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ABOUT FIBRE BIAB™ TPO & HEMA-FREE

Fibre BIAB™ is a TPO & HEMA-free builder gel, enhanced with microscopic fibres to support strength, structure, and improved retention.

With a self-levelling viscosity, Fibre BIAB™ is designed to work seamlessly within the DesignEx Pro™ system.

Fibre BIAB™ is also a soak-off system, supporting a full soak-off removal service for DesignEx Pro™.

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STEP 1 : NAIL PREP

- Sanitise your and your customer's hands.
- Use a cuticle pusher — like ProPrep from our TGB Tools Range — to push back the cuticles before trimming away excess with nippers. We recommend the ProNip cuticle nippers.
- File nails into the desired shape using a TGB 220/240 File.
- Lightly etch the nail plate using the 100-grit side of a TGB 100/180 Buffer, particularly around the cuticle area and sidewalls to maximise retention.
- Dehydrate and cleanse the nail plate using 100% pure acetone.

STEP 2: SIZING

- DesignEx Pro™ tips range in sizes 1-12. Before applying any product to the nail, start by sizing the tips that you are going to use on your client.
- When choosing a tip for your client, you will need to ensure that each tip fits across the nail plate and is parallel to the side wall whilst holding it lightly in place.
- If you cannot find the right-sized tip, select a larger size and file the sides for a perfect fit.
- Repeat the above steps for each nail. Take note of the client's tip size on the Client Record Card for future appointments.

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STEP 3: PREPARING TIPS

- Each nail tip is pre-buffed with a perfectly sculpted apex for fast, effortless application.
- Gently buff the tip side walls with a TGB 100/180 Buffer to create a smooth transition between the tip walls and cuticle.
- Once the tip side walls are buffed, wipe with acetone to remove dust and debris for a seamless finish.

STEP 4: BASE COAT APPLICATION

- Apply a thin, even layer of Fibre BIAB™ to bare, prepped nails.
- Cure nails for 99 seconds in the TGB lamp.
- For clients who require additional support or improved retention (e.g. oily, flexible or high-impact nails), you can apply a thin layer of Rubber Base or Bond Base prior to Fibre BIAB™ TPO & HEMA-Free application.
- NB: For clients with a confirmed HEMA allergy, ensure a fully HEMA-free system is used, including Bond Base, Glow Top and TGB HEMA-free colour systems.

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STEP 5: TIP APPLICATION

- Working on one tip at a time, paint a thin layer of Fibre BIAB™ to the inside of the tip. Then, add a small bead of Fibre BIAB™ to the tip base, close to the cuticle edge.
- **Top tip:** Make sure that you don't apply too much product as excess gel will seep out of the sides when applied to the nail.
- Gently apply the tip, starting at the cuticle and pushing down towards the free edge to disperse the Fibre BIAB™ under the tip, ensuring there are no air bubbles.
- Once the gel has reached the free edge, check that the tip is perfectly positioned on the nail.
- Cure each tip for 30 seconds under the TGB USB Flash Lamp (included in your kit).
- Once all tips are applied, cure the whole hand under the TGB lamp for 99 seconds

STEP 6: REFINING

- Once all tips are cured, use the TGB 100/180 Buffer and TGB 120/180 File to lightly buff and file the tips.
- Wipe with a TGB Lint Free Wipe soaked in IPA.
- **Optional:** For a smoother transition with the natural nail, apply another coat of Fibre BIAB™ and cure for 99 seconds in the TGB lamp.

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STEP 7: FINISHING

- If nails are to be finished with TGB Gel Colour, follow the 'TGB Gel Polish Application' steps.
- Apply your chosen TGB Top Coat.
- Cure using the TGB lamp for 60 seconds.
- Apply a small amount of Cuticle Essence to each cuticle, avoiding contact with the nail to minimise dulling of the top coat.
- **NB:** If working on a client with a confirmed HEMA allergy, you must use a full HEMA-free system, such as Glow Top and our HEMA-free gel range.

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REMOVAL

STEP 1: PREP

- Sanitise your and your customer's hands.

STEP 2: PRODUCT REMOVAL

- Using the ProNip Nippers, remove the length of the extension. Be mindful of the hyponychium.
- Using a 120/180 File, remove the top coat.

STEP 3: SOAK OFF

- Soak TGB Removal Foil in pure acetone and wrap tightly around each nail.
- Leave to soak for 10 to 15 minutes, times may vary depending on the thickness of the product left on the nail.

STEP 4: REMOVAL

- Remove the foil from one nail whilst keeping the others wrapped in acetone.
- Use a ProPrep tool to gently scrape away the gel.
- Don't force the gel off, if it is still hard, re-wrap the nail and leave the gel to soak for 5-10 more minutes, repeat as necessary.
- Use a TGB ProPrep tool to remove any remaining soaked gel.
- Make sure you support the customer's natural nail tip with your finger while removing the gel to avoid bending or snapping the nail.

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STEP 5: BUFF AND SHAPE

- If there is any Fibre BIAB™ residue left, use a TGB 100/180 Buffer to gently buff it off.
- Any base coat left on the nail plate only needs to be slightly buffed to avoid over-buffing the natural nail. Concentrate on areas around the cuticles.
- Once all product is removed, apply a generous amount of Cuticle Essence.

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Level up your skills with the DesignEx Pro™ course at TGB Academy. Discover express nail extensions with ready-sculpted tips — created in a flash, with DesignEx Pro™. Designed with speed in mind, our game-changing extension system provides effortless and perfect extensions, every single time.

With shapes to suit everyone's style, from classic almond and square to statement stiletto tips, you can achieve any desired look.

WHAT TO EXPECT

In this ABT and Guild-accredited course, we will cover how to prepare the nail as well as the correct application and safe removal of our full-coverage soft gel tips.

DesignEx Pro™ works specifically with Fibre BIAB™, so we will teach you how to use them alongside the USB Flash Lamp.

Created for you and your client, DesignEx Pro™ was designed with speed and innovation in mind. Book your place at TGB Academy and elevate your services with DesignEx Pro™.

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