



Hair System Attachment Guide

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Ready to attach your new hair system with confidence?

Before You Start


Before you begin, make sure both your scalp and the hair system are clean, completely dry, and free of any grease or oil. Also, gently remove any stubble or hair from the area of your scalp where the system will bond.

Important Note: Once you've finished attaching your hair system, avoid washing your hair for 24 hours.

What You'll Need

- Scalp Protector
- Tape or Adhesive (glue) according to your choice of attachment
- Eyebrow Pencil
- Polystyrene head
- Skin Wipes

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Once the scalp and hair piece have been cleaned, the hair piece needs to be placed back on.
 2. Prepare the hair piece as to your specifications (Glue, Tape or both) – place on a polystyrene head
 3. Mark out where the hair piece sits on the forehead by making with a marker pencil 4 fingers from the eyebrow.
 4. Wipe scalp with Skin Wipes
 5. Spray with Scalp Protect then the scalp is ready for the hair piece to be placed.
 6. Cut your own hair into the desired style to blend with hair piece or have Haircreations do it for you or a salon of your choice
 7. Remove hair piece from the polystyrene head and position it on your head.
 8. Position the front of your hair system exactly where you want it where you put the marks on your forehead. Then, gently roll the system back over your scalp, being careful to keep the hair off the tape.
 9. Make sure there are no lumps or bubbles. Press firmly on all the taped areas to secure the hair system to your scalp. Smooth it out thoroughly to prevent any wrinkles or folds.
 10. Use a tail comb to push down around the perimeter of the hair piece to adhere to the scalp
 11. Comb in to blend into client's hair and finish styling to desired result
 12. Don't forget to wipe off the marks off your forehead.
 13. Final Blend: Simply brush your hair system to blend it seamlessly with your own hair, and you're all set!
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FAQs About Tape Bonding

Tape vs. Adhesive: Which is better for attaching hair systems?

Both work extremely well, and your choice depends on your scalp's oiliness and your lifestyle. Haircreations tapes and adhesives are medical grade and perform excellently, whether you need a prolonged hold (2-4 weeks) or a shorter one (5-7 days).

- **Tapes** are very easy to use and don't take much getting used to. You'll likely be as skilled as a stylist within a week!
- **Adhesives** offer a stronger, longer hold, which is ideal if you have a very active lifestyle. The main difference from tape is the stronger hold, meaning precise application is key.

Should I leave gaps between each length of tape?


Yes, this is recommended, especially for those with oily scalps who need extra scalp breathing. Gaps also help shampoo and water rinse away product from under the base. If you use tape around the entire perimeter for extra security, just spend a little more time rinsing to ensure all product is released from the hair system.

How long can a tape bond last?

This varies by individual preference. Some of our clients wear their fully bonded hair systems for 4-5 weeks, while others who choose tape attachments wear theirs daily, up to 7 days. If you have oily skin or sweat a lot, 2-5 days might be ideal. If your scalp is dry and cool, it can last much longer. Haircreations recommends regular removal and, most importantly, thorough cleanup (please refer to our Hair System Cleaning Guide). Keeping your hair system clean and your scalp cleansed is crucial for hygiene.

Where do I position my hairline with the hair system?

This is very important for a natural look! As a general rule, your hairline should begin about 3-4 fingers above your eyebrows. Modern hair systems make achieving natural-looking hairlines easy. Your hairline should start where your natural hairline began. Never place the front of your hair system on your frown line—that's too low, as hair doesn't naturally grow there. Look in a mirror and feel your head; visually, your fingers should indicate if they're on your forehead or at the front of your scalp. To summarize, aim for 3-4 fingers from your eyebrow, NOT on your frown lines.





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To ensure your hair system lasts its full expected lifespan, proper care and protection from wear and tear are key. Most new wearers find their toupee lasts well with the right care. Experienced users often have their own tricks to extend lifespan even further!

Checklist Before Buying a Hair System


1. **Pick The Right Base:** Hair systems aren't permanent. Most glued or taped systems last, on average, anywhere from 1 month to 6 months - 1 year. Understanding this helps manage expectations before you even fit it.
2. **Get It Done Professionally:** For customization and fitting, professional hands are best. Experienced stylists at Haircreations or a salon can make adjustments without risking damage. If you're new to hair systems, avoid cutting or perming them yourself. Practice on an old system if you want to learn! A professional stylist will also ensure your scalp is prepped perfectly for a secure bond, preventing itchiness and premature shedding.

How We Recommend Customizing Your Hair System:

- Get it colored by Haircreations or at a salon.
- Get it cut & permed by Haircreations or at a salon.
- Get it fitted at Haircreations or at a salon

Preventing Common Problems

Preventing Hair Shedding: Hair systems naturally shed over time, as they're not permanent. You can't reattach shed hair, so the goal is to slow down the shedding process. Here are our top tips to prevent hair system shedding:

- **Use a Silk Pillowcase:** This often-overlooked trick is a game-changer! Silk's smooth surface reduces friction, preventing hair from being pulled and minimizing shedding.
 - **Use a Tangle Teezer:** These amazing brushes gently detangle hair, significantly reducing pull and preventing excess shedding compared to conventional brushes.
 - **Use Good Quality Shampoo & Conditioner:** Cheap products can be harsh, leading to frizziness and tangles, which in turn cause more shedding.
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Preventing Base Tearing: Most tears occur during removal, especially if the base is well-adhered. You can't just rip your toupee off—it's designed to stay on through strong winds and water activities!

- **Use a Debonder:** A debonding agent (citrus-oil-based or alcohol-based lace release) is crucial for safe removal. Spray it generously, especially at the roots where the system is most attached.

How to Remove a Hair System (Without Tearing It):


1. **Spray:** Apply our Lace Release hair system solvent remover all over the system's roots.
2. **Wait:** Give the solvent 2-5 minutes to work its magic.
3. **Lift Slowly:** Gently pull the hair system up, a little at a time, starting from the front hairline.
4. **Heat Assist:** Use a hairdryer to help the solvent work even better.
5. **Continue:** Keep pulling until the system is completely removed from your head.

What To Do If Your Base Has Torn: Don't throw it away! Many tears can be repaired. Contact our team at Haircreations for advice on the best course of action.

Looking after your hair system helps it look great and last longer. Here's a simple guide to keeping your toupee in top shape:

Washing vs. Cleaning Your Toupee

When we talk about maintaining your hair system, washing and cleaning are two different things:

- **Washing** means you're washing your hair system while it's still attached to your head with glue or tape. Think of it like washing your own hair.
 - **Cleaning** involves carefully lifting the hairpiece, removing old glue, and then reapplying new adhesive.
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Hair System Care Schedule

Here's a general routine to follow for optimal care:

- **Front hairline:** Clean this area weekly.
- **Hairpiece wash:** Wash every 1-3 days, depending on how much you sweat.
- **Deep clean:** Aim for a deep clean every 3-6 weeks.
- **System replacement:** Replace your hair system every 1-6 months.

Why is this important? Your scalp produces natural oils (sebum) and sweat, both of which can break down the glue that holds your toupee in place. Regular washing helps remove these, keeping the glue effective for longer. Even with proper care, hair systems will eventually need to be replaced because hairs can shed, and the base can weaken from repeated gluing and removal. The lifespan of your toupee also depends on its base type.

Heat and Styling Products: Use with Caution

Heat can dry out and damage your hair system, making it look frizzy and lifeless.

- **Straighteners and Curlers:** These tools can significantly damage the hair cuticles. If you prefer straight hair, many stock hair systems have a natural, slight wave that mimics realistic straight hair. For curls, consider a permanent perm service which allows your curls to bounce back after every wash without needing heat.
- **Hair Dryers:** While blow-drying can add volume and help style your hair, excessive heat can be damaging.

Tips for Blow Drying:

- Let your hair system **air dry 70-95%** of the way before using a dryer for a quick blast at the end.
- On days you're not going out, let your hair system **air dry completely** and apply a **leave-in conditioner** to the roots.


Touching and Pulling Your Toupee

Any kind of pulling or tension on your hair system can lead to damage and hair loss. While it's natural to adjust your hair or scratch an itch, being mindful can prolong your toupee's life. Common causes of pulling:

- Scratching your hair system
- Running your hands through the hair
- Wearing a cap
- Subconsciously pulling at the hairs

If you feel an itch, try putting cold water on your hair system. This can provide instant relief without needing to scratch and potentially damage the hair.

Being aware of these habits from the start will help you get the most out of your hair system.





Styling your Hair System

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Even if you prefer a no fuss look, some basic styling helps your hair system look natural and well-groomed.

Here's a simple styling routine:

- **Comb before washing:** This helps remove tangles, making it easier to comb when wet.
- **Wash gently:** Use warm, not hot, water and soft hands to wash away oils.
- **Air dry first:** Let your toupee air dry 60-90% before using a hairdryer to minimize heat exposure. If you're not going out, aim for 100% air drying.
- **Comb when wet:** You can comb your hair system when it's wet and well-conditioned, using a wide-toothed comb. Be careful not to pull too hard to avoid damage.
- **Blow dry for shape:** For added bounce and lift, let your hair system air dry as much as possible. Then, use a high-speed blow dryer on a LOW heat setting. Use a round brush to guide the hair in the direction you want it to sit.
- **Apply leave-in conditioner:** This is a crucial final step. Unlike natural hair, toupees don't receive moisture from scalp oils (sebum). A leave-in conditioner will rehydrate your hair system and keep it looking healthy.

Following these steps will help you maintain a polished look and protect your hair system, ensuring it lasts longer.

If you have additional questions or need personalized advice, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@wigs.co.nz. Your comfort, confidence, and hair system longevity are our top priorities.





Cleaning your Hair System

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Maintaining a clean and well-kept hair system is essential for ensuring comfort, appearance, and longevity. Proper aftercare not only keeps your system looking fresh but also promotes scalp health and secure bonding.

Items You Will Need

- Knot Sealer for Lace piece only
- Cotton Wool
- Kitchen Roll (paper towels with a textured surface)
- Fine-Tooth Nit Comb
- Citrus Oil Adhesive Remover (C22) or Lace Release Remover for delicate mesh systems
- Shampoo & Conditioner (ideally formulated for hair systems)
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- polystyrene head

Scalp Cleaning Instructions

Follow these steps to remove adhesive residue from your scalp:

1. Apply Adhesive Remover
 2. Spray citrus oil adhesive remover (C22) or Lace Release Remover for delicate mesh systems directly onto the scalp. Allow it to sit for 1–3 minutes to loosen the adhesive.
 3. Remove Adhesive
 4. Using kitchen roll, firmly wipe away the softened residue. Its textured surface helps lift adhesive effectively.
 5. Use a Nit Comb (if needed)
 6. For heavy residue, gently use a fine-tooth nit comb to comb out any remaining adhesive from the scalp and hair.
 7. Cleanse Thoroughly
 8. Shampoo your scalp and hair to remove all traces of the remover. Rinse thoroughly. Repeat if necessary - leftover adhesive or remover can compromise the bond of your next attachment.
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Cleaning a Skin Base Hair System

1. Check hair piece for any knots or tangles before placing in a bowl of lukewarm soapy water (1 cap of shampoo). If knots are found, use the tail of a tail comb to gently lift out the knots and tease with your fingers to loosen prior to soaking.
2. Soak hair piece for approx. 15 minutes or until the tape on the hair piece starts to lift and turns white in colour.
3. Remove from water and remove tape from hair piece using a toothbrush and alcohol. Gently go around the MPU and clean, if there is still glue on the hair, spray with C22 solvent or Lace Release solvent and leave for a few minutes then remove with the alcohol and tooth brush. Gently working from the inside out.
4. Place hair piece on a polystyrene head and secure with pins ready for shampooing.
5. Using a small soft bush work the shampoo through the hair using downward stroking movements, then rinse in lukewarm water.
6. Towel blot and apply conditioner or do a treatment depending on how the hair feels. (Use the same procedure as shampooing)
7. Towel blot well, apply oil and leave in treatment to the hair.
8. Lace pieces only: Unpin and turn the hair piece inside out, spray the Knot Sealer to the lace area, (this seals the knotting to avoid hair loss) turn back and re-pin for styling.
9. Blow-dry on cool setting to style to your requirements.

Note:

- All grey and white pieces need to be soaked in purple shampoo for approx. 5 min to keep the colour clean.
 - Sometimes Back-to-Back Natural shades are needed to refresh darker colours.
 - This is applied after shampooing and towel drying, depending on how much fading has occurred, depends if it is used straight or mixed in with conditioner.
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the best way to clean a hair system?

Best practice: Always remove the system, clean off residue thoroughly, then wash and dry the system before reattachment.

2. The adhesive has turned tacky on the lace or poly perimeter - what should I do?

Spray Adhesive Remover (C22) or Lace Release Remover directly onto affected areas. Let it sit until the adhesive "melts down" (loosens visibly). Wipe gently with a microfiber cloth.

3. The remover left an oily film on the base - how can I clean it?

Use Lace Release or isopropyl alcohol (sparingly) on lace bases to remove oils. Rinse thoroughly and ensure the base is clean before applying new adhesive.

4. Can I shower while wearing my hair system?

Yes, but take care:

- Spray leave-in conditioner before wetting hair.
- Brush hair forward while holding the back of the system.
- Gently apply shampoo/conditioner from back to front.
- Rinse with running water and brush in one direction.

Do not attempt this method in public; it's best for home use only.

5. I have adhesive in my natural hair - what now?


Spray a small amount of remover, then gently comb it out with a nit comb or microfiber cloth. If this occurs often, reduce adhesive application around the perimeter and allow glue to dry fully before bonding.

6. How often should I remove and clean my system?

- Daily wearers: Remove and replace tape daily; shampoo once a week.
- Permanent wearers: Remove and clean every 3–4 weeks—never longer.
Monitor for buildup or scalp irritation.

7. Which shampoos and conditioners should I use?

Use products designed specifically for hair replacement systems. Avoid harsh detergents or silicone-heavy products, which can damage knots or cause shedding over time.





Removing your Hair System

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Taking your time and being gentle will help extend the life of your toupee and save you money!

Remember: Don't rush this process. Being careful and attentive during removal will help your hair system last longer.

You'll Need:

- Lace Release

Step-by-Step Removal Instructions:

1. Lift the hair piece gently on the front hair line and spray Lace Release (to loosen the piece further) Leave for a few moments then continue to lift gently spraying with Lace Release.
2. If the glue or tape is adhered to your own hair, use a neck trimmer to separate, so as not to pull.
3. Once the hair piece has been removed, clean the scalp to remove the rest of the glue or tape residue
4. Clipper off the remainder of your fine hair on the balding area of the scalp.
5. Shampoo your head with a Bond Breaker (white grainy shampoo) This will remove any excess glue or oil on your scalp or hair.
6. Shampoo with appropriate shampoo for scalp condition
7. Condition and towel dry

How do I remove my lace hair system without damaging it?

Spray or drip Lace Release through the hair side of the lace. Wait for the bond to fully release before gently lifting the system. If using lace tape at the front, spray/drip the solvent through, wait, then peel back the lace.

What if all the adhesive stays on my head after removal?


Fantastic! This is ideal. The less adhesive on your hair system, the better. Simply clean the adhesive from your head using an adhesive remover. Don't forget to protect your eyes.

Should I start releasing from the front or back?

It's a matter of preference, but you can remove a lace hair system from back to front to avoid damaging your front hairline.

My lace hair system lost hair during removal. Why?

Hair loss often occurs if the bond isn't completely released. When removing a lace hair system (taped or perimeter bonded), you MUST fully release the bond. Allow Lace Release to sit for a few minutes until the lace releases smoothly. This minimizes hairloss.





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There's adhesive residue on the lace/perimeter/poly after removal. Is this normal?

Yes, this is normal and depends on wear time. Gently remove residue with Adhesive Remover. Patience is key here; taking extra time will prolong your hair system's life. Stronger adhesives like 'Ultra Hold' may require more time to clean. For more information see our guide to safely remove your hair system.

Does adhesive remover prevent new tape/adhesive from sticking?

Yes! It's crucial to completely wash and clear all adhesive remover, as they are oil-based. After removal, use Lace Release and alcohol to break down the oils. Then, neutralize the alcohol with water or shampoo. Warm water is best. Your hair system must be completely free of all residues and dry before applying new adhesive. For more information see our guide to safely remove your hair system

What's the best way to remove solvent/residue from the base and hair?

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