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Victory Series Active Self-Ligating Brackets offer treatment alternative

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Although self-ligating brackets have been available since the 1990s, their evolution and acceptance by the orthodontic community seems to have progressed most in the past two decades.

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Quality and reliability from a trusted brand

The Victory Series brand family of orthodontic brackets from 3M Unitek is known by industry professionals worldwide for its quality. Now, this renowned family has expanded into the self-ligating bracket category with the introduction of new Victory Series Active Self-Ligating Brackets.

Designed using extensive practitioner input, Victory Series Active Self-Ligating Brackets combine industry benchmark performance with APC™ Adhesive, the most efficient bonding system in orthodontics, resulting in an outstanding and unique treatment choice.

From the beginning to the end of treatment, Victory Series Active SL Brackets are designed to give practitioners the quality and reliability they need to treat the most complex cases. They feature a robust ligating mechanism that provides durability and ease of operation, and the full slot-width size door allows optimal rotational control.

There are no special instruments necessary to open or close the door, so the brackets can be used without changing techniques. Patient comfort is also enhanced with thoughtful design aspects such as round, low-profile hooks and rounded edges on the bracket body.

3M Unitek recruited orthodontists who were using competitive active self-ligating brackets for design input and asked them to treat their patients with the brackets in an evaluation phase. Comments received were overwhelmingly positive, including:

• “I felt I was in control the entire duration of treatment, as I had no loss of the ability to ligate the wire in an active state.”
• “What I found most exciting about the Victory Series Active SL Bracket system was the quality finishing I was seeing with a straight wire. Quality engineering led to improved lower anterior alignment.”
• “Dependability, control and quality are what I get with ... Victory Series Active SL Brackets. Doctors using active self-ligation should consider this system.”

Efficiencies with APC II Adhesive system

Victory Series Active SL Brackets are available pre-coated with proven APC II Adhesive, which reduces bonding steps and variables for added efficiency and convenience. Fewer steps during the bonding process can make the [infamous] bonding appointment more pleasant for both orthodontists and patients.

With a combination of bracket and adhesive, orthodontists and their patients can enjoy the unique benefits of the world’s only pre-coated active self-ligating bracket.