

What's in our Gel Base Coat?

A flexible, grippy base that helps gel colour and gel wraps hold on to your natural nail.

Why it's thicker than most

We chose a high-viscosity base on purpose. It moves slowly, so you have time to work with it and it's far less likely to flood your cuticles – ideal if you're new to gel.

The catch: thin layers are essential. Applied thickly, it behaves like a builder gel – harder to cure properly and much harder to remove.

Ingredients

Acrylates Copolymer · Hydroxypropyl Methacrylate · Isobornyl Acrylate · Dimethylacrylamide · Bis(Methacryloyloxyethyl) Hydrogen Phosphate · Ethyl Trimethylbenzoyl Phenylphosphinate · Hydroxycyclohexyl Phenyl Ketone · Vanillyl Butyl Ether · Dimethicone · Phosphoric Acid

Key ingredients

Acrylates Copolymer & Isobornyl Acrylate

The backbone of the base coat: a smooth, flexible, lightweight film for colour and wraps to grip.

Hydroxypropyl Methacrylate, Dimethylacrylamide & Bis(Methacryloyloxyethyl) Hydrogen Phosphate

Bonding agents that anchor the gel to your natural nail so your manicure lasts.

Photoinitiators

Ethyl Trimethylbenzoyl Phenylphosphinate and Hydroxycyclohexyl Phenyl Ketone harden the gel under your lamp.

Vanillyl Butyl Ether & Dimethicone

A sensory warming ingredient, and a silky smoother for an even surface.

Free from

HEMA-free

TPO-free

Ethyl Trimethylbenzoyl Phenylphosphinate (sometimes called TPO-L) is a different photoinitiator from TPO.

Storage

Keep the cap closed, below 26°C and out of direct sunlight – natural light can start curing the gel.

Good to know

- Like most gel products, this contains acrylates, which can cause an allergic reaction in some people. If you've reacted to gel or acrylic products before, patch test first.
- Apply thin layers to the nail only, keeping it off the skin and cuticle. Cure fully – under-cured gel is more likely to irritate. Remove any tacky layer only after curing.
- Work in a well-ventilated space.
- Avoid contact with your eyes; if contact happens, rinse well with water. For external use only. Do not swallow. Keep out of reach of children.

Cruelty-free. Our manufacturers don't test on animals at any stage of product development.

This is a customer ingredient guide, not a formal Safety Data Sheet (SDS). It's based on information supplied by our manufacturers and is updated as new information comes in. If you have a known allergy or sensitive skin, check the full ingredient list and patch test before use.

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