

Airbrush Tanning...

Frequently Asked Questions:



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What should I do before I tan?

Review the Pre-tanning Checklist.

What is an airbrush tan?

It's a healthy tan, using an FDA-approved ingredient DHA,(dihydroxyacetone). It is the same ingredient in all the safe self tanning products. The airbrush delivery system provides an even application thereby avoiding streaking and blotching. We recommend only one session per week and in some cases we will provide a maximum of two applications in a week for certain skin types.

How does it work?

The DHA (dihydroxyacetone) reacts with the amino acids (proteins) in the outermost layer of your skin (the "dead skin"). In about three to four hours, the reaction is complete and you look tan.

Is DHA safe?

Dihydroxyacetone has been approved by the FDA for cosmetic applications.

How long does the airbrushed tan last?

Your airbrush tan will last an average of seven to 10 days, depending on the following factors:

- Your skin type. Your airbrush tan will react very much like a sun tan on your skin.
- The amount of "wear. Because only the outermost layer of skin is "tanned," as you lose the skin layer, the tan fades. Wear comes from rubbing, soaking in water or long showers, tight clothing, "scratchy" clothing or bleach.

How long should I allow for the treatment?

Seven to 10 minutes for the application, and a couple minutes to dry. Allow 25 minutes for your appointments.

How often should I tan? Is every day all right?

West Seattle BodyWorks suggests once a week, but that depends on your personal tan "wear". We will not schedule tanning applications more than twice a week. Excessive applications may result in some discoloration.

What if I'm pregnant? Can I still get an airbrush tan?

The effects of DHA on the pregnancy are simply not known and it hasn't been proven to be safe in pregnancy by the FDA. My general advice is to avoid it until it has been proven to cause no harm.

What should I wear to be sprayed, and will it damage my clothes?

You can wear a swim suit like you would at the beach. Our spray will wash out just fine without damage to your suit. Or you may wish to avoid tan lines completely!

I like tanning in the sun and using tanning beds. Why should I change?

Research has shown that not only rays from the sun are dangerous to our skin, but also that tanning beds are damaging to skin.