

TATTOO AFTERCARE

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We protected your new tattoo with thin self-adhesive film called Dermalize Pro which provides most effective healing environment. You should remove Dermalize Pro **after 5 days** or leave it on for a few more days if everything looks as it should (there's no itching etc.). In case of bleeding or weeping, you should **replace** the film with another piece. Before applying new film you need to wash the tattoo thoroughly using antibacterial soap and lukewarm water. Make sure the skin is completely dry and your hands disinfected before the application.



1. Tattoo after 24 hours of wearing Dermalize Pro. Due to blood and fluids collecting underneath the film we decide for removal.



2. Removing the film. If Dermalize is hard to pull off simply let some water run under the tattoo film, so that the glue becomes tender and removal is easier.



3. Washing the area. Wash the area thoroughly with lukewarm water and antibacterial soap.



4. Let it dry completely before applying new film. Before you start applying Dermalize make sure to wash your hands and put on clean surgical gloves.



5. Applying new film. Make sure that you place the adhesive surface at least 3-5 cm from the edge of the tattoo.



6. Tattoo after wearing the film for 6 days. You can barely see it due to dry liquid. Remove the film and start with the healing process.

To prevent infection, workout during the healing process (especially first 5 days after tattooing) should be **avoided**.

Self-adhesive film Dermalize Pro is waterproof, but you should still be very careful during shower time as it can cause the adhesive bond to weaken. Excessive exposure to water should be avoided.

You should remove Dermalize Pro after wearing it between **5 days** (minimum!) to 7 days. The best way to do so is to expose the film to an excessive amount of lukewarm water and carefully clean the area using antibacterial soap. Gently dry the tattoo – do not rub the area, but simply pat it firmly, using a clean towel (or something that is not abrasive!) to get it completely dry. Apply a thin layer of a recommended tattoo cream.

For the next three weeks after tattooing follow the instructions below:

- Wash the tattoo **twice a day** (in the morning and evening before bedtime) or as necessary (after workout, if itchy etc.).
- Follow with a very **light application** of the recommended tattoo cream – **5-6 times a day** the first week, **3 times a day** the second week, **1-2 times a day** the third week after tattooing. It's better if the area is a little more dry than completely moisturized.
- After one week since film removal you will notice some peeling/scabbing. The itchiness might also appear, which is completely normal. This isn't always the case with smaller tattoos. It is extremely important that you **don't pick or scratch** your tattoo during the healing process! In case of extreme itchiness wash the tattoo with lukewarm water and keep it moisturized.
- The healing process lasts approximately **one month**. Meanwhile, following the instructions is crucial to ensure that you end up with the best result with minimal complications and your tattoo will stay beautiful for a lifetime.
- Swimming (whether in a pool/fresh/salt water) and sunbathing one month after tattooing should be avoided as it can cause an infection. Whether your tattoo is fresh or completely healed, you should always protect it (or even better, keep it) from the sun as it will dry out the skin and result in fading. Use a **high quality sunblock** (only on a completely healed tattoo!) to prevent the damage (minimum 30 SPF sunblock).
- We care about our clients, that's why after a while (app. 1 month) you should come to the studio or send us a photo of your healed tattoo by e-mail so we can check if everything looks as it should.