

Appendix C

Patch Testing Directions

1. The hair dye in this package must never be used for dyeing hair unless a preliminary skin test has been made. The skin test must be made each and every time before the hair is to be dyed, regardless of whether or not a skin test has been made at some time previously.
2. The dye used for the preliminary test must be a portion of the article intended to be used for dyeing the hair.
3. The sample of dye to be used for preliminary skin test should be mixed and prepared in exactly the same manner and according to the directions applicable to the actual use of the hair dye itself.
4. By means of a suitable applicator (clean camel's hair brush, cotton-tipped applicator, or other applicator), a streak of dye not less than a quarter of an inch wide and at least one-half inch long is made on the skin and scalp behind one ear. It is important that the streak of dye extend into the hair portions of the scalp as well as that portion of the skin that is hairless.
5. The streak of dye should be permitted to remain for at least twenty-four hours. The test should be read between twenty-four and forty-eight hours after application. Preferably the test area should not be covered with any type of dressing and contact with comb, hats, spectacles or any other objects should be avoided.
6. Warning: If redness, burning, itching, small blisters, or any type of eruption appears in the general area used for the skin test during the first twenty-four hours, the individual is sensitive to the dye, and under no circumstances should it be used for dyeing the hair. Hair dyes should not be used when there is any disease or eruption present anywhere on the skin or on the scalp.