



the art and science of smart patch testing™

NA78: Shellac

Patient Information

Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to shellac. This contact allergy may cause your skin to react when it is exposed to this substance although it may take several days for the symptoms to appear. Typical symptoms include redness, swelling, itching, and fluid-filled blisters.

Where is shellac found ?

Shellac is a resin sold in the form of amber flakes and is considered a natural plastic. This substance can be found in products used throughout the home including paint primers, sealants, and furniture finishes. It is also edible and used as a glazing agent on candies and pills. Shellac has other uses such as producing dentures and for creating a waxy substance found in cosmetics.

How can you avoid contact with shellac?

Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- Candy glaze
- Confectioner's glaze
- EINECS 232-549-9 Gum lac
- Lac resin
- Lacca
- Resins, lac or shellac
- Schellack
- Shellac, purified
- Shellac orange S-40

What are some products that may contain shellac?

Cosmetics:

- Revlon ColorStay Liquid Lip Lipcolor, Blush Wine
- Revlon ColorStay Liquid Lip Lipcolor, Pink Free
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Blast
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Dazzle
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Electric
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Solar

Home Maintenance:

- Bulls Eye Clear Shellac
- Champion Spray Shellac
- Indian Head Gasket Shellac Compound
- Parks Clear Shellac

- StoneTech Shining Powder
- Zinsser B I N Primer Sealer
- Zinsser B I N Primer Sealer Stain Killer
- Zinsser Bulls Eye 3 lb. Amber Shellac
- Zinsser Bulls Eye 3 lb. Clear Shellac
- Zinsser Bulls Eye 4 lb. Amber Shellac
- Zinsser Bulls Eye 4 lb. Clear Shellac
- Zinsser Bulls Eye 5 lb. Amber Shellac
- Zinsser Bulls Eye SealCoat Universal Sanding Sealer
- Zinsser Bulls Eye Spray Shellac

*For additional information about products that might contain **shellac**, go to the Household Product Database online (<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov>) at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.