

### 1. What happens if the ASTICS™ wire breaks?

If wire breakage occurs, contact your dentist or orthodontist immediately to arrange for appliance repair. The broken wire and possibly the metal connectors will be removed and replaced.

### 2. What happens if the ASTICS™ wire crazes?

When excessive crazing or whitening of the wire is observed, it should be replaced as described in question 1.

### 3. What precautions should be taken when handling the ASTICS™ retainer?

- a) Always remove the appliance by first dislodging the clasps in the posterior regions of the retainer.
- b) Retainer removal should proceed from the back of the mouth to the front.
- c) It is important NOT to pull down or push up on the ASTICS™ wire during the process of removal and insertion.

### 4. How precautions should be taken while cleaning the ASTICS™ retainer?

- a) The wire should NOT be brushed.
- b) The wire should be gently wiped down with or without toothpaste.
- c) The retainer can be rinsed with mouthwash.

### 5. Will the ASTICS™ wire yellow over time?

Extensive real environment testing has been done on the ASTICS™ wire. The ASTICS™ wire has been subjected to conditions found within the mouth and immersed in concentrated solutions such as coffee, tumeric, etc. for extended periods of time with no ill effect.

**If you have any further questions about your ASTICS™ Retainer please contact our office:**