The Fitzpatrick Scale

TYPE I

Light, pale white

Always burns, never tans

TYPE II

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White, fair

Usually burns, tans with difficulty



TYPE III

Medium, white to olive

Sometimes mild burn, gradually tans to olive



TYPE IV

Olive, moderate brown

Rarely burns, tans with ease to a moderate brown



TYPE V

Brown, dark brown

Very rarely burns, tans very easily



TYPE VI

Black, very dark brown to black

Never burns, tans very easily, deeply pigmented



What is your Fitzpatrick Score?

Eye colour

- Light colours
- 1. Blue, gray or green
- 2. Dark
- 3. Brown
- 4. Black

Natural hair colour

- 0. Sandy red
- 1. Blond
- 2. Chestnut or dark blond
- 3. Brown
- 4. Black

Your skin colour (unexposed areas)

- 0. Reddish
- 1. Pale
- 2. Beige or olive
- 3. Brown
- 4. Dark brown

Freckles (unexposed areas)

- 0. Many
- 1. Several
- 2. Few
- 3. Rare
- 4. None

If you stay in the sun too long?

- Painful blisters, peeling
- 1. Mild blisters, peeling
- 2. Burn, mild peeling
- 3. Rare
- 4. No burning

Do you turn brown?

- 0. Never
- 1. Seldom
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. Often
- 4. Always

How brown do you get?

- 0. Never
- 1. Light tan
- 2. Medium tan
- 3. Dark tan
- 4. Deep dark

Is your face sensitive to the sun?

- 0. Very sensitive
- 1. Sensitive
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. Resistant
- 4. Never have a problem

How often do you tan?

- Never
- 1. Seldom
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. Often
- 4. Always

When was your last tan?

- 0. +3 months ago
- 1. 2-3 months ago
- 2. 1-2 months ago
- 3. Weeks ago
- 4. Days



0-6

Skin Type I

Always burns, never tans (pale white skin)



7-13

Skin Type II

Always burns easily, tans minimally (white skin)



14-20

Skin Type III

Burns moderately, tans uniformly (light brown skin)



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Skin Type IV

Burns minimally, always tans well (moderate brown skin)



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Skin Type V

Rarely burns, tans profusely (dark brown skin)



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Skin Type VI

Never burns (deeply pigmented dark brown to black skin)

