

Retainer Options

Permanent Wire: Retanium

- The glued wire goes behind the top 4 front teeth and/or the 6 bottom front teeth.
- The wire cannot be seen from the front and is made in our office.
- **Advantages:** The wire helps stabilize the teeth and is an insurance policy for keeping the teeth straight if the removable retainer is not worn.
- **Disadvantages:** The wire can fracture or become loose, it is harder to floss, and the glue holding the wire can wear down and may need to be repaired for an additional fee.
- The wire can be removed at your request, but we recommend keeping it in until college and then you can decide to remove it. If you choose to remove the wire, it is important to keep wearing your removable retainers, so your teeth do not shift.
- **The permanent wire is included in the treatment plan and is no extra cost.**
- **There is an additional fee if the retainer breaks and needs to be replaced or repaired.**

Premium Permanent Wire: Memotain

- This is a different type of glued wire that goes behind your teeth.
- This wire is custom made for your teeth by a robot in Germany and is the most accurate permanent retainer.
- It takes roughly 4 weeks to get this retainer back from the lab.
- **An additional cost of \$280 for the upper arch and \$280 for the lower arch applies.**
- **There is an additional fee if the retainer breaks and needs to be replaced or repaired.**

Removable Retainer: Essix

- A clear plastic removable retainer that can be taken in and out of the mouth.
- **Advantages:** Easier to floss/ keep the teeth clean and no emergencies for a broken wire.
- **Disadvantages:** If the retainer is not worn, then the teeth can shift.
- If a glued retainer is chosen, the Essix retainer is still recommended to be worn at night. This retainer acts as an insurance policy to prevent the teeth from shifting.
- Why have both a glued wire and a removable retainer? The clear plastic retainer is to make sure your teeth do not shift if the glued wire breaks or comes off. Similarly, the glued wires act as a safety blanket if you forget to wear the removable retainer.
- **This retainer is made in the office and is included in the treatment plan.**
- **There is an additional fee if the retainer is lost or broken.**
- **Ask us about our Retainers for Life Club!**

Premium Removable Retainer: Vivera

- This is a clear plastic removable retainer that is fabricated by Invisalign.
- A 3D printer fabricates the retainer so it is the most accurate removable retainer we offer.
- You get 4 retainers per arch and change out the Vivera retainers every year.
- **If you choose to get a Vivera for the upper there is a fee of \$680. If you choose to get Vivera for the upper and lower arches there is a fee of \$1280.**
- **If no permanent or glued wire is chosen, then we recommend going with Vivera because this retainer is the most accurate and you get 4 retainers for each arch.**