

# What can you do to increase the life of your high-speed handpieces?

1. Always lubricate and purge after each patient and before autoclaving.  
Ensure maintenance procedures are correct and are adhered to.  
Follow the manufacturer's instructions or use the Free 12 Point Maintenance Check List on [www.handpiecehotline.com.au](http://www.handpiecehotline.com.au). It will give immediate feedback to your answers.
2. Operate handpieces at the manufacturer's recommended pressures. Too great a pressure will prematurely burn out bearings.
3. Check the precision of the bearings that are fitted. ABEC 7 is no longer acceptable. Specify finer, smoother, longer life, improved performance ABEC 9 or 9+ bearings.
4. Specify ceramic bearings wherever possible for up to 25% extra service life (sometimes more). But be careful, there are cheaper 'ceramic' bearings that have only a thin ceramic coating around a steel ball. Avoid these. Specify solid silicone nitride balls.



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