



Tooth Chatter



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TYPES OF TEETH, PORCELAIN OR PLASTIC?

Most teeth used to make dentures are made of either acrylic(plastic) or porcelain. Years ago, porcelain had advantages over acrylic. However, acrylic has been significantly improved over the past few years. Acrylic teeth resist wear to a greater degree and have become much more attractive and natural looking. Both types of teeth are used for different reasons.

PORCELAIN TEETH

Porcelain is much harder than acrylic, however it is brittle like glass and tends to chip or fracture if dropped or overstressed by constant biting. Many people who have porcelain dentures complain of clicking sounds whenever the teeth meet. Porcelain teeth should be used when a patient has jaw joint problems such as TMJ (temporomandibular joint dysfunction) In these cases, it is important that a consistent bite is maintained with the least amount of wear deviation. Years ago porcelain teeth used to look much more natural. However, today acrylic's have come a long way, and it is very difficult to tell the difference between the two.

PLASTIC TEETH

Although porcelain is harder than plastic, the fact that acrylic may wear down a little sooner can be a distinct advantage. This wearing action may ultimately result in better preservation of the tissue and bone. Since porcelain teeth resist wear they do not absorb chewing stresses which may eventually traumatize the tissue and shrink the supporting bone structure. Acrylic teeth are the best choice where a denture meets with nature teeth, because porcelain teeth are much stronger than natural dentition. Acrylic teeth can be ground and reshaped allowing greater variation in tooth placement and design.

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Not only do more than 50 per cent of senior citizens need at least one hearing aid, so do many other Canadians. These include younger adults exposed to long-term damaging noise, children who are "higher risk" at birth and people of all ages whose hearing is affected by injury or disease, such as meningitis.

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Robbery suspect found in false ceiling

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Taylor said they had been kept in the freezer area of the store by a second suspect armed with a handgun. That suspect was found hiding in the false ceiling area in a back storeroom.

He was also arrested, and suffered minor injuries. No shots were fired during the incident.

Police believed there might have been a third suspect involved in the incident and the service's Tactical Rescue Unit spent several hours Monday searching the building that houses the store, an adjacent building and surrounding area, but no one was found.

The area around the plaza was cordoned off and the units evacuated until police completed their search Monday afternoon.

In a press release issued Monday evening police said the robbery occurred at about 10:30 a.m. when two men wearing ski masks and point-

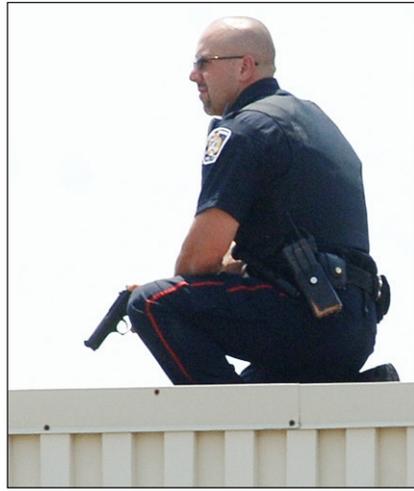
ing a handgun entered the store. Two Mac's employees were forced into and confined in a freezer while the robbery was carried out.

Charged with robbery with a firearm, possession of a firearm while committing an offence, pointing a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of a restricted firearm with ammunition, hostage confinement and wear disguise with intent are Roger Moore, 19 and Rayon Powell, 21, of Brampton.

Taylor said the officers investigating the incident had never come across a scenario similar to the one they encountered Monday.

"I think the police did an excellent job," said Taylor. "They did everything they were supposed to do."

"By staying on the scene we were able to receive information that led us to the arrest of two people."



During the search of the building for a possible third suspect, Halton Police had their guns drawn like this constable on the roof.

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