



User's Guide

Get the Lightbox Advantage.

Lightbox is the unique alternative to the traditional acrylic service. Create incredibly natural-looking nails with shine in less time than ever! With less airborne dust and no odor to worry about, with the strength and durability of traditional acrylics, today's choice for nail extensions is clear.

Lightbox is designed for an environmentally safer salon: no drills, no odor, less filing, and no acid primer. When Lightbox Gels are applied properly, they will not lift, crack or burn, and they will hold up to the wear and tear that today's clients put their nails through.

Lightbox Gels were created with the nail technician's busy schedule in mind. Ease your workload and create beautiful, more natural-looking nails your clients will love.

Lightbox Gel Maintenance

At the two week appointment, perform a shape and seal by beveling the free edge. Blending the cuticle line and apply a fresh coat of Power Seal.

At the four week appointment . . .

Step 1 Using a nail wipe and non-acetone polish remover, remove any old polish. Trim excess cuticles and hangnails. With a 180 grit file, thin the entire nail and blend the grow out line. You will build a new stress arch in the correct place.

Step 2 Lightly saturate a nail wipe with Cleanse Away. Wipe the entire surface of the nail to remove the dust, avoiding the skin area. Both the natural nail and the gel should appear white and chalky.

Step 3 Apply a very thin layer of Fusion Gel on the nail from the cuticle to the free edge. After applying to all four fingers, place entire hand in the Lightbox UV Light to cure for approximately one minute (do thumbs separately). You may apply Fusion Gel to the other hand while the first hand is in the lamp. Be sure to cover the entire surface of the natural nail and tip. Do not cleanse the nail after curing the Fusion Gel.

Step 4 Using Sculpting Gel Pink, Clear, or Clear Gel Strengthener, apply the first coat on the entire surface of the nail by using long even strokes (as if applying nail polish). Create a string of product from the brush by laying it horizontally across the stress area, dips or unevenness of the nail.

Before placing fingers in the Lightbox UV Light, use a birchwood stick to wipe around cuticles to ensure no gel is on the skin. Place the entire hand in the Lightbox UV Light for three minutes (do thumbs separately to ensure the product doesn't run into the cuticles). Repeat this step on the other hand while the first hand is curing.

Optional—If the nails are not completely smooth and free of any imperfections, using a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away, the sticky surface by patting the surface then wiping. Use a 180 grit file to shape the nails. Use a nylon bristle brush to remove the dust.

Step 5 Finish the nails by applying a thin coat of Power Seal. Place the hand under the Lightbox UV Light for one minute. After curing, wipe the nails with a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away (too much will dull the shine). Rehydrate the cuticles with cuticle oil, then have the client wash their hands. Lightbox Gel Nails can be worn with or without polish.

Troubleshooting & Tips

Nails feel sticky.

- Most likely, the gel is not thoroughly cured. Place nails back under the light until fully cured. The nail may also not be thoroughly cleansed; use a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away to wipe the entire surface of the nail avoiding the skin.
- The bulbs may be old, change the bulbs every six months.

Nails look dull.

- Dulling of the nail is caused by excessive rubbing with Cleanse Away. Also, other cleansing products and/or alcohol can dull the shine.

Gel is lifting.

- If you are having a problem with lifting or peeling, review the preparation procedures. Something is preventing the gel from adhering to the nail.
- Use three thin layers of either the Sculpting Gel or Clear Gel Strengthener and cure each layer three minutes.

Gel is peeling off the tips.

- Before applying Fusion Gel, thoroughly remove shine from tip with a file. Next, ensure that Fusion Gel covers the entire surface of the free edge. Pay close attention to edges and corners.

Gel is runny.

- Gel is too warm. Cool gel to room temperature, approximately 72 degrees.

Gel is peeling off the nail plate.

- Too much Fusion Gel was applied—use sparingly!
- The gel may not be thoroughly cured. For problem lifters, cure Fusion Gel for three minutes, and Sculpting Gel or Clear Gel Strengthener for six minutes.

Gel is not self-leveling.

- Gel is too cold. Allow gel to warm to room temperature, approximately 72 degrees.

Client feels a burning sensation while in the UV light.

- Some clients have sensitive nails and will feel a slight burning sensation. Ask the client to remove hand from the Lightbox UV light for a few seconds, then replace the hand back in the light.
- The gel may have been applied too thick.

Client has had a skin reaction.

- Gel could be under-cured or Gel has touched the skin.
- Remove sticky layer with a fresh nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away. Stroke from cuticle to free edge.

To clean the gel brush

- Saturate a nail wipe with Cleanse Away and wipe the brush clean after each client.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



Step 7



Step 8



Step-by-step instructions for the perfect sculptured nails from Lightbox Gel Nails!

Step 1 Always start any service by sanitizing your hands and your client's hands using a sanitizing gel. Using nail wipes and non-acetone polish remover, remove any old polish from the natural nail. Using a Gold Buffing Block, lightly buff the natural nail to remove the shine and oils from the nail. Remove all file dust with a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away. The natural nail should now appear white and chalky.

Step 2 Apply a very thin layer of Fusion Gel completely from the cuticle to the free edge. Be sure to cover the entire surface of the natural nail. Don't forget the edges, sides and corners of the free edge. After applying to all fingers, place entire hand in the Lightbox UV Light to cure for approximately one minute. You may apply Fusion Gel to the other hand while the first hand is in the lamp. Do not cleanse the nail after curing the Fusion Gel.

Step 3 For best results, use a rectangular form. Place a generous amount of Sculpting Gel White in the center of the free edge area on the form. Begin to drag it over to the corners to create a smile line. Do the same for the other side of the nail. Add more product to the center of the free edge area to create more length if needed. Drag the product from one side to the other side to create the free edge shape.

Step 4 Cure under the Lightbox UV Light for 15 seconds. Remove from light. The product will still be workable, but not runny at this point, so you can perfect the shape of the free edge if necessary. Then, when all four free edges are created, put the hand back into the Lightbox UV Light for three minutes to thoroughly cure. Repeat this step for the other hand, and the thumbs.

Step 5 Place a medium bead of Sculpting Gel Pink in the center of the nail plate. Guide the product with the brush over the entire nail plate. Do this on all fingers. Reinforcing the stress area and ensuring that the free edge and cuticle area are very thin.

Step 6 Place under the Lightbox UV Light to cure for three minutes. Remove all forms and place the hand upside down in the Lightbox UV Light for one minute to ensure that the gel is thoroughly cured underneath.

Optional—If you have any dips, unevenness or a flat stress area, you can build with Sculpting Gel Clear or Clear Gel Strengthener by creating a string of product from the brush and laying it horizontally across the stress area of the nail. Watch it self level and begin to create the stress arch. Cure for three minutes. Use Cleanse Away to clean the stickiness off the surface of the nail.

Step 7 Lightly saturate a nail wipe with Cleanse Away to remove the sticky residue that will be on the surface of the nails (too much Cleanse Away will dull the shine). Pat several times, then wipe away the residue. Using a 180 grit file, shape the free edge and surface of the nail and then use Cleanse Away to wipe away any dust residue.

Step 8 Finish the nails by applying a thin coat of Power Seal. Place the hand under the Lightbox UV Light for one minute. After curing, wipe the nails with a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away (too much will dull the shine). Rehydrate the cuticles with cuticle oil, then have the client wash their hands. Lightbox Gel Nails can be worn with or without polish.

Step-by-step instructions for the perfect French manicure from Lightbox Gel Nails!

Step 1 Always start any service by sanitizing your hands and your client's hands using a sanitizing gel. Using nail wipes and non-acetone polish remover, remove any old polish from the natural nail. Trim excess cuticles and hangnails. Using a Classic White Block, lightly buff the natural shine and oil from the nail. Shape the free edge of the natural nail to ensure the proper fit of the nail tip.

Step 2 Choose a French White nail tip that fits the natural nail from side groove to side groove. Apply a small amount of nail glue to the underside well of the nail tip. Rock the nail tip onto the natural nail to ensure no air bubbles. Using a tip slicer, shorten the nail to the desired length and shape the nail. Remove the shine of the nail tip with a Classic White Block. Do not blend the white tip line of demarcation, as this will ruin the smile line.

Step 3 Use a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away to remove all filing dust.

Step 4 Apply a very thin layer of Fusion Gel on the nail from the cuticle to the free edge. Be sure to cover the entire surface of the natural nail and tip. Don't forget the edges, sides and corners of the tip and free edge. After applying to all fingers, place entire hand in the Lightbox UV Light. Cure for approximately one minute (do thumb separately). You may apply Fusion Gel to the other hand while the first hand is in the light. Do not cleanse the nail after curing the Fusion Gel.

Step 5 Using long even strokes, apply the first coat of Sculpting Gel Clear or Clear Gel Strengthener to the entire surface of the nail. Do not cure at this time.

Step 6 Build the stress area and smooth unevenness with Sculpting Gel Clear or Clear Gel Strengthener by creating a string of product from the brush and laying it horizontally across the stress area of the nail. Apply to all four fingers (do thumbs separately to ensure product doesn't run into cuticles).

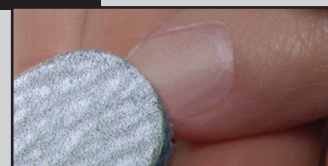
Step 7 Place hand in the Lightbox UV Light for three minutes (do thumbs separately to ensure product doesn't run into cuticles). Repeat this step from the beginning for the other hand while the first hand is curing.

Optional—If the nails are not completely smooth and free of any imperfections, using a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away, wipe the sticky surface by patting the surface then wiping. Use a 180 grit file to shape the nails. Use a nylon bristle brush to remove the dust.

Step 8 Finish the nails by applying a thin coat of Power Seal. Place the hand under the Lightbox UV Light for one minute. After curing, wipe the nails with a nail wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse Away (too much will dull the shine).

Rehydrate the cuticles with cuticle oil, then have the client wash their hands. Lightbox Gel Nails can be worn with or without polish. Your new set of Lightbox Gel nails is complete—perfectly shaped and shiny!

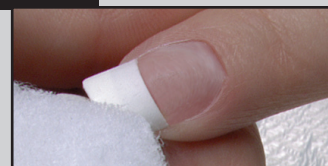
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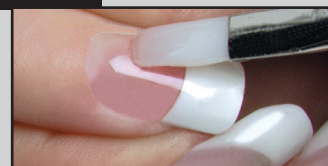
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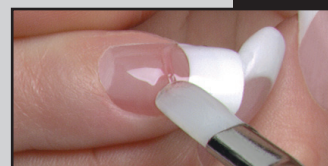
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