

IDENTALLOY® IDENT CERAM®

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Material Content Disclosure Guidelines

Dentists, patients, labs and insurers alike are showing increasing concern about the content of restorative materials:

- In a recent study, 74.8 percent of dentists surveyed said they would like every case to include a certificate attesting to the quality and content of the material that was used.
- Calls to the IdentAlloy/IdentCeram Council's toll-free line are up substantially, as are visits to the Council website.
- The Council is fielding more calls than ever from licensees interested in making sure the information on their certificates is as accurate as possible.
- There has also been a rise in the number of inquiries received by the Council from manufacturers interested in joining the IdentAlloy/IdentCeram program.

In the survey noted above, more than 90 percent of dentists recognized the IdentAlloy/IdentCeram certificates when they were shown to them. Beyond the continuing support of leading manufacturers, one of the most critical factors in the success of the program has been the consistency with which manufacturers follow the guidelines for listing material content on the certificates.

Please review these guidelines carefully and disseminate them throughout your organization. With your cooperation and assistance we can make the program an even greater success in the future and ensure that we can continue to withstand scrutiny from outside entities while securing the trust and allegiance of the dental labs, dentists and patients we serve.

Guidelines:

IdentAlloy certificates

To be approved for an IdentAlloy certificate, composition elements greater than 1% must be disclosed. Elements of less than 1% must be disclosed and indicated as "<1%" or trace "TR."

Elements should be designated using symbols from the Periodic Table of the Elements.

- Examples: Gold, Au; Silver, Ag; Platinum, Pt.

The number can be rounded to the nearest whole number or specified with up to two decimal places.

- Examples: “Au 75%,” “Au 76.3%” or “Au 74.45%”)

Composition ranges (such as “Au 65-75%” are no longer accepted for IdentAlloy certificates.

IdentCeram certificates

Ceramic composition ranges for IdentCeram certificates are acceptable for IdentCeram certificates due to the composition adjustment requirements for shade variations.

To be approved for an IdentCeram certificate, composition elements greater than 1% must be disclosed. Elements of less than 1% must be disclosed and indicated as “<1%” or trace “TR.”

Documentation

Documentation of content for all new alloys or ceramics submitted for certificates must be provided to the IdentAlloy/IdentCeram Council Documentation may consist of any of the following:

- MSDS sheets
- R&D test data
- Production control documents
- Independent lab tests
- Published materials such as catalogs or alloy charts indicating content.

The IdentAlloy/IdentCeram Council reserves the right to request additional documentation or conduct independent lab testing to confirm content should it be deemed necessary.

Implementation:

As certificates are reordered they will be reviewed to insure they are meeting current guidelines. If changes are needed the licensee will be contacted. Samples of current formats will be provided at no charge upon request.

Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions.