### Step-by-Step Guide

# **BRISA**<sup>™</sup> Gel Enhancements Rebalancing



Rebalancing is a method of maintaining the balance and beauty of the enhancement while the natural nail grows. Proper rebalancing of the nail enhancement protects the health of the natural nail and maintains the longevity of the service.

#### STEP 1:

### Cleanse Hands

- 1. Have the client wash their hands with soap and water and towel dry.
- 2. Massage COOLBLUE™

  Hand Cleanser into the client's hands to cleanse skin.



#### STEP 2:

### Assess for a Rebalance

 Remove any existing nail color from the natural nail using an acetone-based polish remover (OFFLY FAST™ Moisturizing Remover or SCRUBFRESH™ Nail Surface Cleanser) and a plastic-backed lint-free pad.



- 2. Assess each nail for potential problems.
  - a. There are three types of rebalance:
    - · Problem-free rebalance

When using a single-color gel, if the nail comes back problem free, re-establish the original length and reduce the product to a thin layer and apply product to re-engineer the enhancement's structural integrity

Forever French rebalance

Forever French enhancements that come back problem free need to be thinned out by 50% in all three Zones. Then apply product to re-establish the smile line and re-engineer the original structural design

· Diagnostic rebalance

This process includes thinning and beveling each Zone where problems exist, then replacing the product to prevent future breakdown. The goal here is to fix the problem and then reassess a long-term solution



#### STEP 3:

### Prep for Rebalance

File prep each Zone for correction and prevention of future problems. Avoid nipping or mechanical force - sliding the nipper under a lifted edge and pulling up can lead to service breakdown. It can also pull up layers of the nail plate, which will weaken the foundation of the enhancement. Nipping can also lead to onycholysis, and perpetuate excessive filing to remove the ridge left behind.

#### 1. Zone 1 - File Prep

- a. Re-establish the original length of the extension edge with a **180-grit file**.
- Use a 180-grit file to thin out the entire Zone 1. If the natural nail is separating from the product, file around the area of lift,



until the loosened material flakes away from the natural nail without causing damage. Blend the lifted area until a new seal is found between the product and nail.

- c. Keep the **file parallel** to the nail and work in rounded motions to evenly thin out the coating.
- d. **Bevel** to expose a small margin of keratin all the way around the extension edge and around lateral walls to reseal during product reapplication. This will help prevent the natural nail from pulling away from the overlay.



Bevel Down From Center To Tip Unti Lift Is Removed

#### 2. Zone 2 - File Prep

a. **Thin out** the entire Zone 2 and taper the lateral walls.



- b. Prep all cracks for repair by thinning the area around the crack. Thin all the way to the root of the crack (which is usually down to the natural nail plate). If the crack is small, file off product in the shape of a "V" to expose the crack in the natural nail.
- c. Thin any area of "pocket lift" until the separated product flakes away and a new seal is found.
- d. **Thin and taper** lateral walls until flush to the natural nail.
- e. Blend Zone 2 into Zone 1.
- 3. Zone 3 File Prep
  - a. **Thin** the entire Zone 3 and blend to Zone 2.



- Thin areas of lift until the separated product flakes away from the nail and a new seal is found.
- c. Buff the remaining product with the 240-grit side of a Koala Buffer™ until the product is flush to the natural nail. Buff the surface of the remaining product with a Boomerang Padded File.



**4. Review** entire nail to be sure remaining product is thin and even, and that there is no lifted material left.

#### STEP 4:

### P.R.E.P.

- 1. P Perform a manicure.
  - a. Apply a small amount of CuticleAway™ Professional Cuticle Remover evenly around the cuticle of each nail.\*



b. Gently slide a

cuticle pusher

along the nail

plate toward the

cuticle area and

along the lateral

folds to lift and





loosen any non-living tissue from the nail plate. Remove any excess **CuticleAway™** from the nail and use a **curette** to remove non-living tissue up to the eponychium and lateral folds.

- c. **Scrub** nails thoroughly with soap and a damp brush, then rinse with warm water to remove the cuticle remover and soap; towel dry.\*
- d. Use a manicure nipper to carefully remove any loosened, non-living tissue, as well as any loose pieces of skin or hangnails.
   Use a gentle touch during cuticle removal to protect the seals.
   Never cut living tissue as it can lead to infection.



 R - Remove shine from the natural nail surface with the 240-grit side of the Koala Buffer™ in the direction of nail growth.



- 3. E Eliminate surface contaminants and
  - P Purify nail plate layers.
  - a. Thoroughly cleanse and temporarily dehydrate the nail plate layers with SCRUBFRESH™ using a lint-free, plastic-backed pad. Gently pull lateral folds back and scrub thoroughly to be sure all areas of the nail are completely clean.



### STEP 5: Apply BRISA™ Bond

 Apply one thin layer of BRISA™ Bond to the natural nail plate of 2-3 nails at a time ensuring that the brush has enough liquid to thoroughly and evenly cover each nail. Repeat this step until all nails are thoroughly and evenly coated.

Remember: When applying **BRISA™ Bond**, do not touch the skin or allow the product to flood the cuticle area.

Apply to five nails and cure each hand for 10 seconds
 (preset button 1) in the
 CND™ LED Lamp. Do
 not remove the top film after
 removing the nails from the lamp.



\* Dry P.R.E.P. is an excellent option for clients with great natural nails, who do not build excessive cuticle between services. Eliminating the wet cuticle treatment can shorten the service time and increase adhesion for some clients.

### Create a Base Layer (optional)

This step will ensure proper adhesion and can prevent service breakdown. Implement when needed.

1. Apply a thin to medium layer of BRISA™ Clear or Pure Pink - Sheer Sculpting Gel to the natural nail.



2. Apply to five nails and cure each hand for one minute (preset button 2B) in the **CND**™ LED Lamp.\* Do not remove the top film after removing the nails from the lamp.



### STEP 7:

### Zone 1 - Smile Lines

For a comprehensive tutorial of CND application techniques, see the BRISA™ Gel Enhancements Sculpted on a Tip Step-by-Step.

1. Re-establish smile line with fresh product and reseal all edges.



2. Apply to five nails and cure each hand for one minute (preset button 2B) in the CND™ LED Lamp.\* Do not remove the top film after removing the nails from the lamp.



### Zones 2 & 3 -Apex, Upper Arch and Cuticle Area

- 1. Establish a new apex and upper arch in Zone 2.
- 2. Reseal lateral walls with fresh product.
- 3. Apply gel to Zone 3 leaving a tiny free margin along the sidewall and cuticle line. Then blend into Zone 3.
- 4. Apply to five nails and cure each hand for one minute (preset button 2B) in the CND™ LED Lamp.\* Do not remove the top film after removing the nails from the lamp.



#### STEP 9:

## Perfect the Shape (optional)

This step will reinforce the enhancement and can prevent service breakdown. Implement when needed.

- 1. Apply a thin layer of BRISA™ Clear Sculpting Gel over the entire nail to perfect the shape.
- 2. Fill in low spots if needed.
- 3. Apply to five nails and cure each hand for one minute (preset button 2B) in the CND™ LED Lamp.\*





<sup>\*</sup>If using the CND™ UV Lamp, cure for two minutes.

#### **STEP 10:**

### Shape and Define

For a comprehensive tutorial of CND finishing techniques see the Enhancement Finishing Step-by-Step.

- 1. Remove the top film with 99% Isopropyl Alcohol and a plastic-backed pad.
- Finish the nail using a Blizzard™
   File to define and shape.
- Smooth the surface with a Boomerang Padded File, making sure to remove all shine.



#### **STEP 11:**

### Apply BRISA™ Gloss

Apply a thin layer of BRISA<sup>™</sup> Gloss using the CND 5 Point Polish
 Method to the extension edge
 and nail surface of all five nails
 on one hand. (For more detailed information see the CND 5 Point
 Polish Method Step-by-Step.).



 Apply to five nails and cure each hand for one minute (preset button 3) in the CND™ LED Lamp.\*



- **3.** Remove the top film with **99% Isopropyl Alcohol** and a plastic-backed pad.
- Massage SOLAROIL™ Nail & Cuticle Care into the nails and skin.



#### **PRODUCTS REQUIRED**

**COOLBLUE™** Hand Cleanser

**OFFLY FAST™** Moisturizing Remover

CuticleAway™ Professional Cuticle Remover

SCRUBFRESH™ Nail Surface Cleanser

CND™ Files and Buffers

**CND™** ProSeries Gel Flat Oval Brush #6

**BRISA™** Bond

**BRISA™** Paint

BRISA™ Sculpting Gels

BRISA™ Gloss

**SOLAROIL™** Nail & Cuticle Care

#### **ACCESSORIES/EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

CND™ LED Lamp

Hand towels

Hand soap

Plastic-backed, lint-free pads

Disinfectable dust brush\*

99% Isopropyl Alcohol

Cuticle pusher

Manicure nippers

Nail clippers

Curette

\*Optional



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