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The Best Tinted Sunscreens, According to Dermatologists

Protect your skin and gain a glow with these multitasking formulas



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Wearing sunscreen every day is an important step to remember in any skincare regimen. Regular use helps protect your skin from the sun's cancer-causing radiation, according to the [National Institutes of Health](#). One way to simplify your routine is by using a tinted sunscreen, which offers both protection from the sun and skin-evening coverage.

Broad spectrum sunscreens protect against the UVA and UVB rays emitted by the sun that we can't detect with our eyes. They don't protect against the light from the sun that we can see, though. Visible light can have a negative effect on skin, particularly in [skin of color](#) and those

who have [melasma or postinflammatory hyperpigmentation](#) from acne. Tinted sunscreens contain iron oxides, which help [protect against visible light](#) in addition to UV rays, explains [Dr. Shraddha Desai](#), a Naperville, Ill.-based dermatologist at Duly Aesthetics. And

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To find the best tinted sunscreens, we asked Desai and other dermatologists for their go-tos. See below for their favorites and be sure to see our other sunscreen guides for [mineral](#) and [everyday options](#).

Expert-favorite brand



LA ROCHE-POSAY

Anthelios Mineral Tinted Sunscreen SPF 40

\$40 AT AMAZON

\$43 AT ULTA

La Roche-Posay was one of the most recommended brands by dermatologists across all our sunscreen guides. The [Anthelios Tinted Mineral SPF 40](#) is also a top [everyday sunscreen pick](#) of [Dr. Ryan Turner](#), a New York City-based dermatologist and founder of Turner Dermatology, who says that it’s a good option for people “who dislike thick mineral textures.” It includes the brand’s Cell-Ox Shield, which offers broad spectrum protection and antioxidants to protect skin from free radicals. It may even help reduce the appearance of sun damage. This sunscreen is available in four shades, as well as an untinted option.

Great for darker skin tones

**ELTAMD**

UV Clear Tinted Face Sunscreen SPF 46

\$47 AT DERMSTORE

\$47 AT AMAZON

EltaMD UV Clear Tinted Broad Spectrum SPF 46 is Desai's go-to sunscreen—she says she wears it every day. It includes niacinamide, which helps reduce inflammation and boost hydration with broad spectrum SPF 46 coverage.

Desai notes that while the iron oxides in tinted sunscreens are especially helpful for skin of color, many of her patients struggle to find formulas that match their skin tones and, therefore, end up not wearing it. She likes the UV Clear Tinted shade options, particularly the Deep shade, which she says “blends well with darker skin tones without leaving a white cast.” The formula also pairs well with other serums and makeup, staying smooth without pilling.

Color-adjusting pigment

**COLORESCIENCE**

Sunforgettable Total Protection Face Shield Flex SPF 50

\$58 AT DERMSTORE

Turner also recommends [Colorescience's Sunforgettable Total Protection Face Shield Flex SPF 50](#), noting that it offers “strong protection against UV [rays], visible light and pollution,” thanks to its antioxidant-rich mineral formula. It's available in six "tone-adapting" shades—the lotion comes out white and as you blend it in, then encapsulated pigments are activated, releasing the color. The Flex formula offers the most buildable coverage of the line, but [Colorescience's Face Shield](#) is available in a few other formulas offering sheer color.

Lightly tinted



MINERAL FUSION

Sheer Tint Face Serum SPF 50

\$27 AT AMAZON

If you're looking for lighter coverage, [Mineral Fusion's Sheer Tint Mineral SPF 50 Serum](#) is a great choice, according to [Dr. Serena Mraz](#), a Vallejo, Calif.-based dermatologist. She notes that those with sensitive and inflammation-prone skin will appreciate the inclusion of soothing aloe, niacinamide and bisabolol. With only three shades available, it's better suited for light to medium skin tones.

Matte finish



MDSOLARSCIENCES

MD Mineral BB Crème SPF 50

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Mineral Tinted Crème SPF 30

\$27 AT MD SOLARSCIENCES

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MD SolarScience's Mineral BB Crème SPF 50 provides light coverage and a natural matte finish, according to [Dr. Debbie Palmer](#), a Harrison, N.Y.-based dermatologist and co-founder of Dermatology Associates of New York. The shade range includes Light, Medium, Dark and Deep, making it more universally appealing to her patients, she notes. Palmer also recommends the brand's **Mineral Tinted Crème SPF 30** in our [best mineral sunscreens guide](#). That formula is available in just one shade and offers lighter coverage.

Eczema-safe foundation

**TOWER 28 BEAUTY**

SunnyDays SPF 30 Tinted Sunscreen Foundation

\$32 AT TOWER 28

\$32 AT SEPHORA

The most makeup-like product on this list, [Tower 28's SunnyDays Foundation](#) offers broad spectrum SPF 30 sun protection with buildable, light-to-medium coverage in 17 shades. All Tower 28 products are formulated for sensitive and eczema-prone skin and several of them, including SunnyDays, even received the [National Eczema Association's Seal of Acceptance](#). (The brand's [body wash](#), which also has the Seal of Acceptance, has [actually improved](#) the look and feel of my skin.)

Added glow

**ALASTIN SKINCARE**

HydraTint Pro Mineral Broad Spectrum Sunscreen SPF 36

\$84 AT ALASTIN SKINCARE

\$84 AT AMAZON

[Aislinn's Hydrant SPF 30](#) gives skin a natural glow, rather than a greasy shine, says [Dr. Nazanin Saedi](#), a Philadelphia-based dermatologist at Dermatology Associates of Plymouth Meeting. She notes that it's lightweight, hydrating and a good replacement for tinted moisturizer on light makeup days. However, it's only available in one shade, so it's not as universal as some other options on this list.

How much tinted sunscreen should you apply?

You should use approximately ¼ to ½ of a teaspoon of product to your face, just like you would with regular sunscreen. “Typically, two lines of

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