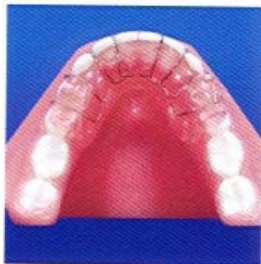




CLARK TWIN BLOCK



WHAT IT IS – The Twin Block appliance is a removable functional appliance. It is made up of two components, an upper and a lower plate, which work together to posture the lower jaw forward. This frees up the “locked-in” lower jaw and encourages it to grow to its fullest potential. The upper (and sometimes lower) plate may also have an expansion screw to widen the arch. Treatment with a Twin Block appliance typically takes 12 to 18 months.

USES – The Twin Block appliance is most efficient when used in children who are in their growth phase, to correct an underdeveloped lower jaw. It is usually a “phase 1” appliance and may be followed by braces (phase 2) or a retainer.