

## **Fitzpatrick Skin Type Classifications**

Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, M.D., PhD. developed the standard for classifying a person's skin type by their response to sun exposure, burning and tanning. The answers to the questions below provide the score which is then translated into the Skin Type classification.

Score	0	1	2	3	4	Score	
Eye colour	Light colours	Blue / grey / green	Hazel	Brown	Black		TYPE 1
Natural hair colour	Light blonde/ light red	Blond	Chestnut or dark blond	Brown	Black		0-6
Skin colour (unexposed areas)	Reddish	Pale	Beige / olive	Brown	Dark brown		TYPE 2 7-13
Freckles (unexposed areas)	Many	Several	Few	Incidental	None		7-13
Reaction to staying in sun too long	Painful blisters, peeling	Mild blisters, peeling	Burn, mild peeling	Rare	No burning		TYPE 3 14-20
Do you turn brown	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always		
Degree of tanning	Never	Light tan	Medium tan	Dark Tan	Deep tan		TYPE 4 21-27
Sensitivity of face to sun	Very sensitive	Sensitive	Normal	Very resistant	No problem		
Last exposure to natural or artificial tanning	3 months +	2-3 months ago	1-2 months ago	Less than a month ago	Less than 2 weeks ago		TYPE 5 27-35
How often do you tan?	Never	Hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Always		
TOTAL SCORE			TYPE 6 35+				

## FITZPATRICK CLASSIFICATION DETAILS:

SKIN TYPE	COLOUR	REACTION TO UVA	REACTION TO SUN	EXAMPLES
TYPE I	Caucasian; blond or red hair, freckles, white, very fair skin, blue eyes	Very sensitive	Always sun burns quickly with less than 20 minutes unprotected sun exposure, never tans; very fair skin tone. Sun protection 30+ as well as clothing, sunglasses and hats.	
TYPE II	Caucasian; blond or red hair, freckles, fair skin, blue or green eyes	Very sensitive	Usually burns easily, tans with difficulty, fair skin tone. Sun protection 30+ as well as clothing, sunglasses and hats.	
TYPE III	Darker Caucasian, light Asian; 'creamy-white' skin, any hair and eye colour	Sensitive	Burns moderately, tans gradually; fair to medium skin tone. Sun protection 30+ as well as clothing, sunglasses and hats.	
TYPE IV	Mediterranean, darker Asian skin, Hispanic; brown skin and eyes	Moderately sensitive	Rarely burns, always tans well; medium skin tone. Some sun protection is wise.	
TYPE V	Middle Eastern, Latin, light-skinned black/dark brown skin, Indian	Minimally sensitive	Very rarely burns, tans very easily; olive or dark skin tone	
TYPE VI	Black, African, black skin, brown eyes	Least sensitive	Never burns, deeply pigmented; very dark skin tone	