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Welcome to the new you

Congratulations on your new look with Racoon Luxe Hair Extensions by Racoon International. We want your hair extensions to stay in fabulous condition throughout their life so we have created this guide of maintenance and after-care steps to care for your new hair alongside your own.

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Our extensions are ethically sourced 100% Remy hair and of premium quality but do require maintenance from you at home. Your new hair extensions are only guaranteed if you follow these important aftercare steps and use Racoon X-tend Haircare range



General Care

Daily Maintenance

Use your fingers to separate your Luxe Hair Extensions each day, particularly if you are wearing Luxe Bond or Luxe Link, to help prevent them twisting or locking together, neglecting to do this can result in 'dreadlocking' where several hair extensions cling or lock together.

Monthly Maintenance

We recommend that you visit your stylist or salon for regular maintenance appointments. As your own hair grows, the extensions will be further down the hair also. We recommend the following based on the type of extensions you are wearing:

Luxe Bond - 6 - 8 weeks

Luxe Link - 10 - 12 weeks

Luxe Tape - 2 - 4 weeks

Luxe Weave - 4 - 5 weeks

This keeps your attachments fresh and comfortable. Your Certified Raccoon Extensionist will remove, rotate & re-attach and on occasion may replace or add in some fresh hair where required. We recommend you book these appointments in advance to ensure your extensions, and your own hair remain in the best condition.

Colouring

Your hair extensions can be coloured, however this must be carried out by a Certified Raccoon Extensionist who has been trained in that process.

If colouring is carried out by a non-trained stylist, the attachments of your hair extensions may get damaged and will invalidate your guarantee.

Sleeping

It may feel a little strange to sleep initially with your new extensions until you get used to the feeling. In order to help keep your hair and attachments from tangling we recommend you tie your hair back loosely in a plait or low ponytail. Using a silk pillowcase is also a good way to maintain the condition of your hair (a good general tip too!)



Protective Headgear

There are some activities that require protective headgear which can put excessive tension on the hair and your hair extension attachments. Always take care when putting on your headgear, if sweating occurs, ensure you dry any bond, or tape attachments as soon as you are able to do so.



Brushing, Washing and Conditioning

Brushing & Combing

Normal brushes can 'snag' your hair extensions causing damage to the attachments and also your own hair, so using the right brush is extremely important. The award winning Racoon-Denman bristle brush has been specifically designed to brush easily through your hair without catching the attachments and is very comfortable on your scalp.

When brushing initially, support your hair extensions at the top and start at the mid-lengths and ends before working up to the root area. the Racoon-Denman brush has been designed to be able to brush right at the root area.

Don't worry, the bristles will bend around the attachments. If you're wearing the Luxe Weave, it's a good idea to work through in sections, to ensure you're getting the brush into your own hair, underneath the weave.

Never brush your hair when wet as this is when your hair is at it's weakest (a good general rule for your own hair too!) Use a wide tooth comb.

If you have standard deep wave or soft wave hair then you should always use a wide tooth comb.





Washing & Styling

The first wash you do with your new extensions, if you have never had extensions before will feel a bit strange. We recommend having a wash and blow dry with your Certified Racoon Extensionist in salon so that you can see and feel the difference and they can take you through the steps.

Don't worry you will soon get used to it! Before washing, always brush through your hair to remove tangles and separate any bonds or links.

Shampooing & Conditioning

- Apply Racoon Xtend Shampoo to wet hair and distribute evenly.
- Gently massage the scalp with your fingers using downwards zig-zag motion (avoid doing circles that could cause tangles or matting).
- Ensure you get in-between your hair extensions especially if you are wearing tapes to ensure you have cleansed your hair thoroughly.

- Rinse and repeat - and don't be surprised by the extra weight.
- Squeeze out excess moisture before applying your Racoon Xtend Conditioner.
- Smooth onto the mid-lengths and ends of your hair and gently use your hands to distribute the product. Rinse immediately.

For Extra Conditioning

- Apply Racoon Xtend Conditioning Hair Mask once a week.
- Squeeze out excess moisture after shampooing and apply to the mid-lengths and ends.
- Leave for up to 10 mins and rinse thoroughly.
- For a daily shine boost, spray Racoon Xtend Everyday Conditioner on to wet or dry hair.



Drying and Styling

Preparation

So now you have shampooed and conditioned your hair. When towel drying be careful not to rub the your hair (again this is true even if you don't have extensions) gently blot and squeeze out excess moisture with a towel.

Use a wide tooth comb to detangle your hair, supporting your hair extensions and working your way higher up the hair shaft each time. Do not put excessive tension on your hair or your hair extensions.

Gently work through your hair ensuring you get in between tape and weave extensions and separate any bonds or links with your fingers.

Blow-drying

Apply Racoon Xtend Thermal Defense spray to protect your hair from the heat of the hairdryer.

Important - Always ensure you get the roots of your hair completely dry, regardless of the attachment method. You can then continue to blowdry the rest, or leave the hair to dry naturally.

Be careful not to apply too much tension when drying, use the Racoon - Denman brush initially and if using any other styling tools, avoid contact with the attachments of your hair extensions.

Do not allow your Racoon Luxe Hair Extensions to come in to direct contact with perfumes or fake tan as these may cause discolouration of the hair.

Day-to-Day Styling

Before using any heated appliances, use Racoon Xtend Thermal Defense spray. We advise a heat of 160°C and leave a least 5cm between the appliance and the extension attachment at the root.

Removal

Whichever type of Racoon Luxe Hair Extensions that you have we recommend that you have any removal only undertaken by a Certified Racoon Extensionist. Our unique removal process ensures that your hair extensions can be removed quickly, leaving no trace, residue or damage to your own hair. Should you try to remove yourself then we can take no responsibility for any damaged caused.

Additional Support

Your trained Certified Racoon Extensionist should be contacted immediately if you have any concerns.

Going on Holiday...

Have your hair extensions fitted at least two weeks before you travel so you can get used to them and your new routine. If you are going to require a rotation whilst away we would recommend you have one just before you leave so that your hair looks its best for your holiday.

Sun Exposure

Just like your own hair, your new hair extensions will need sun protection to prevent colour fade and drying out. Try to wear a hat or scarf for protection and use Racoon Xtend Thermal Defence spray each day as it contains a UV protector. Use Racoon Xtend Everyday Leave-in Conditioning spray to add in extra moisture daily and use Xtend Hair Mask for an extra hit of nourishment - your own hair will love that too!

Do not allow your Racoon Luxe Hair Extensions to come into contact with your usual SPF as these may cause discolouration of the hair.

Swimming

Chlorine and/or salt water can have an adverse effect on the hair colour and the attachments of your hair extensions. It is not recommended that you swim regularly with hair extensions, however on holiday tie your hair up in a high bun or a plait and keep out of the water. If your hair does get wet then shampoo, condition and dry thoroughly after swimming.



XTEND Hair Care

Detox Shampoo

A weekly shampoo to remove build-up and leave hair squeaky clean.

Luxurious Shampoo

A daily shampoo enriched with moisturising and natural extracts to gently cleanse hair and scalp.

Everyday Conditioner

Leave-in spray formulation to instantly recondition hair helping prevent static and tangles.

Luxurious Conditioner

A luxurious daily moisturising treat to smooth, revitalise and detangle hair.

Conditioning Hair Mask

An intensive deep conditioning treatment to revitalise and rehydrate tired hair.

Thermal Defense

A light spray to protect the hair against harmful UV light and heat protector when using hot styling tools.

Hair Shine Serum

A light serum that gives hair a silky feel and adds a high gloss reflective shine.



Racoon-Denman Brush

Widely spaced, fine bristles and soft cushion allow the brush to run through the hair at the roots without snagging the bonds, links, tapes or weave.

Racoon-Denman Comb

Perfect wide tooth comb to use on wet hair to remove tangles without snagging or tension.



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