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## Gel Polish Remover Instructions

52% of the 1000 people we surveyed believe that UV gel polish damages the natural nail. Artificial nail products should have no effect on the natural nail if applied, maintained and removed correctly. Follow the 10 steps below to safely remove your gel polish at home. If these stages are carried out responsibly, using the correct techniques, you can have healthy, amazing-looking nails post gel polish.

PLEASE NOTE BEFORE YOU START THAT ALL GEL POLISH MANUFACTURERS HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT REMOVAL PROCESSES. THESE CAN INCLUDE VARYING SOAK TIMES AND PREP TECHNIQUES. ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR GEL POLISH MANUFACTURER FIRST TO CHECK THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS.



## **PREPARE**

**Step 1.** If buffing is recommended by your gel polish manufacturer, use the light grey side of the Zebra S-file to gently buff the surface of your gel polish colour. Use a slow, gentle filing motion from one side of the nail to the other. You do not want to file away any of the gel, simply remove the shine. This breaks the top layer, allowing the remover to work more effectively. Take special care not to file through to the natural nail and be careful around the edges so as not to damage the surrounding skin.



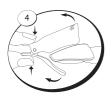
**Step 2.** Take 5 cotton pads and cut them into 10 halves. Half a cotton pad provides the perfect size to fit neatly underneath Stylfile remover clips with no overhang.



Step 3. Take a cotton pad soak it with gel polish remover liquid.



**Step 4.** Place the soaked cotton pad on one finger, being sure it covers the whole surface of the nail. Clip a Stylfile remover clip over the top and give it a gentle squeeze to ensure a snug fit between the cotton pad and the nail. The tighter the bond, the more effective the removal. Repeat this process on all 5 fingers of one hand.

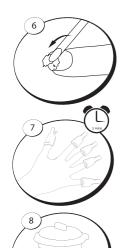


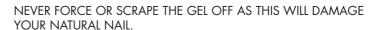
The remover will now begin to penetrate and break down the adhesive bonds which adhere the gel polish coating to the natural nail. We recommend a minimum soak time of 15 minutes. However, remember all gel polishes have slightly different soak times so please be sure to double check with the manufacturer. Other factors can also affect soak times. These include poor prep and application techniques, thickness and the length of time that the gel polish has remained on the nail. Be aware that your gel may be more stubborn to remove, so please be patient.



**Step 5.** After an initial 10-15 minutes, remove the Stylfile remover clips and cotton pads. You should see the gel has begun to lift away from the natural nail plate. Take a manicure stick and using the lightest of pressure, gently tease away the lifted gel only. If this requires any more than absolute minimal pressure, the gel is not ready to be removed.

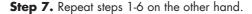
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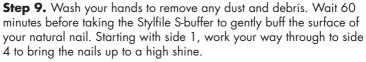
If your gel hasn't started to lift after the initial 15 minutes, increase the initial soak time by 10 minutes or until the gel can be removed easily, without using any force whatsoever.

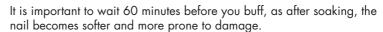
**Step 6.** If any gel remains, reapply your cotton pad and Stylfile remover clip. You may want to reload the cotton pad with more remover if it feels a little dry. Wait a further 5-10 minutes and check again. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until no gel remains.



**Step 8.** Dispose of used cotton pads and removed gel polish by placing in a metal closed-top bin.









**Step 10.** Finish with a dose of Stylfile cuticle oil. Sweep around the cuticle area and massage it in to nourish and condition the nail plate and surrounding skin.

**NOTES:** If your gel hasn't lifted or completely removed after 30 minutes, please seek advice from a nail professional. Never file to completely remove gel coatings from natural nails. Never pick, pry, force or peel gel coatings from the natural nail.

**WARNINGS:** Gel polish contains acrylates, which if not properly cured can be harmful to the skin and cause allergic reactions over time. Please therefore use every care not to touch the removed gel polish and dispose of it quickly and carefully in a closed-top metal bin. This is not a toy. Keep out of reach of children at all times.

**CAUTION:** If this pack includes Acetone which is highly flammable and may cause drowsiness or dizziness. Please follow instructions on bottle. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, hot surfaces and direct sunlight. No smoking. Store and use in a well-ventilated place. Keep acetone away from all clothing and surfaces, especially plastic. Wash hands after use. Place a towel down to protect surfaces before you carry out the removal process.

For more hints and tips, including videos please see www.stylfile.com/gel