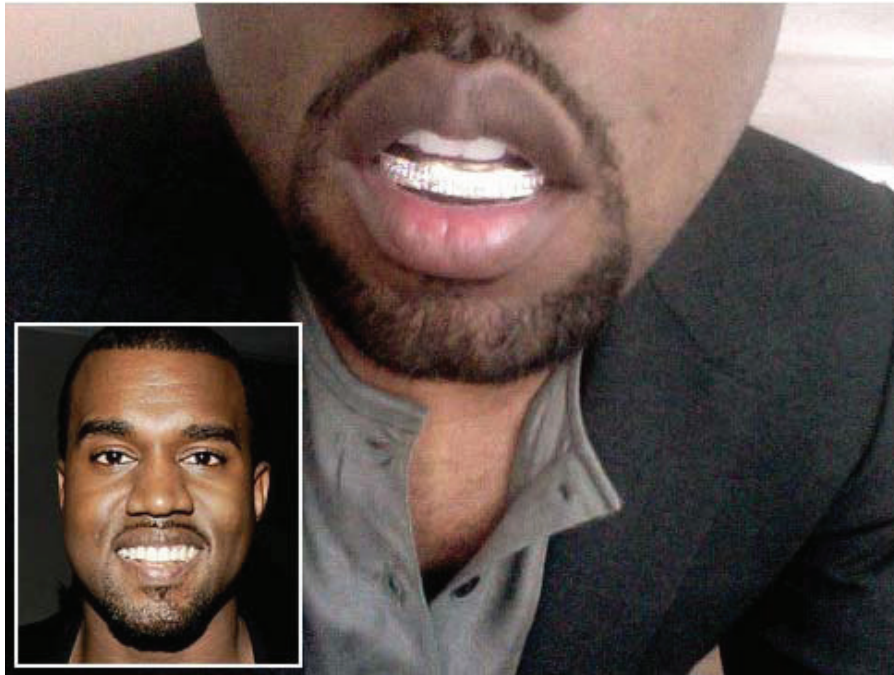


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Want a diamond smile like Kanye West? Prepare for broken teeth and bleeding gums



Diamond choppers don't come cheap. Especially if you don't like endless trips to the dentist for cracked teeth and bleeding gums.

[Kanye West](#) told [Vanity Fair](#) that he had "permanent diamonds drilled into [his] bottom teeth."

"I just like diamond teeth, and I didn't feel like having to take them out all the time," West said.

A row of sparkling, bling-encrusted teeth like those [Kanye West](#) is sporting could cost upwards of \$60,000, depending upon the quality of the stones.

Price aside, having diamonds in the mouth could actually be bad for your oral health.

"Diamonds are very hard, and this hard surface should not be used on the biting side of a tooth," says [Dr. Timothy Chase](#), a dentist who does both traditional and cosmetic work. "Since diamonds are harder than your teeth, you will wind up breaking or wearing down your other teeth, causing you to need more dental work."