

SKIN TESTING INFORMATION

EVALUATION & COMPATIBILITY GUIDELINES

HAIR COLOURING

IMPORTANT GUIDANCE FOR HAIRDRESSERS

Please read this entire document to ensure you fully comply/understand the ASP Colour Passport rules and guidelines. You must also ensure you fully complete and sign the salon copy and client copy of the Colour Passport.

COLOUR SAFETY

ASP offers you products that are developed and formulated to the highest standards of performance and safety. A consultation with your client is an opportunity to present your expert knowledge as a professional hairdresser, introduce your clients to your colour portfolio and also to explain the relevant safety aspects. Start each colour service with a consultation using the ASP Colour Passport Guidelines. This will help you to decide whether you can proceed with your chosen colour service, and also whether you need to carry out a Skin Test. Reactions, such as an allergy, cannot be ruled out in individual cases, however, a true allergic reaction is extremely rare. We recommend you keep a record of your clients' colour services.

Your client must be skin tested to receive their first ASP Colour Passport. Should your client wish to alter their usual colour choice, you must perform a new Skin Test. The ASP Colour Passport can be valid for a maximum of 12 months.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION USING THE ASP COLOUR PASSPORT GUIDELINES

COLOUR PASSPORT CONSULTATION

It is important to always carry out a full ASP Colour Passport Consultation before each colour service, to ensure the chosen service is suitable for your client. Every colour client should receive an initial ASP Colour Passport Skin Test prior to receiving their first colour service in your salon. To decide if a further Skin Test is required prior to a follow-up colour service in your salon, you must ask the questions that appear on the ASP Colour Passport Consultation and make a note of the results. However, it is extremely important that you always bear in mind that no test or protocol can provide a 100% guarantee that your client will avoid any future allergic reactions.

COLOUR PASSPORT SKIN TEST

Following the ASP Colour Passport Consultation, it may be necessary for you to perform a Skin Test. The guidelines on how to perform a Skin Test are available in this booklet and in the ASP Technical Manual. Also in this booklet you will find some useful Q&As to help you when performing your client's colour consultation/service.

Ensure you perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test using the shade/product you intend to use on your client. Should your regular client wish to alter their colour you must perform a new Skin Test and renew your ASP Colour Passport.

Hair colourants are not intended for use on persons under the age of 16.
If a Skin Test is required, it must be performed 48 hours before your colour service.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Your client must be skin tested to receive their first ASP Colour Passport. The ASP Colour Passport can be valid for a maximum of 12 months.

If your client wishes to alter their colour you must perform a new skin test and issue a new Colour Passport.

1. Has your client ever had an allergic reaction to hair colourant products?	NO ↓	YES →	 <p>STOP! DO NOT PROCEED WITH COLOUR SERVICE if your client answered 'YES' to any of questions 1-4.</p>
2. Has your client ever had a reaction to a temporary 'black henna' tattoo, or any other type of skin tattoo or permanent make-up?	NO ↓	YES →	
3. Does your client currently have a rash on their face or an irritated and damaged scalp?	NO ↓	YES →	
4. Is your client UNDER the age of 16?	NO ↓	YES →	
5. Is this the first time your client has coloured their hair?	NO ↓	YES →	 <p>WARNING! If your client has answered 'YES' to any of questions 5-9 YOU MUST CARRY OUT A SKIN TEST AS DETAILED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.</p>
6. Is this the first time they have visited your salon as a colour client, or are they changing shade?	NO ↓	YES →	
7. Has it been more than 12 months since your client's last ASP Colour Passport Skin Test?	NO ↓	YES →	
8. Has your client had any type of allergic reaction since their last colouration?	NO ↓	YES →	
9. Has your client had a temporary black henna tattoo in the last 5 years?	NO ↓	YES →	
You can proceed with the colour service.	GO		

WARNING! If your client has answered **YES** to any of questions 1 to 4 **YOU MUST NOT PROCEED WITH YOUR CHOSEN COLOUR SERVICE ON YOUR CLIENT'S HAIR.**

If your client has answered **YES** to any of questions 5 to 9 a **SKIN TEST MUST BE PERFORMED 48 HOURS BEFORE THE COLOUR SERVICE.**

If your client has answered **NO** to all of the above questions, you may commence the colour service without the need to perform a Skin Test. We recommend you keep a record of your clients' colour services.

HOW TO PERFORM A SKIN TEST

To receive an ASP Colour Passport your client must be skin tested. This test should be performed 48 hours before the colour service.

IMPORTANT This test represents an important precaution. However, be aware that even if an ASP Colour Passport Skin Test has been carried out the client may still experience an allergic reaction.

SKIN TEST METHOD FOR ASP INFINITI REGULAR SHADES, HIGH LIFT, GOTHIC GREYS, b:RED, b:BROWN, METALLIC TONERS & TONERS

- Apply a small amount of your chosen shade and chosen ASP Crème Developer on the inside of the client's forearm, or behind the ear, with a cotton bud, and leave uncovered.
- **Leave for 45 minutes** - ASP INFINITI Regular Shades, High Lift, Gothic Grey, b:RED, b:BROWN and Metallic Toners.
- **Leave for 25 minutes** - ASP INFINITI Toners.
- After correct timing depending on chosen colour, wash off the colour carefully with lukewarm water.
- If any reaction occurs during the processing time, rinse immediately and **DO NOT** carry out the colour service. If any reaction occurs during the following 48 hours, **DO NOT** carry out the colour service.

SKIN TEST METHOD FOR COLOUR DYNAMICS, HOTSHOTZ, COOL BLONDE ILLUMINATOR & b:RED REFRESHER

These colours go directly on to the skin, no mixing required.

- Apply a small amount of your chosen shade on the inside of the client's forearm, or behind the ear, with a cotton bud, and leave uncovered.
- **Leave for 25 minutes.**
- After 25 minutes, wash off the colour carefully with lukewarm water.
- If any reaction occurs during the processing time, rinse immediately and **DO NOT** carry out the colour service. If any reaction occurs during the following 48 hours, **DO NOT** carry out the colour service.

SKIN TEST METHOD FOR ASP KITOKO BOTANICAL COLOUR

- Mix a small amount of your chosen shade with boiling purified water, allow to cool to body temperature and apply on the inside of the client's forearm, or behind the ear, with a cotton bud, and leave uncovered.
- **Leave for 45 minutes**
- After 45 minutes, wash off the colour carefully with lukewarm water.
- If any reaction occurs during the processing time, rinse immediately and **DO NOT** carry out the colour service. If any reaction occurs during the following 48 hours, **DO NOT** carry out the colour service.

**ALWAYS REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE FOR YOUR CHOSEN COLOUR.
IF IN DOUBT PLEASE CALL OUR TECHNICAL HELP LINE ON 01794 527111**

PROFESSIONAL COLOURING ADVICE

Before commencing any colour service, always ensure that you read the instructions for use provided with the product. Follow these instructions carefully. Always ensure that your client's clothes are suitably protected. Always ensure that you are wearing any necessary personal protective equipment such as an apron and gloves. Disposable gloves must be worn during the colour preparation, application and removal. If, during the colour service your client experiences:

- Any stinging or burning and/or a rash, rinse immediately and discontinue use as this may be an indication of a more serious reaction. Do not colour their hair again and advise the client to consult a doctor or seek medical advice.
- Rapidly spreading skin rash, dizziness or faintness, shortness of breath and/or swelling of eyes/face rinse immediately and have the client seek immediate medical attention.
- If after colouring or on the following days the client experiences problems such as skin or scalp itching, skin or scalp rash, swelling of eyes/face, blistering and/or skin or scalp weeping have the client seek immediate medical attention.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Why do I have to perform an ASP Colour Passport Consultation with my client before every colour application? **A** To ensure nothing has changed between visits (see consultation guidelines on page 56).

Q Why should I perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test on my regular clients once a year, even when they have a regular colour appointment? **A** Allergies may develop over time so performing an ASP Colour Passport Skin Test at least once a year and keeping a full history of previous colour applications will help to identify if your client is developing an allergy.

Q When do I need to perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test? **A** **YOU MUST** perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test if the client does not have a Colour Passport, is new to your salon or changing their colour service/shade or If the client has reported any adverse reactions. Otherwise, for regular returning clients who have the same colour service and shade, you only need to perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test every 12 months.

Q What colour/shade should I use to perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test? **A** Always use the product/shade that you intend to use, plus your chosen ASP Crème Developer, if required, following the instructions for your chosen product. If your client changes their mind about the shade they would like, you must perform a fresh ASP Colour Passport Skin Test with that shade.

Q My client receives a bleach/lightening service, do I need to perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test? **A** No, an ASP Colour Passport Skin Test is not required for bleaching. However, should you wish to use a toner or another shade after the bleaching/lightening service, an ASP Colour Passport Skin Test must be performed.

Q Why do I have to perform the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test 48 hours prior to my client's appointment? **A** A reaction can take up to 48 hours to develop, therefore, by performing the test 48 hours prior to the appointment, this should allow sufficient time for any reaction to be identified.

Q Do I need to cleanse the Skin Test area with surgical spirit etc before I perform the test? **A** No, we do not recommend this.

Q Once the test is carried out, do I need to cover the area with a plaster etc? **A** No, we do not recommend this. The test area on the inside elbow or behind the ear should be left uncovered for the correct timing for your chosen product, then gently removed with lukewarm water.

Q Can I carry on colouring my client's hair if she is pregnant or breast feeding? **A** Scientifically, there is no reason why you shouldn't be able to colour your client's hair during pregnancy. The safety of hair colourant use during pregnancy is taken into account at the product development stage. However, you must remember that during pregnancy and breast feeding the body may react more sensitively to external influences. In this instance, we would strongly advise that the ASP Colour Passport Skin Test be performed each time you colour the client's hair. Please ask your client to seek medical advice if they have any concerns.

Q What difference does it make if my client has had a temporary tattoo in the past? **A** If your client has suffered a reaction to a temporary 'black henna' tattoo in the past then you should not colour their hair. If the client has had a temporary tattoo and they did not experience a reaction at the time, they may have been sensitised by the ingredients used, so always perform an ASP Colour Passport Skin Test in these cases.

Q What should I do if my client informs me that they have previously reacted to an ASP Colour Passport Allergy Skin Test? **A** **DO NOT APPLY ANY COLOUR**, this includes any colourant from another manufacturer. Ask your client to seek medical advice.