

Guns-n-Needles Tattoo Aftercare

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before removing Tatu-derm 12-24 hours after application. If after a minimum of 12 hours the Tatu-derm is filled with fluid, it is time to remove it and clean the tattoo. If it is not filled with fluid, you may leave it on for the full 24 hours.

To remove Tatu-derm, peel it back slowly from the edge. Peel it back over itself to avoid stretching the skin. We find it best to remove Tatu-derm in the shower.

Once you have removed the Tatu-derm, wash the tattoo area thoroughly. We recommend and use H2Ocean Blue Green foam soap, or H2Ocean Nothing soap—which contains Lidocaine for discomfort relief. Pat tattoo dry with disposable paper towel or let air dry. **Do not use your bath towel!** Even when “clean”, your bath towel harbors bacteria.

If you are reapplying Tatu-derm, please apply to CLEAN and DRY skin no more than 15-20 minutes after the removal of the first bandage.

To apply Tatu-derm, use clean scissors to cut desired length(s) from your roll. Apply the cut length to the tattoo with the adhesive side facing the skin. Press down from the center out to eliminate any air gaps. Starting from the center, remove the paper backing while applying pressure on the film. Cover the

tattoo completely plus one inch all around for good adhesion. Ok to overlap more than one piece.

Allergic reactions can occur. IF EXCESSIVE REDNESS OCCURS—REMOVE IMMEDIATELY AND DISCONTINUE USE.

Once your final bandage has been removed, you will begin using lotion. We recommend using H2Ocean lotion. After the tattoo has been washed and dried, apply a small amount of lotion 3-5 times daily until the tattoo is completely healed. Everybody has a unique healing process and it can take between 2-6 weeks for a tattoo to fully heal.

Avoid sun exposure—including tanning beds—for a minimum of 3 weeks after tattoo application. We recommend applying SPF 30 sunscreen to healed tattoos before any sun exposure.

No swimming for a minimum of 3 weeks. This includes hot tubs, swimming pools, lakes, rivers, etc. Swimming or soaking your tattoo can cause bacterial infections, or cause scabbing and flaking to worsen, which may cause permanent damage to your tattoo.

Itching is a normal part of the healing process—please do not scratch your tattoo! If itching occurs, apply H2Ocean lotion or pat the tattoo for relief.

Please consult a doctor if there is any sign of infection.

Please call immediately if you have any questions or concerns.

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