

What Exactly Are Barrier Sleeves?

Barrier sleeves are disposable plastic coverings designed to be placed over various tools and surfaces in the dental office. They act as a **protective shield**, preventing contact between contaminated substances—like saliva, blood, and aerosols—and the surfaces or equipment they cover.

In a typical operator, you'll find barrier sleeves on:

- X-ray sensors and sensor cords
- Chair headrests and armrests
- Instrument trays and tray covers
- Air/water syringe handles