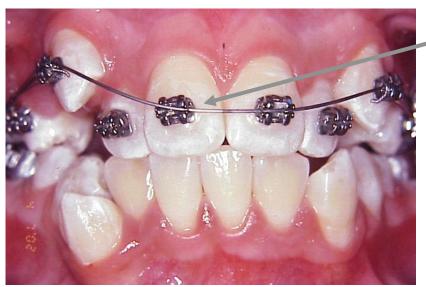


# Leveling & Aligning Benefits: Passive Self-ligation





### Leveling & Aligning Benefits: Treatment Flexibility



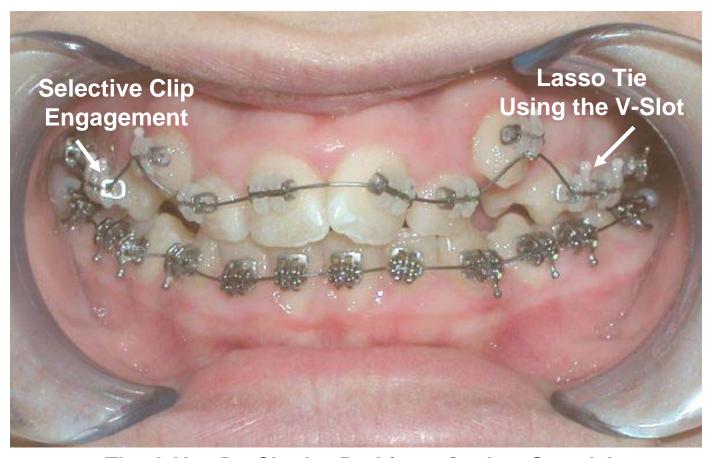
- Allows selective tie-wing engagement
- Engaging one tie-wing increases inter-bracket distance







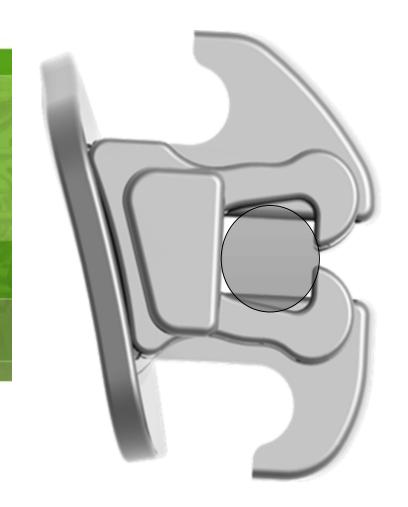
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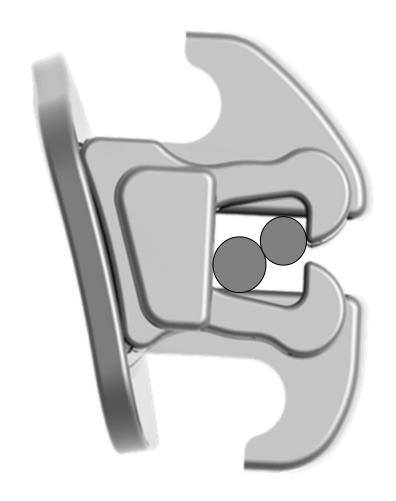


Thank You Dr. Charles Rodrigue, Quebec Canada! (Example of using Clarity<sup>™</sup> SL Bracket features to better manage forces)



# Tandem Archwires: Filling the Slot







### Tandem Archwires: Dimension Details

SCALE 20,000 SmartClip Lower Anterior with Cradle Clip 022 slot 014 + 016 022 slot 012 + 014 022 slot 014 + 014.0045 .0018 -.0040 -.0013 .0283, 0279 .0224 .0255 018 slot 014 + 014018 slot 014 + 016 018 slot 012 + 014.0003 -.0026 .0005 -.0027 0286 .0297 .0250 .0274 3M Unitek

#### SmartClip™ SL3 Self-Ligating Brackets



**Upper: .016** 

**Lower: .014** 







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.014

Initial .014/.016 Tandem



**Final .014/.016 Tandem** 

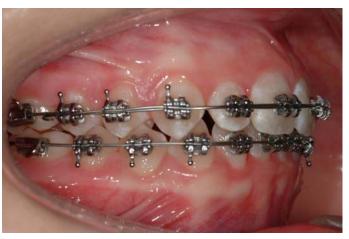


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Upper: .016 and .014

Lower: .016 and .014







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### Working Phase Benefits: Control

#### Clips Assist with **Tip Control**



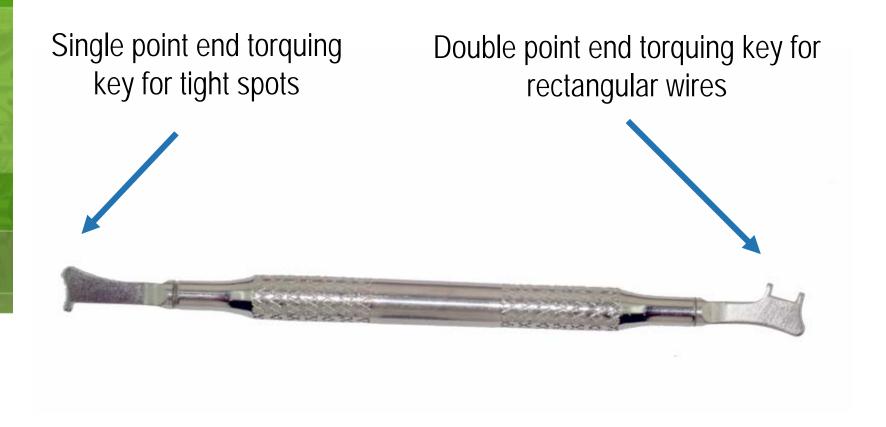
Clip Retaining Rotation Arms Assist with Rotation Control

Torque Control
Inaccurate machining of bracket slot
dimensions ... may directly and adversely
affect three-dimensional tooth positioning.
(Angle Orthod 2004;74:450–453.)





## SmartClip<sup>™</sup> Appliance Wire Insertion Hand Instrument





# Stabilizing the Anteriors – The Power of Cotton Rolls

















Treatment Phase	.018 Slot	.022 Slot
Initial Phase	Nitinol Classic	Nitinol Classic
Getting Organized	.012	.012
- leveling		
- aligning	Nitinol SE or HA	Nitinol SE or HA
	.014	.014
Necessary Wire Criteria		
- low forces		
- low modulus		
- low friction		
Intermediate Phase	Nitinol SE or HA	Nitinol SE or HA
Working the Big Picture	.014 with	.014 with
- arch form correction	Nitinol SE	Nitinol SE
- occlusal plane leveling	.014 tandem	.014 or .016 tandem
- rotating		
- tipping		
Necessary Wire Criteria		
- medium forces		
- medium working range		
- medium modulus		
- medium malleability		
- low friction		
Finishing Phase	Beta III Titanium	Beta III Titanium
Getting Down to Details	(non-extraction)	(non-extraction)
- vertical detailing	.016x.025	.019x.025
- space closure	.017x.025	
- refine interdigitation		Permachrome
- retention	Permachrome	Resilient
	Resilient	(extraction)
Necessary Wire Criteria	(extraction)	.019x.025
- medium forces	.016x.025	
- short working range	.017x.025	Braided
- high modulus		.019x.025
- high malleability	Braided	
	.017x.025	

Recommended
Archwire
Sequencing for
3M<sup>™</sup> Self-Ligating
Appliances



### **Archwire Insertion**

Using the SmartClip<sup>™</sup> Appliance Wire Insertion Instrument

Double or Torquing key end:

Single-handed technique



Dual-handed technique



- 1. Align archwire over clip opening and bracket slot.
- **2. Position** instrument on archwire so the torquing key straddles the bracket.
- 3. **Torque** rectangular wires by rolling the instrument until the wire torque matches the slot torque, which will allow the wire will naturally fall into place with little effort.
- **4. Push** instrument gently while providing lingual support to the teeth.

Consider using fingers instead of instruments on round and smaller rectangular wires. It may be easier to feel the force levels and the proper seating of the wire.



### **Archwire Disengagement**

Using the SmartClip<sup>™</sup> Appliance Wire Disengagement Instrument









- 1. Approach archwire with disengagement instrument from occlusal or gingival side.
- 2. Place instrument hooks under archwire keeping the bracket between the instrument hooks, avoiding the mesial and distal protrusions and tie-wings.
- 3. Squeeze handles (Note: It is not necessary to fully squeeze the instrument. Only squeeze until the wire releases from the clips.)



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### Finishing Benefits: Familiar True Twin Design



At the core, it is a twin bracket!

Torque control is the same as conventional brackets for predictable finishing.



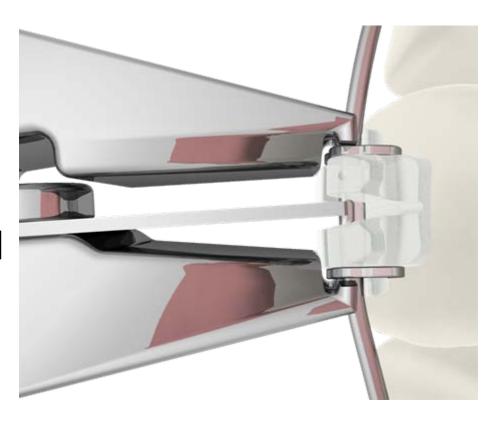
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### Debonding Benefits: Debonding on an Archwire!

Unitek<sup>™</sup> Self-Ligating
Debonding Instrument
now allows SmartClip<sup>™</sup>
SL3 and Clarity<sup>™</sup> SL
Brackets to be debonded
on the archwire – this
saves valuable time!





### SmartClip<sup>™</sup> SL3 Bracket Summary

- Treatment Flexibility true twin edgewise bracket design, active on demand
- Passive Self-ligation enabled by self-ligating clips
- Edgewise Control tooth specific bracket widths
- Pre-Adjusted System systemized in/out relationship with Clarity<sup>™</sup> SL Brackets
- Reduced Chair-time simple and quick archwire changes
- Bracket Positioning Benefits visual, tactile
- Bonding Benefits tooth specific 3-Point contact base design, APC<sup>™</sup> Adhesive
- Leveling and Aligning Benefits zero classical friction, effective control
- Working Phase Benefits torque, tip & rotational control
- Finishing Benefits familiar true twin
- Debonding Benefits consistent, debonding on the wire





