

3M Files Lawsuit for Design Infringement to Protect Flip-Top Dispenser

3M has filed an infringement lawsuit in Düsseldorf, Germany, against Dentsply DeTrey GmbH alleging that Dentsply's Prime&Bond Active Universal adhesive dispenser design infringes on 3M's Registered EU Community Design for the 3M™ Scotchbond™ Universal adhesive flip-top dispenser design.

3M's design protected flip-top dispenser allows for easy one-handed opening and controlled dispensing of adhesive material used in the dental market. In 2012, 3M's flip top, one-handed design received the honor of the Red Dot Design Award. This international award is one of the largest and most renowned design competitions in the world. Scotchbond Universal adhesive is used by dentists around the world for dental restoration procedures. It is a leading dental adhesive in the U.S.

3M is committed to improving oral care through continuous investments in research and development. The Anaheim Group has recognized the Oral Care Solutions Division of 3M as the most innovative dental company for the past 11 years. This distinction is awarded based on the number of patent filings, 510k clearances and new product introductions.

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