



SunSource Tanning
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Skin Preparation Prior to Your Custom Airbrush Application

1. Exfoliate with a scrub the day before your application. Exfoliating prior to your application allows for the removal of loose, dead dry skin cells which prevent an even application of color and will cause an uneven appearance. Exfoliating will improve and extend your airbrush results.
2. Before your airbrush application, your skin should be clean and dry. Showering prior with no Dove products or bar soaps will leave the skin clean and healthy with no soap residue to interfere with your application.
3. Do not apply deodorant, moisturizers, or perfumes to the skin prior to your application. We recommend you shave the day before your application. We recommend you remove make-up before the application but it is not necessary.
4. Remove jewelry and clothing and place in closet. Full body sprays can be done in shorts and a tube top, bathing suit, panties and bra, nude, or however you are comfortable.
5. Shower caps are provided for your convenience to completely remove hair from face, neck, and ears.
6. Apply barrier cream to areas that tend to attract more color such as elbows, knees, soles of the feet, palms of hands, and cuticles. Also apply around nostrils and lips if not wearing chapstick or lip gloss. Barrier cream helps prevent the build up of color at joints and in calluses by filling the small folds in the skin with moisture to prevent color from pooling in those areas.
7. Your sunless application should dry enough to re-dress in 8-12 minutes, less time if you get the cyclone. Wait at least 8-10 hours after the application before showering, swimming, or vigorous physical activity. Avoid immediately wearing tight fitting clothing that may cause line in your tan. Do not apply moisturizer to skin prior to first shower. Apply Norvell products to extend and maintain the life of your tan.



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The Following Products Will Lighten or Make an Airbrush Tan Blotchy

- Dove shower gel, exfoliator or soap will fade the tan
- Applying self tanners prior to airbrush (must not apply 3 days prior to airbrush application)
- Moisturizer applied to skin prior to taking first shower
- Curel lotion has destroyed some tans
- Hair inhibiting lotions such as Jergens, tend to make the tan yellow
- Anti-aging products that “renew”, “refresh”, or exfoliate your skin
- AHA’s (Alpha Hydroxy Acids), glycolic, lactic, malic, citric, and tartaric acids
- BHS’s (Beta Hydroxy Acids-Salicylic Acids)
- Retin-A type products (Retin-A, Renova, Tazorac, Tretinoin)
- Toners containing witch hazel or alcohol
- Anti-acne products that exfoliate your skin - Accutane or Salicycline Acid
- Make-up remover cleaning products or oils used to clean away eye make-up
- Bar soap, especially deodorant varieties or antibacterial
- Use of a loofah or scrub mitt, etc. For daily washing use a soft washcloth
- Band-Aids or adhesive tape will pull off the tan
- Facial masks or exfoliating scrubs
- Bioré type adhesive facial strips
- Wax hair removal
- Depilatory hair removal products - Nair, Veet, Neet, etc.
- Shaving exfoliates the skin, therefore fading the tan. Use a NEW and clean razor with a lubricating product such as hair conditioner. Wash off conditioner when done. A dull razor will scrape off the tan
- Pat dry after a shower, don’t rub dry
- Body hair bleach products
- Submersion in a hot tub, swimming pool, or even long hot baths can affect the tan.
- A woman’s tan may also develop differently during various hormonal occurrences (ovulation, menstruation). It may be streaky, patchy, fade worse, or produce a lighter color or no color at all.
- People with oily skin tend to develop a lighter tan than people with dry skin
- Bug spray, when sprayed directly onto the skin can remove or fade a tan.