

Appendices

APPENDIX I

Raw Data

Table I Raw Data

| Group | Specimen # | Failure Load(N) | Failure Mode | Group | Specimen # | Failure Load(N) | Failure Mode |
|-------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| B | 6 | 1095.12 | F | BR | 24 | 982.07 | F |
| B | 29 | 821.80 | F | BR | 26 | 982.72 | F |
| B | 44 | 1751.42 | U | BR | 32 | 476.16 | U |
| B | 4 | 1694.73 | F | BR | 50 | 1161.69 | U |
| B | 39 | 1955.95 | U | BR | 7 | 1294.18 | U |
| B | 12 | 1077.36 | F | BR | 45 | 544.94 | U |
| B | 11 | 1366.05 | F | BR | 13 | 816.72 | U |
| B | 38 | 1088.01 | U | BR | 31 | 615.08 | F |
| B | 41 | 1463.07 | F | BR | 25 | 417.67 | U |
| B | 30 | 1747.03 | F | BR | 40 | 467.83 | U |
| W | 49 | 1709.76 | U | WR | 1 | 977.96 | F |
| W | 33 | 1381.54 | U | WR | 14 | 724.17 | F |
| W | 2 | 1130.29 | F | WR | 48 | 731.58 | U |
| W | 21 | 1075.96 | F | WR | 47 | 821.25 | U |
| W | 46 | 953.36 | F | WR | 34 | 922.66 | U |
| W | 3 | 2110.87 | U | WR | 15 | 1190.65 | F |
| W | 28 | 1135.66 | U | WR | 5 | 1151.19 | U |
| W | 35 | 933.61 | F | WR | 22 | 1527.46 | U |
| W | 27 | 974.94 | F | WR | 23 | 738.32 | F |
| W | 42 | 1181.57 | F | WR | 19 | 1102.65 | U |
| R | 8 | 974.64 | U | | | | |
| R | 20 | 969.26 | U | | | | |
| R | 16 | 819.64 | F | | | | |
| R | 43 | 712.78 | F | | | | |
| R | 9 | 678.18 | F | | | | |
| R | 36 | 731.51 | U | | | | |
| R | 37 | 601.25 | F | | | | |
| R | 10 | 1627.10 | U | | | | |
| R | 18 | 1518.22 | U | | | | |
| R | 17 | 2212.85 | U | | | | |

F = Favourable Failure; U = Unfavourable Failure

APPENDIX II

List of Material Used In The Study

Table II Material Used In The Study

| Material | Manufacturer |
|--|---|
| Disinfectant | Chloramine T, BDH Laboratory Supplies, England |
| Diamond disc | Gliflax, Branden, Germany |
| Sodium hypochlorite | Clorox, Clorox (M) Industries Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia |
| Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) | Smear Clear, SybronEndo, USA |
| Barbed broach | SybronEndo, USA |
| K-files | SybronEndo, USA |
| Paper point | SybronEndo, USA |
| Gutta percha | SybronEndo, USA |
| Lentulo spiral | SybronEndo, USA |
| Resin based sealer | AH 26, Dentsply DeTrey, Konstanz, Germany |
| Finger spreader | SybronEndo, USA |
| Temporary filling | Cavit, 3M ESPE, USA |
| Glass Fibre Post | FRC Prostec Plus, Ivoclar Vivadent, Liechtenstein |
| Gates Glidden bur | Dentsply Maillefer, Switzerland |
| Resin based cement | Multilink N, Ivoclar Vivadent, Liechtenstein |
| Etchant | Total Etch, Ivoclar Vivadent, Liechtenstein |
| Bonding agent | Multilink Primer A/B, Ivoclar Vivadent, Liechtenstein |
| Resin composite | Tetric N-Ceram, Ivoclar Vivadent, Liechtenstein |
| Plastic crown former | PD 171, Produits Dentaires, Switzerland |
| Petroleum oil | Vaseline, USA |
| Silicone impression material | Aquasil, Dentsply Caulk, USA |
| Dental alloy | System KN, Germany |
| Self cure epoxy resin | Mirapox 950, Miracon Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia |

APPENDIX III

List of Equipment/ Instrument Used In The Study

Table III Equipment/ Instrument Used In The Study

| Equipment / Instrument | Manufacturer |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Ultrasonic scaler | Satelec, France |
| Gracey 5/6 | Dentsply Ash, UK |
| Digital Caliper | Mitutoyo, Japan |
| Stereoscopic microscope | Kyowa Optical, Japan |
| Endodontic condenser | Dentsply Maillefer, Switzerland |
| Light cure unit | Spectrum 800, Dentsply Caulk, USA |
| High speed handpiece | GentleSilence, KaVo, Germany |
| Conventional speed handpiece | NSK, Japan |
| Dental surveyor | AF 30, Switzerland |
| Thermocycling machine | Faculty of Engineering, University of Malaya, Malaysia |
| Universal testing machine | Shimadzu, Japan |

APPENDIX IV

Statistical Analysis Table

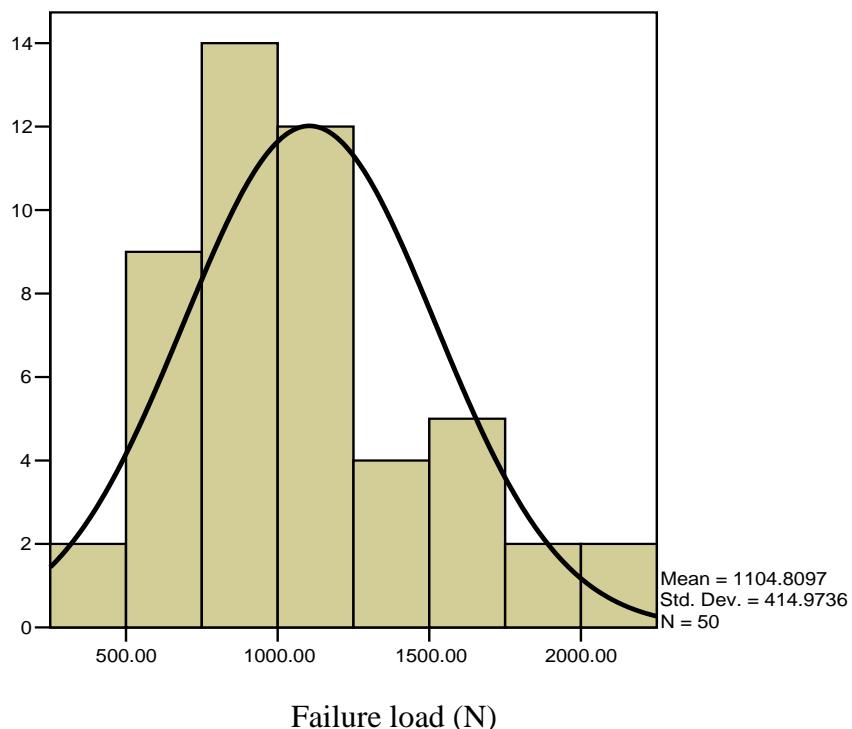
Table IV.1 The mean failure load, standard deviation and the 95% confidence interval

| | <i>N</i> | <i>Mean</i> | <i>Std. Deviation</i> | <i>Std. Error</i> | 95% Confidence Interval for Mean | | <i>Minimum</i> | <i>Maximum</i> |
|-------|----------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | Lower Bound | Upper Bound | | |
| B | 10 | 1406.0540 | 376.14083 | 118.94617 | 1136.9791 | 1675.1289 | 821.80 | 1955.95 |
| W | 10 | 1258.7560 | 379.34815 | 119.96042 | 987.3867 | 1530.1253 | 933.61 | 2110.87 |
| R | 10 | 1084.5430 | 528.37340 | 167.08634 | 706.5674 | 1462.5186 | 601.25 | 2212.85 |
| BR | 10 | 815.9060 | 298.30701 | 94.33296 | 602.5100 | 1029.3020 | 417.67 | 1294.18 |
| WR | 10 | 958.7893 | 199.86739 | 63.20362 | 815.8128 | 1101.7658 | 724.17 | 1227.46 |
| Total | 50 | 1104.8097 | 414.97360 | 58.68613 | 986.8755 | 1222.7439 | 417.67 | 2212.85 |

Table IV.2 Test of Homogeneity of Variances

| Levene Statistic | df1 | df2 | Sig. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 2.168 | 4 | 45 | 0.088 |

Figure VI.1 Histogram of Failure Load of All Specimens



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