

## Tips for intra-Oral Scanning

1. Get the bite right. (Very important)  
Make sure you capture enough teeth for the bite.
2. Verify scan without color.  
When the scan is in black and white, the contrast is better and the margins show up more clearly. It's also important to keep in mind that since the technology is immediate in displaying results, there's always an opportunity to review the results while the patient is still in place. If any poorly scanned areas or missing parts of the image are spotted, it's easy to rescan those hard-to-reach locations.
3. Pack cord.  
Dentists should still pack cord when taking a digital impression. Because intraoral scanners only see what's visible to the eye, it's important for dentists to use two-cord retraction. The margin is arguably the most important area for any restoration. This is the best way to get the clearest, most complete scans.
4. Scan the tooth or teeth prior to prepping, and include it as a study or pre-op scan.  
Including a scan taken prior to prepping increases the accuracy of the work done, one of the biggest concerns facing dentists. Unless the work is accurate, it won't matter how convenient it was.
5. Excessive moisture is the enemy of accurate digital impressions, and controlling it is vital when using your intraoral scanner. Keep the tissue dry.
6. Make sure that the scanner wand is clean and dry, to make sure the final results weren't tainted.
7. Recalibrate often (Every 2 weeks)