Every year Clinicians Report publishes an annual guide of many of the best products for the upcoming year based on evaluations from the previous twelve months. The products presented in this report have been through rigorous, independent, non-manufacturer-sponsored evaluation and testing. CR conducts research at three levels:

1. Product evaluations among 450 clinical evaluators worldwide in their own offices
2. Controlled long-term clinical research completed by TRAC Research, the human studies section of CR
3. Basic science laboratory testing

Products listed in this Buying Guide have been evaluated by the CR science team and CR Clinical Evaluators. Each product in this report is color-coded to identify why it has been included in this listing. Products that are not listed may not have been tested this year, may still be in testing, or were not among the highest rated. For many other excellent products not mentioned, please review previous CR Buying Guides and Clinicians Reports at www.CliniciansReport.org.

**PROVEN PRODUCTS**

are listed alphabetically and in red. These products have been determined by research and long-term clinical use and are commonly used and generally accepted by CR Evaluators. They are often used for new product comparisons. Some categories do not have proven products listed.

**HIGHLY RATED NEW PRODUCTS**

are listed alphabetically and in blue. They were identified by in-house science evaluations and CR Evaluator use during 2018. Only products with an overall grade of 3.0 or higher (4.0 highest) and an Evaluator recommendation of 70% or greater were included.

--- THIS IS NOT AN ALL INCLUSIVE LIST OF SUCCESSFUL DENTAL PRODUCTS ---

**RESTORATIVE/OPERATIVE/PEDIATRIC**

**Handpieces**


The following handpiece had overall excellent performance ratings in Clinicians Report February 2017.

**557 ProStyle SF Lite SLC (Proven Product), Lares Research**

Low cost handpiece with compact head (10.4mm diameter and 12.4mm height) that delivers high power (torque).

$553/Handpiece

The following handpiece was reviewed in Clinicians Report May 2017.

**LEGACY 5 (Proven Product), Lares Research**

High-speed handpiece with five-year warranty. Compact head design provides excellent visibility and accessibility.

Also in standard head size.

$899/Lighted handpiece ($849/Non-lighted)

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WHAT IS CR?

WHY CR?
CR was founded in 1976 by clinicians who believed practitioners could confirm efficacy and clinical usefulness of new products and avoid both the experimentation on patients and failures in the closet. With this purpose in mind, CR was organized as a unique volunteer purpose of testing all types of dental products and disseminating results to colleagues throughout the world.

WHO FUNDS CR?
Research funds come from subscriptions to the Gordon J. Christensen Clinicians Report®. Revenue from CR’s “Dentistry Update® courses support payroll for non-clinical staff. All Clinical Evaluators volunteer their time and expertise. CR is a non-profit, educational research institute. It is not owned in whole or in part by any individual, family, or group of investors. This system, free of outside funding, was designed to keep CR’s research objective and candid.

HOW DOES CR FUNCTION?
Each year, CR tests in excess of 750 different product brands, performing about 20,000 field evaluations. CR tests all types of dental products, including materials, devices, and equipment, plus techniques. Worldwide, products are purchased from distributors, secured from companies, and sent to CR by clinicians, inventors, and patients. There is no charge to companies for product evaluations. Testing combines the efforts of 450 clinicians in 19 countries who volunteer their time and expertise, and 40 on-site scientists, engineers, and support staff. Products are subjected to at least two levels of CR’s unique three-tiered evaluation process that consists of:

1. Clinical field trials where new products are incorporated into routine use in a variety of dental practices and compared by clinicians to products and methods they use routinely.
2. Controlled clinical tests where new products are used and compared under rigorously controlled conditions, and patients are paid for their time as study participants.
3. Laboratory tests where physical and chemical properties of new products are compared to standard products.

THE PROBLEM WITH NEW DENTAL PRODUCTS.
New dental products have always presented a challenge to clinicians because, with little more than promotional information to guide them, they must judge between those that are new and better, and those that are just new. Because of the industry’s keen competition and rush to be first on the market, clinicians and their patients often become test data for new products.

Every clinician has, at one time or another, become a victim of this system. All own new products that did not meet expectations, but are stored in hope of some unknown future use, or thrown away at a considerable loss. To help clinicians make educated product purchases, CR tests new dental products and reports the results to the profession.

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