

# SANIDERM/DERMSHIELD AFTERCARE DIRECTIONS + INFO

**Always** wash your hands before handling your tattoo!

- Keep the bandage on for 4-5 days
- Remove in the shower or under warm running water to help loosen the adhesive
- Slowly and gently peel it off, do NOT yank it off.
- Clean and rinse tattoo with unscented, gentle liquid soap. (Cetaphil/Cerave)
- Air dry or pat with a clean cloth (nothing abrasive)
- Apply unscented lotion following the removal of Saniderm. (Cetaphil/Cerave)
- Some skin may be sensitive. If there's any redness/discomfort around the edges of the bandage, please remove immediately (even if it hasn't been 5 days) to avoid irritation/blistering.
- The bandage is breathable and waterproof so you may shower with it.
- Liquid pooling may occur underneath the bandage. This is plasma that helps keep your tattoo moist during these few days.

## Please read below for more information

Traditional tattoo aftercare methods can be time consuming and inconvenient. Saniderm bandages bring simplicity to the aftercare process with minimal discomfort. They protect your healing tattoo from scabbing, infection, and other irritants that damage tattoos. Your work stays bright and vibrant and heals much faster.

### Prevents Tattoo Damage

Saniderm, when used properly, will seal in your body's natural fluids/plasma to keep your tattoo healing. Those fluids keep your cells hydrated so they can break down dead tissue and remove it efficiently. This stimulates the growth of new cells and reduces healing time, keeping finer details of the tattoo crisp and clean.

### Enhanced Tattoo Aftercare

New tattoos are an open wound and aftercare plays a critical role in how efficiently it heals, and how much color/detail the tattoo ultimately retains. The ideal conditions for a fresh wound are: moist yet breathable, and clean. Many people use lotions/ointments on cuts, abrasions, and new tattoos. Unfortunately, these dry up quickly between each application, and have to be applied multiple times daily. This can impede the healing process and form scabs. Your skin cells become dehydrated, and cells die. This results in fading, distortion of colors, and longer tattoo healing times.

During the healing process, your body tries to keep a wound moist by sending fluids/plasma to the site. This fluid/plasma becomes ineffective when they dry up and form a scab, damaging your tattoo and making the healing process uncomfortable. The purpose of scabs is to protect the wound from environmental contamination but that protection comes at a cost. A scab forms a barrier that slows generation of new tissue, so the healing process takes much more time and this also increases the risk of scarring.

### Breathable

Saniderm bandages are designed/engineered to be permeable to gases (breathable). Your skin requires a certain amount of oxygen to heal properly. The outermost layer of skin is almost exclusively supplied by oxygen from the air. The breathability of Saniderm allows you to wear the same bandage for several days, and your skin continues to function normally. Its protective properties also increase regeneration of the wound.

### Flexible

Regular tapes/pads do not bend or stretch very well, and they quickly fall off after some activity. Saniderm bandages are light, flexible, and stretchy enough to be applied anywhere. They will stay exactly where you place them. Saniderm allows full range of motion so that your new tattoo will not prevent your usual activities.

### Tattoo Aftercare that Protects

There are dirt, germs, and potential irritants everywhere you go. Saniderm bandages provide an impenetrable barrier to protect your new work, and keep you safe from infection. It protects from irritation caused by friction, (clothes/sheets brushing against your new tattoo) which can be quite painful on a fresh tattoo.