

## Ivoclar Vivadent Withdraws Patent Suits Against 3M

3M and Ivoclar Vivadent announced today that they have settled their respective lawsuits in Germany and the U.S.

The Ivoclar Vivadent suits alleged that 3M Filtek™ composite dental restoratives infringed its patents. Ivoclar Vivadent voluntarily withdrew its German and U.S. patent infringement suits against 3M prompting the settlement. These actions settle a six-month lawsuit between the parties.

### About Ivoclar Vivadent

Ivoclar Vivadent is one of the world's leading manufacturers of innovative material systems for high-quality dental applications. The company's success is based on a comprehensive portfolio of products and systems, strong research and development capabilities and a clear commitment to training and further education. The company has wholly owned subsidiaries in 22 countries, and it employs 2,500 people worldwide.

### About 3M

3M captures the spark of new ideas and transforms them into thousands of ingenious products. Our culture of creative collaboration inspires a never-ending stream of powerful technologies that make life better. 3M is the innovation company that never stops inventing. With \$30 billion in sales, 3M employs 84,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 65 countries. For more information, visit [www.3M.com](http://www.3M.com) or follow @3MNews on Twitter.

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