

# FOUNDATION

## HIGH NOBLE WHITE PORCELAIN ALLOY

**FOUNDATION** is a high noble alloy for porcelain fused to metal restorations. Its exceptional mechanical properties, high melting temperature for ease of soldering, and optimal thermal expansion make **FOUNDATION** an outstanding alloy for long span bridges when high nobility is desired. **FOUNDATION** is compatible with Creation, Ceramco II and other similar porcelains.

PROPERTIES	
Melting Range	2150° to 2335°F (1175° to 1280°C)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	
	from 25°C to 500°C: 14.1x10-6C <sup>-1</sup>
	from 25°C to 600°C: 14.4x10-6C <sup>-1</sup>
Density	13.9 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Grain Size	25 microns

CHEMISTRY	
Gold	51.9%
Palladium	34.0%
Indium	6.0%
Silver	5.0%
Zinc	3.0%
Contains less than 1% Rhenium	
Au & Pt Group - 85.9%	
Classification-High Noble	

Porcelain Fired	
Hardness	225 HV
Tensile Elongation	30%
Yield Strength, 0.2% Offset	70,050 psi (485 MPa)
Ultimate Tensile Strength	100,660 psi (695 MPa)
Modulus of Elasticity	12.2x10 <sup>6</sup> psi

### PROCESSING TECHNIQUE

#### WAXING AND SPRUING

Wax to a minimum thickness of .3mm for single units and .5mm for bridge work. Avoid sharp angles and corners. The indirect sprue method is recommended for multi-units. Use at least an 8 gauge runner bar with 10 gauge connectors. The direct method may be used on single units and small bridges. Use no smaller than 10 gauge sprues with reservoirs 1/8" from the patterns. Patterns should be a maximum of 1/4" from top of investment.

#### INVESTMENT

A high heat phosphate investment with or without carbon is recommended.

#### BURNOUT

1450°F (790°C)

#### MELTING AND CASTING

One extra wind of the casting arm is recommended. Use a multi-orifice torch with 10 psi fuel and 20 psi oxygen. The alloy will fully puddle and form a ball before it is ready to cast. DO NOT OVERHEAT. DO NOT USE CASTING FLUX. The casting temperature is 2430°F (1330°C).

#### DEVESTING AND FINISHING

Blast with aluminum oxide to remove investment particles. Finish with carbides or aluminum oxide stones. Reblast porcelain receiving surface with non-recycled aluminum oxide. Clean in ultrasonic for 10 minutes in distilled water or denatured alcohol (high purity only).

#### OXIDATION

Oxidize from 800°F to 1800°F (500°C to 980°C) at 145°F/min (80°C/min) under vacuum with no hold time. The oxide should have a neutral grey color. Please note: degassing in air can form a green oxide. If this occurs, sand blast the metal, ultrasonic clean and re-oxidize under vacuum.

#### SOLDERS AND FLUX

Pre-Solder: PWS or LX Solder  
 Post-Solder: 1400 Solder  
 Flux: Brown Fluoride Flux for both pre and post soldering.

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