

PATCH TEST NEW SKIN PRODUCTS - WHY DO IT?

What is a Patch Test? Why should a Patch Test be conducted?

A Patch Test is a method used to test for the potential for allergic reactions occurring prior to wide spread use of new skin products.

A Patch Test reveals whether you may be allergic to one or more ingredients in the products.

We strongly advise a Patch Test to be done to determine if your skin is compatible with any topicals, especially if you have not used that skin product before or you are already aware that you have sensitive skin or you have known skin allergies.

What is sensitive skin?

Sensitive skin is a term used to describe a skin that is intolerant or has allergic reactions to particular ingredients in cosmetics, skin care products and topical medications (ointments, creams, gels, oils).

Which part of your skin should the Patch Test be performed on?



Body products are usually tested directly on small patch of affected skin – 1cm or ½ inch square (choose a small lesion).

Testing of products to be applied to the face, scalp or behind the ears. Apply directly on small patch of affected skin – 1cm or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square (a small lesion).



How is a Patch Test performed?

Ensure that the testing area is clean and free of any other topicals.

- 1. Apply a small amount of the product to the testing spot /affected skin 1cm or ½ inch square (small lesion).
 - twice (2) daily, morning and evening, for 3 days 72 hours.
 - Do not wet, wash or rub it off.
 - Do not apply other products to the same area.
- 2. Observe regularly, for any irritation including *itching*, *redness*, *rashes*, *and soreness*, *swelling or burning* in that region or worsening of the lesion.





- 3. If you have a reaction with the product, wash it off gently and thoroughly. Promptly contact your doctor or dermatologist if a serious reaction occurs. PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL IMMEDIATELY to safety@tirsel.com
- 4. If there are no reactions, the product is safe to use on your lesions.