

Hair Replacement System

Dear new hair system wearer, this guide has a list of tips and reminders to ensure your hair system lasts as long as possible and stays fresh-looking. The golden rule for your new hair system is to treat it carefully. The hair type and base materials we use are of the best quality possible. You have a solid and ultra-realistic product; however, it is also fragile, and you will need to be careful with the hair products and the tools you use. This system will change your life very positively, so take good care of it be gentle with it; and in return, you will get great confidence, self-esteem, and pride.

Your hair system is made of 100% authentic and natural human hair (except when choosing synthetic white hair). Every day the sun, heat, pollution, hair products, water, shampoo, conditioner, and tools for styling hair all influence natural hair. Over the weeks and months, all these elements will make the hair lose its texture, shine, density, and color.

You've probably never noticed these changes because your natural hair grows constantly. On the other hand, your hair system has the same hair strands for 4 months (or more), so its vitality change will be more evident and noticeable. Your hair system will need replacement when it has become too dry or worn-looking. There are various methods and tips you can use to prolong the life of your system, and this guide will detail all of them.

People's Reactions and Detectability v

One of the main concerns of new users of hair systems is: How will people I know react? Or, will people I do not know notice? The one main piece of genuine advice we want to share with you is to be proud of your new hair, embrace your new look, and forget about what other people think. You treated yourself to this fantastic new look and made this decision for yourself. Ultimately, your happiness should be your top priority, not the opinions of others. Of course, we know it's easier said than done, but we genuinely believe this is the mindset to adapt to feel happy and free with hair replacement.

We can confidently guarantee that your close friends and family will be positively shocked and strongly impressed and that you will receive nothing but compliments. On the other hand, people you meet for the first time will only be admiring your perfect new do. Not only do our hair systems have a level of realism that is up to movie studio standards and above anything that has ever been achieved before in terms of hair replacement, but most people are entirely indifferent and ignorant about them. Always remember that it wouldn't even cross their mind to look at your hair or to think it might not be real.

Lastly, an important consideration is that, even though you wish that your hair looked perfect 100% of the time, you must be conscious that hair systems are never perfect to the finest detail, and you will learn to accept and live with that. Still, it's the next best thing to your natural hair!

There is always a chance that the hair system will be a tiny bit off on one side, that there will be a small crease on the base material, or that the hairline will be a bit dirty on one side, to name a few examples. However, these things are part of the life of a hair system user, and they are entirely undetectable to most people with the rich density and perfect blend between the hair of the system and your natural bio hair.

Save yourself a lot of stress and deal with those minor imperfections calmly when they occur, and always try to remember that no one will notice them. Once you learn to be at peace with that, you'll have come a long way already, and your hair system's daily use and maintenance will become a lot more comfortable and, by default, easier.

Bond and Touch-ups v

Every hair system is different, and everyone's skin chemistry and perspiration situations are different, so you will quickly discover how much maintenance your hair system requires according to your body, lifestyle, tastes, and hairstyle. For example, a hairstyle with the hair down, hiding the hairline, will require less maintenance than one with the hair brushed back or up.

Most importantly, all our adhesives are pressure activated, meaning if your hair system lifts slightly in one area, you can press the base back down into the glue, and it will stick again. This doesn't have infinite uses, but you can easily avoid a retouch by using this technique.

Itching and Scratching v

Wearing a hair system will not make your scalp itchier. Still, if it itches, it is very important not to scratch your hair system roughly because the tips of your fingers and nails can easily break the hair or the base, and you can create holes in your system.

You will notice that the itching happens mostly when you sweat, or the adhesive starts to break down and must be changed soon. Instead of scratching, we recommend applying gentle pressure, doing a quick massage with your fingers (not the nails) or tapping your head (always gently) on the itching spot until the itching goes away.

Hair Color Fading v

As we already mentioned, many factors will impact your hair over the coming weeks and months, but the sun is unquestionably the most potent of these factors. The sun and repeated washing and shampooing of your hair will make your system lose its color and become lighter.

Don't forget that your hair has been processed, sometimes bleached, and colored to match your natural hair color. Therefore, the hair reacts like naturally treated and colored hair and will lose its color with time.

Being outside in the sun is something that we can't avoid. Still, if you spend a long time under direct sunlight (day at the beach, outdoor activities, tanning salons, etc.), we recommend using a leave-in conditioner with sunscreen or wearing a headcover for a part of the day. We also recommend that you use products designed for treated and colored hair and that you get yourself a good quality coloring shampoo that you can use at times to revive your color.

Recoloring the Hair System v

Your hair system can be recolored or dyed without any problems, but it can only be made darker, never lighter (bleached). Ask your 1847 barber for more details about recoloring your hair system. One thing to consider before dyeing the hair system: if you have human gray hair in your hair, it will also be dyed. On the other hand, we can offer you synthetic white hair, which does not change color even if dyed.

Hair/Knots Breaking and Falling v

Hair systems lose hair with weeks and months passing, which is completely normal. Your hair system is made with 80,000-10,000 hair strands, and you can expect to lose between 10-20 strands daily on average. That means that in the worst-case scenario (20+ hair strands lost per day), you would lose around 7,000 (less than 10% of your original hair density) in the space of 6 months, which is the longest time frame that we recommend that you keep your hair system for.

A 10% hair loss is not enough for your hair system to look broken or unrealistic; you can rest assured, and don't forget that this is a worst-case scenario. Most customers change their hair systems after 4-6 months because the hair looks dry, not because they have lost too much.

Hair Styling Tools v

Brushes/Combs

When choosing a comb or brush, choose the ones with soft or rounded tips. This is very important, as anything too sharp (especially with combs) can damage the system's base and create holes. When combing or brushing, always be very gentle. Do it slowly and with care. If your hair gets tangled, brush it gently, always following the direction of the hair, and repeat the movement until the tangled area is released. We strongly recommend wetting your hair slightly or using a leave-in conditioner or detangler before combing or brushing your hair. Wet hair is a lot easier to detangle and style.

Hairdryer/Straightener

You can use a hairdryer on your hair, but make sure to put the air temperature setting on medium heat or cold. The high heat will damage and dry up your hair. The use of a hair straightener is not recommended, as we can offer you fuller straight hair if that is what you desire; however, if you like to alternate between curly and straight hair, feel free to use it, always remembering that heat is very damaging for your hair and that the more you use it, the sooner you will have to replace your hair system. We don't recommend using a straightener, but if you must use one, great heat protection products are on the market to help protect your hair from damage.

Hair Products

The best hair products are those that enrich or moisturize your hair. Although it is 100% real human hair, this hair is not alive and therefore doesn't benefit from the natural oils and nutrients that the scalp produces. Any products with Argan Oil or Olive Oil, such as hair creams and conditioners, are great for hair systems because they moisturize it, and at the same time, you can style your hair with them most of the time. For shampoos, conditioners, and leave-in conditioners, try to select products for treated and/or colored hair. For hair styling products, again, try to select products that are more oily or creamy to style your hair. Hard products like waxes and pastes will stay in your hair for too long, and they are quite hard to get off without over-washing the hair, which is not recommended with a hair system.

Washing/Wetting/Sweating v

Your hair system and the adhesive on your scalp will resist water to a certain level, but they are not 100% water-proof especially for long-term water exposure. Here are some guidelines to help you better understand.

Showering

Because your hair system is not subject to the toxins, natural oils, and sweat your scalp produces, it won't become as dirty or greasy as natural hair. Therefore, you do not need to wash it as often as you would natural hair. According to dermatologists, you should not wash your natural hair more than once a week, and this is the frequency that we also recommend to your hair system. We suggest you get a good-quality dry shampoo that will leave your hair clean and soft without having to do it more often, we suggest you get a good-quality dry shampoo that will leave your hair clean and soft without having to get it wet. There is no problem with washing your hair more than once a week, but you need to consider that the more you wash it, the quicker you will break the glue's adhesive properties and the sooner you will have to change it. When washing your hair in the shower, try to limit the amount of time (in minutes) that your hair is directly under the shower stream. Some quick, easy-to-follow steps to shampoo your hair:

1. Wet the hair under the shower stream for 5–10 seconds, then move away from it.
2. Apply shampoo to your hands and gently put it in your hair, following the hair direction with a simple patting movement. You can run your fingers through your hair to spread the shampoo everywhere, but always follow the direction of your hair and do so gently.
3. You can also use a comb to properly disperse the shampoo in the hair.
4. Rinse thoroughly for 15–30 seconds.
5. If you want to use a conditioner, repeat the same steps.
6. Overall, your hair shouldn't be under the shower stream for more than 1 minute per product that you use.

Wetting/Swimming v

You can feel free to wet your hair any time without worrying about it falling off or anything similar. The adhesive we use is water-resistant, and even when it's due for a change, it's still sticky enough to keep everything in place when the hair system is exposed to water. Do not stress about it. You can jump in a pool headfirst, play in the ocean, or get a wave hit you in the head—there is absolutely no problem.

However, as we previously mentioned, it is not 100% waterproof for long-term weather exposure, which means that if you enjoy swimming every day for 1–2 hours in a pool, you will need a swimming hat, and if you want to scuba dive, make sure to have something covering your head (a swimming cap). The same logic applies to other situations where your head is submerged in water for long periods of time.

Sweat is probably the worst enemy of hair systems because it breaks the adhesive slowly daily due to its high PH levels and toxins. Sweating is a natural body process, and we cannot avoid it. Even if you sweat very little, you sweat during your sleep; everybody does. Therefore, the length of the solid bond of your hair system will vary according to how active you are and how much you sweat during the days and weeks after you attach the hair system to your scalp.

The average customer will wear his hair system with a solid bond for about 10-15 days. This can go down to 1 week if you are very active and sweat more than average, and it can go up to 35 days in the opposite case or during a colder time of year, for example. For hygiene reasons, we don't recommend exceeding 35 days with your bond.

There is nothing wrong with or damaging to your hair system if you sweat more than average. Remember that you will have to change the glue more often.

The adhesive reaction to water and sweat is different for everyone due to the various types of skin and sweat chemistry. You will quickly learn to understand how much water and sweat exposure your hair system can take in as little as 1-2 months.