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# 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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### Cleaning your Hair System FAQ's

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#### 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.

### 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.