

How to Spray the Perfect Airbrush Tattoo

To achieve the best looking and longest lasting tattoo, initially clean the area with rubbing alcohol to remove any excess skin oils or dirt. Next, lightly spray the stencil with a craft type adhesive spray and stick the stencil to the skin. Spray a light coat of ink over the exposed stencil area then apply a light coat of baby powder to set the ink. Blow away any excess powder. Spray another coat of ink and powder. Apply 3 coats of ink in this fashion. Generally 3 coats is the perfect amount of ink. Fewer coats will cause the tattoo not to last as long and too many coats make the tattoo too thick and it tends to flake. Remove the stencil carefully.

The ink is waterproof and will not come off in the shower. They come off from wear or simply by the skin eventually pushing them off. Normal showering will not remove them. We suggest allowing the water to simply run over the tattoo and washing around it. Of course, extended exposure to water, like swimming, will not affect the ink but it will soften the skin and thus assist in the skin's ability to push the tattoo off. Also, placement is critical for a long lasting tattoo. If placed on an area that will get constant rubbing by clothing, such as the lower back below the waistline, they tend to not last as long. A tattoo on a child will not last as long as an adult due to the rapid exfoliation of a child's skin. We also have a tattoo extender solution on our website that can assist in the longevity of the tattoo.

A properly applied tattoo, on an average person, will last a week to ten days with little care. With a little care, they will last two weeks or more. Always tell your customers to apply powder to the tattoo after the shower or whenever it gets wet. That will re-set the top layer of ink. When selling the extender, make sure they know not to leave the tattoo on more than an extra week or so. The skin needs to breath.

Cleaning Your Airbrush

Cleanup is the easiest with denatured alcohol. You can pick it up at Lowes/Home Depot. Between tattoos, run it through the airbrush until clean. When finished for the day, disassemble the airbrush and soak the parts in a bowl of denatured alcohol. It's helpful to keep a can of WD-40 around to spray through the airbrush after putting it back together and storing it. This keeps everything inside lubricated while stored. We have heard of some customers leaving ink in their airbrush for days and were still able to clean it by soaking in denatured alcohol. Before putting it back together, make sure you check the tip for lodged ink. It's pretty easy once you get the hang of it.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you and good luck.