

Dental Crowns

Restoring strength, function, and appearance to damaged teeth



A dental crown is a protective covering that fits over a tooth to restore its shape, strength, and appearance. Crowns are commonly used when a tooth is weakened, heavily filled, broken, or worn, or following root canal treatment.

Crowns are custom-made to blend seamlessly with your natural teeth, helping you bite, chew, and smile with confidence.



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When might a crown be recommended?

A crown may be advised if you have:

- A heavily filled or weakened tooth
- A cracked or broken tooth
- A tooth that has had root canal treatment
- Severe tooth wear
- A discoloured or misshapen tooth

Types of Crowns at Hermitage Dental Practice

We offer two types of crowns, allowing us to tailor treatment to your needs, priorities, and timescales.

Porcelain Crowns (Two-week turnaround)

- Porcelain crowns are custom-made in a dental laboratory.
- Excellent aesthetics and natural appearance
- Highly durable and stain-resistant
- Ideal for front and back teeth
- Two-week turnaround time

Composite Crowns (Faster turnaround)

- Fast restoration (usually within a week)
- Conservative approach with minimal tooth preparation
- Cost-effective option
- Ideal for selected cases

Your dentist will advise which option is most suitable for your tooth.

Benefits of Dental Crowns

- Restore strength and function to damaged teeth
- Improve appearance and confidence
- Protect teeth from further damage
- Long-lasting with good care
- Custom-made for comfort and aesthetics

Your Crown Treatment Journey

1. Assessment & Planning

Your dentist will examine the tooth, take X-rays if needed, and discuss the most appropriate crown option for you.

2. Tooth Preparation

The tooth is carefully shaped to allow space for the crown while preserving as much natural tooth structure as possible. Local anaesthetic is used to ensure comfort.

3. Application & Shaping

- **Porcelain crowns:** Digital scans are taken and sent to the laboratory. A temporary crown may be fitted.
- **Composite crowns:** Digital scans are taken and sent to the laboratory, the crown is designed in the lab and then built on-site. The turnaround time is usually one week.

4. Fitting & Review

The crown is checked for fit, bite, and appearance before being securely bonded into place.

Will the Treatment Hurt?

To avoid any pain we use local anaesthetic which usually makes treatment more comfortable. Any post-treatment sensitivity is typically mild and temporary.

How Long Do Crowns Last?

With good oral hygiene and regular dental health reviews, **composite crowns** may last 5–7 years whereas **porcelain crowns** may last 10–15 years or longer.

Longevity depends on bite forces, oral hygiene, and lifestyle habits.

Aftercare Advice

To care for your crown:

- Brush twice daily and floss/use interdental brushes carefully around the crown
- Avoid biting very hard objects
- Wear a night guard if you grind your teeth
- Attend routine dental health reviews and hygiene visits

Risks and Considerations

- Temporary sensitivity may occur
- Crowns can chip or fracture under excessive force
- In rare cases, further treatment may be required

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my crown look natural?

Yes. Crowns are carefully colour-matched and shaped to blend with your natural teeth.

Do I need to avoid eating after a crown is fitted?

You can usually eat once the anaesthetic has worn off. Your dentist will advise if any temporary precautions are needed.

Can a crowned tooth still decay?

Yes. Good oral hygiene is essential to protect the underlying tooth.

Porcelain vs Composite Crowns

	Porcelain Crown	Composite Crown
Turnaround Time	>2 weeks	Around 1 week
Aesthetics	Excellent	Very good
Longevity	Long-term	Medium
Cost	Higher	Lower
Repairs	Difficult	Easier

Why Choose Hermitage Dental Practice?

Choice of on-site or laboratory-made crowns

Experienced clinicians focused on conservative dentistry

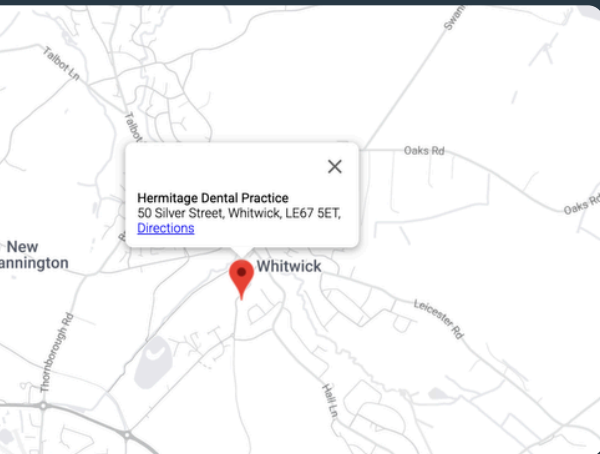
High-quality materials selected for strength and aesthetics

Clear explanations and personalised treatment planning

Calm, supportive environment throughout your care

Your next step

If you have a damaged or weakened tooth, a crown may be the right solution. Contact Hermitage Dental Practice to book a consultation.



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