

Mechanical Properties

Material Specifications

Lava™ Frame framework ceramic

Density (ρ):	6.08 g/cm ³
Weibull strength (σ_B):	> 1200 MPa
Fracture toughness (K_{IC}):	10 MPa m ^{1/2}
(Youngs) Modulus of elasticity (E):	210 GPa
CTE:	10 x 10 ⁻⁶ 25-500°C
Melting point:	2700°C
Grain size:	0.5 μ m
Vickers hardness (HV 10):	1250

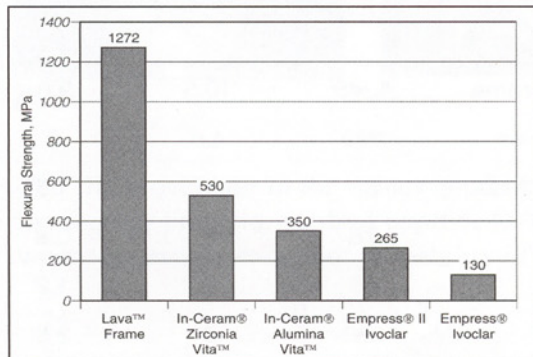
Lava™ Ceram veneer ceramic

Density (ρ):	2.5 g/cm ³
Weibull strength (σ_B):	95 MPa
Fracture toughness (K_{IC}):	1.2 MPa m ^{1/2}
(Youngs) Modulus of elasticity (E):	80 GPa
CTE:	10x10 ⁻⁶ 25-500°C
Firing temperature:	810 °C
Grain size (d_{50}):	25 μ m
Vickers hardness (HV 0.2):	530

Data in accordance with standard ISO 6872

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4-point bending test (biaxial: piston-on-three-balls)

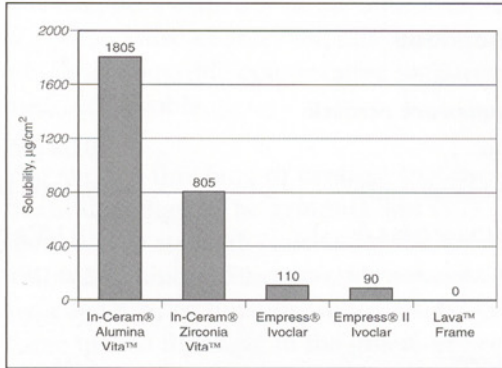


A competitive product, In-Ceram® Zirconia, which is a glass-infiltrated ceramic based on a zirconium oxide and aluminium oxide combination, has only about half the flexural strength of Lava System Frame, but has been indicated for bridges in posterior applications.

The flexural strength (ISO 6872) in the 3-point bending test was also determined by Dr. Simonis (Berlin)¹⁰: 1625 MPa.

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Chemical Solubility

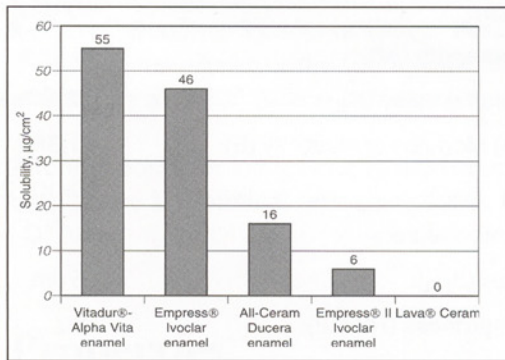


The fact that there is no detectable solubility of the Lava™ zirconium oxide framework is an indication of its high biocompatibility.

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Chemical Solubility



As with the framework ceramic, here too the solubility cannot be measured. This is an indication of excellent biocompatibility.

Long-term strength

Ceramic	Weibull strength σ_0 [MPa]	Weibull modulus m [-]	Fracture toughness K_{IC} [MPa√m]	Crack growth coefficient n [-]	Crack growth coefficient B [MPa²sec]
Lava™ System Frame	1345	10.5	9,6	50*	-
In-Ceram® Alumina	290	4.6	5	18	6.0·10 ¹
CEREC® (Vita™ Mark II)	88	24	1.3	26	1.8·10 ¹
Dicor®	76	6	0.8	25	2.9·10 ¹
Empress® I	89	9	1.2	25	5.8·10 ¹
Empress® II	289	9	2.5	20	2.3·10 ³
HiCeram®	135	9	2.5	20	1.2·10 ³
Hydroxyapatite	114	6	0.9	17	2.2·10 ²
Vita™ Omega Opaker	69	12	1.4	21	7.2·10 ¹

Prof. Marx and Dr. Fischer, Aachen.¹⁹

* = 3M ESPE internal data