§ 872.5470 Orthodontic plastic bracket.

(a) Identification. An orthodontic plastic bracket is a plastic device intended to be bonded to a tooth to apply pressure to a tooth from a flexible orthodontic wire to alter its position.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 872.5500 Extraporal orthodontic headgear.

(a) Identification. An extraporal orthodontic headgear is a device intended for use with an orthodontic appliance to exert pressure on the teeth from outside the mouth. The headgear has a strap intended to wrap around the patient’s neck or head and an inner bow portion intended to be fastened to the orthodontic appliance in the patient’s mouth.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 872.5525 Prefeormed tooth positioner.

(a) Identification. A preformed tooth positioner is a plastic device that is an impression of a perfected bite intended to prevent a patient’s teeth from shifting position or to move teeth to a final position after orthodontic appliances (braces) have been removed. The patient bites down on the device for several hours a day to force the teeth into a final position or to maintain the teeth in their corrected position.

(b) Classification. Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to the limitations in §872.9.


§ 872.5580 Oral rinse to reduce the adhesion of dental plaque.

(a) Identification. The device is assigned the generic name oral rinse to reduce the adhesion of dental plaque and is identified as a device intended to reduce the presence of bacterial plaque on teeth and oral mucosal surfaces by physical means. The device type includes those devices that act by reducing the attachment and inhibiting the growth of bacterial plaque.

(b) Classification. Class II (special controls). The special control is FDA’s guidance document entitled “Class II Special Controls Guidance Document: Oral Rinse to Reduce the Adhesion of Dental Plaque.” See §872.1(e) for the availability of this guidance document.

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