

THE GELBOTTLE INC

HARDBIAB™

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HARD BIAB™ TPO & HEMA-FREE:

Need to create long, strong manicures that last? Hard BIAB™ is perfect for sculpting extensions, reinforcing long natural nails, or setting up a flawless base for colour. What's more, you can expect exceptional control, self-levelling precision and a smooth, streak-free finish. Achieve the perfect apex with minimal effort and maximum precision.

With a thicker viscosity for precision shaping and a file-off formula built to last 4+ weeks, it's the ultimate solution for strong nail overlays, infills, nail fixes and durable nail extensions. Proudly made in the UK and TPO & HEMA-free, this hard builder gel is a must-have for every professional nail kit.

STEP 1: NAIL PREP

When working with HEMA-free products, natural nail prep should be slightly adjusted.

- 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: BASE LAYER

When working with HEMA-free products, using a base coat before BIAB™ application can improve retention across different nail types.

- Apply a thin layer of either Rubber Base or Bond Base to the prepped natural nail.
- Cure for 99 seconds on Low Heat Mode in the TGB lamp.

NB: If working on a client with a confirmed HEMA allergy, you must use a full HEMA-free system, such as Bond Base, Glow Top and our HEMA-free gel range.

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OVERLAY

STEP 3: FIRST LAYER

- Apply a medium bead of Hard BIAB™, spreading from side to side and dragging away from the cuticle area. Avoid thick build-up around the free edge.
- Build and cure one nail at a time and turn the hand over to help create the apex.
- Cure for 99 seconds on Low Heat Mode in the TGB Lamp.

STEP 4: SECOND LAYER

- Apply a second medium bead of Hard BIAB™, if the structure requires. Spread from side to side and drag away from the cuticle area. Avoid thick build-up around the free edge.
- Build and cure one nail at a time and turn the hand over to help create the apex.
- Cure for 99 seconds on Low Heat Mode in the TGB Lamp.

STEP 5: REFINE

- Remove the tacky layer with TGB Acetone or isopropyl alcohol.
- Refine the nail using a TGB 120/180 File.
- Buff into shape using a TGB 100/180 Buffer, concentrating on reducing the product around the cuticle area and the free edge.
- Remove any dust with the Dusting Brush and wipe with isopropyl alcohol.

STEP 6: TOP COAT LAYER

- 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.

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EXTENSIONS/FIXING A NAIL

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- File nails into the desired shape using a TGB 220/240 File.
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STEP 2: FORM/TIP APPLICATION

- Apply TGB Nail Forms or Tips to each nail.
- After tips have been sized correctly, apply using nail glue or All-In-One BIAB™. Press down firmly to ensure there are no air bubbles, as this will cause lifting.
- Cut, file and buff tips into shape using a TGB 120/180 File and TGB 100/180 Buffer.

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STEP 4: FIRST LAYER

- Apply a medium bead of Hard BIAB™, spreading from side to side and dragging away from the cuticle area to the desired length and shape. Avoid thick build-up around the free edge.
- Build and cure one nail at a time and turn the hand over to help create the apex.
- Cure for 99 seconds on Low Heat Mode in the TGB Lamp.
- If using forms, remove the form after the first bead has cured. Wipe with acetone and refine the shape using a 120/180 file before applying the second structural bead.

STEP 5: SECOND LAYER

- Apply a second medium bead of Hard BIAB™, spreading from side to side and dragging away from the cuticle area. Avoid thick build-up around the free edge.
- Build and cure one nail at a time and turn the hand over to help create the apex.
- Cure for 99 seconds on Low Heat Mode in the TGB Lamp.

STEP 6: REFINE

- Remove the tacky layer with TGB Acetone or isopropyl alcohol.
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STEP 7: TOP COAT LAYER

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REMOVAL

STEP 1: PREP

- Sanitise your own and your customer's hands.

STEP 2: DEBULK

- HEMA-free formulas may soak off differently due to reduced flexibility.
- As Hard BIAB™ is a file-off system, use the 120/180 File to debulk the BIAB™ until you are left only with the base coat layer.

STEP 3: SOAK OFF

- Soak a TGB Removal Foil in TGB Acetone and wrap tightly around each nail.
- Leave to soak for 5 minutes. Please note, times may vary depending on the thickness of the base coat left on the nail.

STEP 4: REMOVAL

- Remove the foil from one nail whilst keeping the others wrapped in acetone.
- Use the pusher end of your ProPrep tool to gently remove the product.
- If any stubborn product remains, re-wrap the nail and leave the gel to soak for 5-10 more minutes, repeat as necessary.
- Use the TGB ProPrep pusher end to remove any remaining product.
- 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 base coat/BIAB™ residue left, then use a TGB 100/180 Buffer to gently buff it off. Be careful to avoid over-filing.
- Once all product is removed, apply a generous amount of Cuticle Essence.

LEARN MORE WITH TGB ACADEMY – BIAB™

The BIAB™ Natural Nails course is a must for all technicians. Add another service to your offering with our ABT and Guild-accredited course.

Learn everything there is to know about the original Builder In A Bottle™, aka BIAB™. This TGB innovation remains a bestseller, providing a flexible, strong builder gel formula in a range of colours and finishes, as well as a HEMA-free formula. BIAB™ strengthens weak and brittle nails so your clients can grow their natural nails longer.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Get to know the cult product of the nail industry, including the types of BIAB™ and their uses. With BIAB™ you'll take your business to the next level.

You will learn how to correctly apply the nail tech essential, creating the perfect apex as part of a natural nail overlay. You'll also be taught how to extend or fix a nail using Clear BIAB™, infill a BIAB™ treatment AND how to safely remove both soak-off and file-off formulas.

Master the cult product that has become a nail tech essential worldwide.

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