







Matrix Systems

Matrix type	Characteristics	Indications
Siqveland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces a good contact and contour for amalgam restorations • Quick and easy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior teeth with a deep subgingival Class II cavity
Tofflemire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces a good contact and contour for deep subgingival amalgam restorations • Does not produce an optimal contact and contact for composite restorations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior teeth with a Class II cavity or a class I cavity with buccal or lingual/palatal extension
Sectional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces a good contact, contour and marginal ridge for composite restorations • More technique sensitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior class II cavities to be restored with composite • Upper anterior teeth
Mylar strip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces a good contour and adaptation for interproximal anterior restorations • Technique sensitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class III restorations • Class IV restorations
Clear anterior (e.g bioclear) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easier diastema closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anterior diastema closure • Class III restorations
Pre-assembled disposable (e.g Pro-matrix, Astek) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces a good contact and contour for composite restorations • Quick and easy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posterior teeth with a Class II cavity or a class I cavity with buccal or lingual/palatal extension

The contents of this table are based on the authors' clinical experience, differing opinions may exist.