

Placing Silver Amalgam Fillings



Thin, flexible band

A wedge holds the band in place



Pressing filling material into tooth

Carving the filling



Checking the bite



Amalgam filling

The procedure

When a tooth needs a filling, a silver amalgam filling can be an effective choice.

We begin by numbing the area to make you comfortable. Depending on the size of the filling and which tooth we're working on, we may place a rubber dam to protect your mouth and throat while we work.

Then we use the handpiece to remove any decay and shape the tooth, so it will securely hold the filling. To mold the filling to the shape of the tooth, we surround the tooth with a thin, flexible band. We may also use a small wedge to hold the band snugly in place.

We press the filling material into the prepared tooth and then carve it into the proper shape. Last, we check the fit and your bite, and we confirm that you'll be able to floss around the tooth to keep it healthy.

The benefits of an amalgam filling

An amalgam filling seals out bacteria and protects the tooth. It's also strong and very durable, so it will withstand heavy biting forces. It's a good choice for restoring your tooth's function.