

PROBLEMS

SOLUTIONS



LOOSE BRACKET



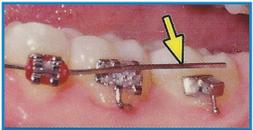
LOOSE BAND



LOST TIE WIRE OR ELASTIC TIE

HEADGEAR OR APPLIANCE DOES NOT FIT

SORENESS FROM BRACES



WIRE OUT OF TUBE



ROTATED ARCHWIRE



POKING TIE WIRE



POKING ARCHWIRE

ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TEETH

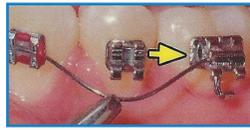
If the bracket or band is still attached to wire, leave it in place. If it's uncomfortable, cover it with wax. If it comes out completely, call for an appointment and bring the bracket/band with you. **DO NOT CONNECT HEADGEAR OR ELASTICS TO A LOOSE BAND.**

Please call to ask if an appointment is necessary. Notify the assistant at your next appointment.

Call for an appointment.

Rinse the mouth with warm salt water. If necessary, take the pain reliever that you would use for a headache or similar discomfort.

Try to place the wire back into the tube with tweezers. Place wax if uncomfortable. Call for an appointment.



Try to slide wire back around to the other side. If unsuccessful, place wax and call for an appointment.

Bend wire back with a spoon or pencil eraser. If unsuccessful, cover with wax and call for an appointment.



Cover with wax or wet cotton. Call for an appointment.

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Call your dentist or orthodontist immediately.

How Many Terms CAN YOU NAME?

Bracket

Small attachment that holds the archwire in place.

Tie Wires (Ligatures)

Fine wires that hold the archwire to the brackets. Elastic ligatures (tiny rubber bands) can also be used.

Band

Thin ring of metal around the tooth. Its purpose is to give a way to attach the brackets and wires to the tooth.

Headgear Tube

Tube that the inner bow of the headgear fits into.

Elastics

Rubber bands that are hooked between two different points to give pressure to move teeth.

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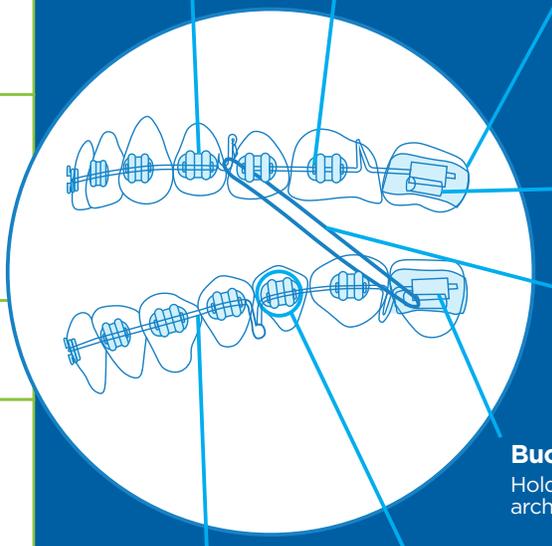
Holds the end of the archwire safely in place.

Archwire

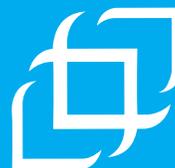
The main wire that acts like a track along which the teeth are guided.

Direct Bonding

The bracket is cemented directly to the tooth surface.



EXTENSIVE REPAIRS MAY REQUIRE AN APPOINTMENT DURING MORNING HOURS. PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR BRACES.



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