

FROM ALLESEE ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES

The Starnes Bite Orthotic

The Starnes Bite Orthotic is a solid one-piece Impak plastic appliance which indexes the upper and lower four incisors and all four first molars. It is fabricated using a wax bite registration made by positioning the lower teeth to the upper teeth in the desired relationship.

The orthotic is indicated for those patients who have experienced dentofacial orthopedic changes during mixed dentition treatment. If the desire is to retain those changes during continued growth, development and eruption, the orthotic will do this by retaining the relationship of the six upper teeth in all planes of space. A Class I dental relationship with corrected arch length and width can be successfully retained while eruption continues.

Upper and lower stone models and a wax bite registration are all that are necessary. The working models should have excellent definition of all four upper and lower incisors and all four first molars. The wax bite can be made from four layers of pink baseplate wax. Soften the wax in warm water, then flatten that portion of the wax in which the molars will occlude so the thickness does not prevent mandibular protrusion. Guide the mandible into the desired protruded relationship to the maxilla and have the patient close into the wax. A degree of practice may be necessary to master the bite registration.

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