

**Dentaltown editorial director  
Dr. Tom Giacobbi says:**

The universal truth when it comes to endodontics and general dentists is that you either love it or refer it. A key component of success in any procedure is using the best instruments and materials for the case. In endodontics, the files are the workhorse of the procedure so they can make your cleaning and shaping a breeze. If you plan to perform more root canals in 2017, pick a system and get plenty of continuing education.

(Unlike the other top answers, endo files aren't digital entities. But so many Townies named them as game-changers that we had to include them in the mix, as well.)

**Townies are saying ...**

"My endo journey must be small in comparison to others—in the past 12 months I've done perhaps 18 root canals? But when I was setting up my office, I splurged on what I thought was the best system out there—the WaveOne. (I still think so, too—and when it comes to frugal equipping, I'm the poster child.) I think the system's key is the gold alloy files. They seem to "give" a lot more than nongold alloy files at the critical moments of shaping the canals. I feel that I can clean out the soft-to-moderate calcium deposits quicker, better and with more confidence than before."

**Dr. Allen J. Robinson**, Georgetown, Texas  
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"I love WaveOne. It has changed the way I practice, making root canals fast and easy. From anesthesia to fill and temporization, it takes me 25 minutes to complete a root canal. The pathfile and Profiles make shaping and cleaning a cinch. Paired with Gutta Core, I get beautiful fills every time and happy patients who are pain-free."

**Dr. Bilal Sajid**, Kessler Dental Associates,  
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania  
"bmsajid"

"Canal instrumentation can be performed very quickly, which allows for increased irrigation time. My patients and I love the fact that the WaveOne system facilitates ease of treatment with such outstanding results."

**Dr. Kyle L. Samples**, McCoy Samples Mattingly,  
Chillicothe, Missouri  
"SampsDDS"

"The Edge Endo files have allowed me to perform endo in an unprecedented way. The metallurgy of the NiTi endows the files with 'super' properties. The increased strength allows the files to be designed with a more aggressive geometry, and the increased flexibility allows the files to negotiate curved canals with a much lower risk of separation.

"These files have caused me to be able to change the way I approach endo, allowing me dramatically reduced treatment times, reduced effort and steps and beautiful results."

**Dr. Scott Perkins**, Hillside Dental, El Paso, Texas  
"sperkins"

"I use Dentsply's Vortex Blue NiTi file—the .06 taper, #15 tip diameter, especially for small and medium canals."

**Dr. Henry J. Herrmann**, Herrmann & Desio Family  
Dentistry, Falls Church, Virginia  
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**ENDO FILES**