

Progressive Lenses 101:

What they are, and the difference between progressives and bifocals

What are Progressive Lenses?

Progressive lenses or “no-line bifocals” are lenses that had a gradual curvature across the lens surface, providing clearer vision at near and far distances with smooth, comfortable transitions in between.

Why do people need Progressive Lenses?

People suffering from presbyopia, a common condition in which fine print becomes fuzzy or blurry do to difficulties focusing up close. In conjunction with existing vision issues, this can lead to people needing a progressive lens prescription.

What’s the difference between Progressive Lenses and Bifocals?

Bifocals have a visible line that distinguishes between an area of near-field vision and an area of far-field vision in the lens. Progressive lenses have no line and offer clear, continuous vision fields for near, middle and far vision.

Are progressive lenses only for “old people”?

Progressive lenses are typically used when the eyes change shape, which is often due to age. However, there are a number of other reasons a change in the shape of the eye may occur including accident or injury. In some cases, severe astigmatism or premature presbyopia may also require the use of progressive lenses.

Why choose Seiko Progressive Lenses?

Seiko maintains a patent on the only 100% internal free-form progressive lens in the market, which allows for 42% wider reading area, with clear distance vision to the periphery, which is beneficial for progressive lens wearers who rely heaving on eyeglasses for near vision. In addition, Seiko’s progressive lenses have been designed to eliminate swaying typical in progressive lenses, and carry a universally-blended design to ensure maximum distance and wide reading area, allowing for adaptability across you scope of sight.

