The 'ferrule effect' is a long standing, accepted concept in dentistry that is a foundation principle for the restoration of teeth that have suffered advanced structure loss. A review of the literature based on a search in PubMed was performed looking at the various components of the ferrule effect, with particular attention to some of the less explored dimensions that influence the effectiveness of the ferrule when restoring severely broken down teeth. These include the width of the ferrule, the effect of a partial ferrule, the type of the restored tooth and the lateral loads present as well as the well established 2 mm ferrule height rule. Clinical recommendations were presented as guidelines so as to improve the predictability and outcome of treatment when restoring structurally compromised teeth. This article aims to rethink ferrule by looking at other aspects of this accepted concept.

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