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Products Rated Highly by Evaluators in CR Clinical Trials

Smooth and Rapid Cutting Acrylic Bur

Black Hawk TC-Cutter

HORICO – Hopf, Ringleb & CO. (sold through: Pearson Dental, Nowak Dental, and Henry Schein Zahn Canada)



\$27 / Cutter

(Horico orderNo.: S274190060)

This black coated bur for cutting acrylic, plaster, and metal alloys is very sharp and has unique fine “teeth” that prevent tearing and gouging during acrylic cutting. It can be used with very little pressure for fine adjustments, or when used with more pressure, it cuts very well. The toothings leaves a very fine surface, doesn’t easily clog, and also has a very long lifetime. Other shapes available.

Advantages:

- Very fine blades for smooth cuts
- Stays sharp when cutting acrylic
- Minimal clogging
- Fast, accurate cutting

Limitation:

- No major limitation noted

CR Conclusions: 100% of 24 CR Evaluators stated they would incorporate Black Hawk TC Cutter into their practice. 100% rated them excellent or good and worthy of trial by colleagues.

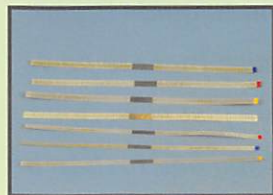
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More Products Rated Highly by Evaluators in CR Clinical Trials

Low-Cost, High-Quality Stainless Steel Finishing Strip with Diamond Particles

Finishing Strips

HORICO – Hopf, Ringleb & CO. (sold through: Pearson Dental and Nowak Dental)



~\$4 Each

Thin finishing strips with uniform particles are desirable for finishing interproximally. These finishing strips come in a variety of sizes and grits for the desired application. They may be sterilized for multiple uses. *Note: Horico fine is similar to normal grit of other brands, Horico very fine is similar to fine of other brands, and Horico ultra fine is similar to very fine of other brands.*

Advantages:

- Good variety of grits and sizes
- Non-cutting gap available
- Smooths and finishes interproximal surfaces well
- Low cost

Limitation:

- As with all thin, sharp, finishing strips; care must be taken to avoid cutting soft tissues

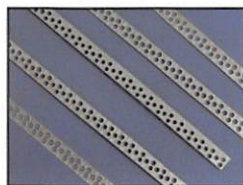
CR Conclusions: 78% of 23 CR Evaluators stated they would incorporate Horico Finishing Strips into their practice. 87% rated them excellent or good and worthy of trial by colleagues.

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Best Products Evaluated During 2013: CR BUYING GUIDE

PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY/DENTAL HYGIENE

Hand Scalars/Curettes



Horico orderNo.: 444

Prophy Strips

Thin autoclavable stainless steel strips for dental hygiene use **removes calculus and stains in areas where other instruments cannot reach.**

\$1.50 Each

HORICO – Hopf, Ringleb & CO. (sold through: Pearson Dental and Nowak Dental)

www.horico.com

64% of CR Evaluators would recommend this product.

❖ *This is only a portion of the original report.* ❖

What is CR?

WHY CR?

CR was founded in 1976 by clinicians who believed practitioners could confirm efficacy and clinical usefulness of new products and avoid both the experimentation on patients and failures in the closet. With this purpose in mind, CR was organized as a unique volunteer purpose of testing all types of dental products and disseminating results to colleagues throughout the world.

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HOW DOES CR FUNCTION?

Each year, CR tests in excess of 750 different product brands, performing about 20,000 field evaluations. CR tests all types of dental products, including materials, devices, and equipment, plus techniques. Worldwide, products are purchased from distributors, secured from companies, and sent to CR by clinicians, inventors, and patients. There is no charge to companies for product evaluations. Testing combines the efforts of 450 clinicians in 19 countries who volunteer their time and expertise, and 40 on-site scientists, engineers, and support staff. Products are subjected to at least two levels of CR's unique three-tiered evaluation process that consists of:

1. Clinical field trials where new products are incorporated into routine use in a variety of dental practices and compared by clinicians to products and methods they use routinely.
2. Controlled clinical tests where new products are used and compared under rigorously controlled conditions, and patients are paid for their time as study participants.
3. Laboratory tests where physical and chemical properties of new products are compared to standard products.



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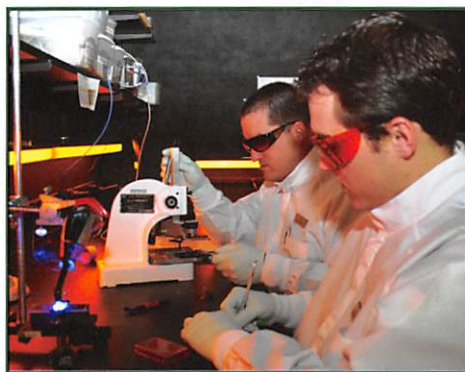
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This team is testing resin curing lights to determine their ability to cure a variety of resin-based composites.

Every month several new projects are completed.

THE PROBLEM WITH NEW DENTAL PRODUCTS.

New dental products have always presented a challenge to clinicians because, with little more than promotional information to guide them, they must judge between those that are new and better, and those that are just new. Due to the industry's keen competition and rush to be first on the market, clinicians and their patients often become test data for new products. Every clinician has, at one time or another, become a victim of this system. All own new products that did not meet expectations, but are stored in hope of some unknown future use, or thrown away at a considerable loss. To help clinicians make educated product purchases, CR tests new dental products and reports the results to the profession.

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