

Removing a Foam Prosthetic

As stated in the application walkthrough, improper removal of a prosthetic can result in serious injury to the wearer. It is due to this that you should take great care during the removal process and only use products specifically designed for removing the special adhesives that are used for this type of make-up application

Here is a list of items that you will require:

- Adhesive Remover (Super Solve is the most common and widely used)
- Large Taklon or Polyester Brush (1-1.5 inches wide recommended)
- Cotton Pads
- Baby Wipes
- Isopropyl Alcohol (91-99% recommended)
- Hot Towel
- Moisturizer (optional)

There are several methods of removal that work well. The method covered here will not use as much remover as some others, but is a little slower. It is crucial that you allow the product to do its job and not try and rush the process. Removal time varies from person to person as some people's skin take the adhesive a lot more securely than others. It is also important to keep in constant communication with your model as they will be able to tell you if you are going a little too fast and it is causing discomfort.



If, as in this case, the appliance covers an area above the eyes, have your model fold over some cotton pads and press them against their eyes. This is to stop the remover running into their eyes.



Brush the product generously along the edge of the prosthetic and surrounding area.

The Super Solve will cause the foam latex to expand and distort as it absorbs it. This absorption will go all the way through to the glue and will begin to release the edges. You can work the edges with the brush, maintaining a high saturation of remover on the brush.

Another method is to tear a small hole and insert a squeeze bottle with a long narrow tip in and flood it into the piece that way. This will use a lot more remover, but will get faster results.



With either the brush soaked in remover or the tip of your squeeze bottle, begin working the remover down under the piece, carefully peeling back the appliance as it releases from the skin. **DO NOT RUSH!!** Allow the product to do the work. Patience is very important.

Take it all the way down until it reaches the eye hole, or the bottom of the prosthetic (if it ends on the eyelid like some forehead pieces do).

Carefully tear through the prosthetic. Do NOT tear it from the skin contact point, tear it carefully using both hands, and at a place that is totally removed already.

Follow these steps all the way along the forehead until there is no more of the appliance above the eye where remover could run down and cause pain for the model.

Once this has been done, you may remove the pads from over the eyes if you wish.

Just as before, keep working the product in with the brush and allow it to gently absorb into the skin and prosthetic.

Feel free to tear off sections as they become removed to avoid lumps of soggy, oily foam from hanging in the way.

Follow the above steps until the whole prosthetic is removed.

Once it is removed, using your fingers massage the remover into any areas that have stubborn glue residue. The fingers are great for this as they are non abrasive.

You may use cotton pads, but discontinue if the skin gets irritated or sensitive.

Once all the make-up, glue and solvent have been removed with the baby wipes, apply a hot towel over the face to sooth the skin and open up the pores.

You may then apply a little moisturizer if you wish.

It is not uncommon for this process to take half an hour or more depending on the size of the prosthetic.

If you were careful in taking off the prosthetic, clean the adhesive off with supersolv, powder and place in a baggie for another application.

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