



Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Aftercare Products

- **Tattoo Goo Ointment:** This product is specifically made and tested for the healing of tattoos. It is 98% natural and contains no petroleum.
- **Pride Aftercare Products:** Ointment and Lotion
- **Lubriderm, Eucerin or Vaseline Intensive Care lotion:** very important to use fragrance free lotion.

Care Instructions

- We will bandage your tattoo to clot the bleeding on your new tattoo. It is important to leave the bandage on for a minimum of 12 hours, and no longer than 24 hours.
- Once you remove the bandage, thoroughly wash your tattoo with the antibacterial or antimicrobial soap. This is to remove all the excess ointment, blood or dried ink. Do not be alarmed if you see some ink or dead skin flake off when you are washing the tattoo. It is important that you are washing your tattoo regularly for the first week.
- After washing your tattoo, pat it dry with a towel or clean cloth.
- Now that your tattoo is clean, start using the one of our recommended Ointments. Use real small quantities, about a dab on your finger is sufficient. Work the ointment into the tattoo, and then blot off any excess with a tissue. You will continue using the ointment for 2-3 days, about 4-6 times per day or as often as it seems necessary to maintain moisturized skin (remember just a thin layer.)
- After the 2nd or 3rd day of the Ointment, switch to the Tattoo Goo Lotion. Apply the lotion liberally to the tattoo and work it into the skin. The more frequent you use the lotion, the quicker your tattoo will heal. We recommend that you use the lotion for at least 2 weeks. You will notice that when you use the lotion your tattoo will show the detail and color better. Using lotion regularly will promote healthy skin, and the healthier your skin is the nicer your tattoo will look.

What Is Normal?

- It is completely normal for your tattoo to flake and peel dead skin.
- Slight swelling is not uncommon or indicative of any complications.
- Some areas of the body are simply more sensitive and react differently.
- Once you remove the bandage you will more than likely find an imprint of your tattoo in blood on the bandage. This is completely normal; don't forget that your skin was broken during the process of your tattoo.

- During the first day or two the tattoo may ooze ink. This will stain your clothing and sheets, so be cautious.
- You can expect your tattoo to feel like a sunburn for the first couple of days. Remember this when you take a shower, hot water will definitely be uncomfortable.

What to Avoid

- DO NOT submerge your tattoo in water of any kind. This includes a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, lake, river and bathtub. Showering is fine, but DO NOT place the tattoo directly under the stream.
- DO NOT expose the tattoo to sunlight for long periods of time. Once your tattoo is healed you will want to use sunscreen to prevent your colors from fading.
- Allow your tattoo to breathe, avoid wearing tight clothing or anything that would rub constantly on the tattoo.
- DO NOT pick or scratch at your tattoo. It will begin to itch after the first couple of days. Gently pat it with your clean hands to relieve the itching. If you apply lotion regularly, you will not experience the itching.

Other Information

Once your tattoo has stopped flaking, your tattoo will have a new layer of skin over it. This new layer will make the tattoo look slightly dull. Be patient, your tattoo will begin to brighten or clear up.

Your artist went to great lengths to create a work of art for you to enjoy. It is imperative that you follow the guidelines detailed in this brochure. We would be glad to touch up your tattoo if you should need it, but if it is due to your negligence we will have to charge you at least our shop minimum.

Areas of Special Concern

- Ankle: keep socks & panty hoses off your tattoo during the healing process, at least 7-10 days. It is important for your tattoo to air out and not have any constant rubbing.
- Feet/Toes: Sandals or going bare foot will be necessary to heal any tattoo on your toes or feet. It is important for your tattoo to air out and not have any constant rubbing.

Rest assured that your tattoo was done in the most modern and aseptic environment possible. The entire staff at Hotrod Tattoo are blood borne pathogens trained in accordance with OSHA standards.