

Dam it

Isolate the problem

Ideal barrier for endodontic therapy, restorative procedures, bonding techniques and subgingival restoration.



“Excellent overall quality! Very stretchy and easy to floss through. NEVER tears! **By far, this is the best rubber dam we've ever used.** We have never had a rip or tear. We ran out of them once and ordered a popular brand from our supplier, the first time we used it, it ripped! I now ensure we never, ever run out of these again.” Colleen, CDA

Dr. Tom, Dentist

“The Germiphene rubber dam has been a great addition to our product line. We exclusively used a competitor's brand until now—it is such a pleasure to have a material that is always uniform per batch, and to avoid spontaneous large tearing or rips that used to frustrate both the chairsides and the dentist.”

Why Dam it?

Dam it! dams are 100% **GLUTEN FREE**

Low Protein	Latex protein is the main cause of latex allergies. Germiphene Dam it! dental dams are treated to reduce the latex extractable protein in order to minimize any allergic reaction to the user.
Powder Free	Powder in dental dams is primarily used to prevent stickiness between dams. These powders also act as carriers of the latex protein in contact with skin, causing discomfort or allergies to sensitive patients.
High Contrast	Our dams provide colour contrast and reduce glare from the light to enhance tooth visibility. Latex mint dams are GREEN. Latex unflavoured dams are BLUE. Non-latex dams are PURPLE.
Tear Resistant	Latex dams can stretch to a minimum of 700% the original size before breaking.* Non-latex dams have a minimum elastic elongation of 500% times the original length. This high level of elasticity means the dam has is extremely resistant to tearing and to puncturing from bur and instrument contact. High elasticity also assures a tight fit for moisture control and effective isolation.
Long Shelf Life	Dam it! dental dams have a minimum shelf life of 5 years when properly stored. Storing dams in cool conditions will prolong the dam's quality and performance.

NOTE: Some manufacturers recommend freezer or refrigeration. This causes the latex molecules to crystallize, making them brittle and the dams less elastic.

LATEX

5" x 5"

6" x 6"

THIN
MEDIUM
HEAVY

Mint

Unflavoured

NON-LATEX

6" x 6"

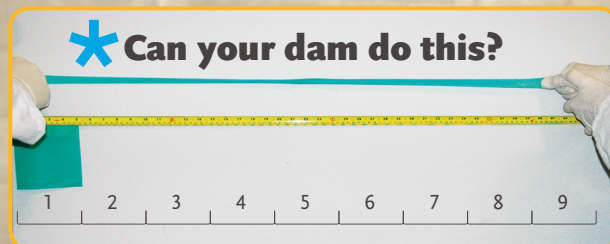
MEDIUM

Mint

Dental dam COMPOSITION

Latex dam: Natural latex, anti-oxidant, accelerators for compounding.

Non-latex dam: Synthetic elastomeric material containing processing oils, additives, and anti-oxidant stabilizers.



“Most practitioners equate rubber dams use with time loss, patient pain, extra cost, frustration and irritation—you couldn’t remove them from my busy, multiple operatory practice.”¹



Why are dental dams so important?

Reduced risk of infection	During dental procedures, the use of a rubber dam will eliminate virtually all contamination arising from saliva or blood. If using a rubber dam, the only remaining source for airborne contamination is from the tooth that is undergoing treatment. This will be limited to airborne tooth material and any organisms contained within the tooth itself. ²
Increased moisture control	It is difficult to keep saliva, blood and other debris from getting into tooth preparations during normal clinical procedures without the use of a rubber dam. A dam creates a non-contaminated, dry working field. ³ In dental restorations, stronger bonds will occur when moisture is controlled.
Increased access & visibility	Use of a dam removes the tongue and cheeks from getting into the way, providing greater visibility and access to the work site, while allowing for greater attention to detail.
Increased patient comfort	Protection against the aspiration, swallowing or tasting of debris and foreign objects is provided. Tongue and other structures are protected from possible damage. Patients feel more relaxed and protected as they do not have to concentrate on keeping their mouths open or tongue positioning. Dams are ideal for pediatric patients.
Increased operating efficiency	There is an effective time savings of 40% to 50% on any clinical procedure from the use of dental dams. Expectorating, patient repositioning and verbal interruptions are eliminated. ⁴
Protection of soft tissue	Use of a dam protects the soft tissue from contact with burs and instruments.
Recommended CDC Guidelines	Appropriate work practices, including use of dental dams (172) and high-velocity air evacuation, should minimize dissemination of droplets, spatter, and aerosols (5). ⁵ Guidelines endorse the use of rubber dam isolation as a personal protective barrier.

TRY these related products: The aerosols and splatter produced during dental procedures have the potential to spread infection to personnel and everyone else in the dental office. Along with Dam it! dental dams, the following products will inexpensively minimize the risk of aerosols:⁶



USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Nitrile Gloves

- Non-powdered
- Textured tips



SecureFit Masks

- Breath through your mask, not around it
- Dual adjustable fit for a safer and more comfortable mask



Ask your District Sales Manager for more info on our other gloves and masks!

USE OF A PRE-PROCEDURAL MOUTH RINSE

Oro - Clense

- 0.12% CHG oral rinse with 10% Ethanol
- Use of a chlorhexidine mouthwash before patient treatment has been shown to significantly reduce the bacterial count in the air of the operatory.⁷



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