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# Channels FLEX





Dentists can count on the flexibility and strength of the Channels FLEX rotary file system to assist in completing root canal procedures quickly, predictably, and affordably

aving a root canal is certainly not going to be at the top of anyone's bucket list, and just hearing those 2 words can send even the bravest of patients into a panicked state. But endodontic procedures can be nerve wracking for the dentist as well, and many clinicians, including Dr. Todd Sarubin, are searching for a solution to improve the efficiency and predictability of root canal procedures.

"If you can complete a root canal in less time with great accuracy, the chairside experience for the doctor and the patient is impacted greatly," explained Dr. Sarubin. And that's exactly what happened when he tried Henry Schein's Channels FLEX rotary file system in his practice. Discovering that the files are ideal for cleaning difficult canals, Dr. Sarubin praised Channels FLEX for their "good flexibility and taper, not overly aggressive dentin removal, no fatigue, gutta percha that fits great, no fractured files, and significant time savings."

The Channels FLEX NiTi files are available in a full assortment of different tapers, lengths, and ISO sizes, and matching gutta percha and absorbent points are available. Dr. Sarubin appreciates having a choice of .04 or .06 taper for different canal shapes, and he likes that the files are reusable and "easy to clean and sterilize without negatively affecting the files." Ultimately, Dr. Sarubin decided that Channels FLEX is a win-win for patients and dentists, allowing for "successful endodontics while taking less time."

#### Flexibility, Navigation, & Cutting Efficiency

A rotary file with proprietary metallurgy technology that results in flexibility and strength, Channels FLEX files are capable of bending to 90-degree curves to navigate a canal's natural shape without bounce-back. Several evaluators named "flexibility of the files" as their favorite feature, including Dr. Eric



Winterton, Dr. Craig Ratner, and Dr. Lourdes Albandoz, who said, "The files help to prepare canals very easily due to their flexibility." Noting that "Channels FLEX files are flexible and do not separate," Dr. Varo Boyer shared, "Finding, negotiating, and shaping canals was easy and efficient, with minimal to no transporting or ledging."

Stating that "the strength combined with flexibility" is what he likes best about Channels FLEX, Dr. Paul Chaiken declared, "These files provide a balance between efficient function, strength, and flexibility without being too aggressive." Dr. Daniel Florian said, "The files negotiated canals with ease," and Dr. Ratner suggested that the cutting efficiency could be improved in tight canals. When using Channels FLEX on an upper 2nd premolar with a narrow isthmus, Dr. Sarubin reported a successful outcome. "I was able to access both canals, clean and fill, and still have plenty of tooth structure left for the post and core without sacrificing the tooth."

#### **Durability of Files & Procedure Efficiency**

Channels FLEX technology delivers high resistance to cyclic fatigue, which allows Dr. Boyer to "go into a root canal procedure with more confidence." He said, "The combination of flexibility and strength makes endodontics for a GP less stressful and more

## takeaways

- A highly flexible rotary file system capable of 90-degree
- Durable files resist breakage and separation and have high resistance to cyclic fatigue
- Files come in 2 Efficient cutting and canal navigation gutta percha
  - tapers, 3 lengths, and several ISO sizes with matching paper points and
- · Allows for quick, predictable, and affordable root canal procedures



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efficient." Dr. Ratner appreciates the "standardized, easy protocol," Dr. Milton Ruiz said it "made molar treatment a lot more efficient," and Dr. Jason Wetmore likes that the "files are compatible with my existing motor and shaping sequences."

Pleased that the "very flexible files maintain their shape without separation," Dr. Winterton said he can perform "quicker root canals" with Channels FLEX, and Dr. Florian described "great dentin cutting with no file separation." Dr. Chaiken noted, "The files were highly efficient while maintaining safe dentin removal and reducing treatment time." Channels FLEX files "work great and make doing a root canal fun," shared Dr. Florian, "These files saved me and the patient time, which makes for a happy dentist/patient relationship!"

#### **Channels FLEX System**

The color coded Channels FLEX files come in 2 tapers (.04 and .06), 3 lengths (21, 25, 30mm), and several ISO sizes with corresponding paper points and gutta percha. Dr. Florian praised the "precision molded gutta percha," Dr. Frank Chiu said the "gutta percha matched to the file perfectly," and Dr. Albondoz suggested, "The file, gutta percha and paper points need to work together a little better."

"It is easy to keep the system organized," shared Dr. Winterton, while Dr. Chiu and Dr. Wetmore suggested improved packaging as the file boxes would sometimes open and spill files out. "This system is like most rotary file systems and is easy to get used to," shared Dr. Chiu, who praised the "lower cost per file."

#### **Overall Satisfaction**

Pleased to find an alternative to "overpriced endodontic files," Dr. Wetmore said Channels FLEX is "very similar to my

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current name brand files." Noting that he sees no difference between Channels FLEX and name brand endo files, Dr. Chiu concluded, "These files are equal to name brand files in strength but at lower costs." Now that's truly a win-win for the patient and the practice.

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### **PRODUCT REVIEW SNAPSHOT**

CRITERIA BASED ON AVERAGE SCORE (OUT OF 5)

