



Top Five Tested Self-Tanners For 2008

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tanning has come a long way. Now we can soothe, hydrate and restore elasticity with pretty much every conceivable fragrance-free solution. This season introduces us to new gradual tanners that slow hair growth by up to 50% for some softer hand-friendly tanned gams. I've spent months testing the newest self-tanners, here are my top five favorites. (Want more? Check out [last year's top 10 sunless tanners](#))

Kiehl's Sun-Free Self-Tanning Formula

Kiehl's Sun-Free Self Tanning Formula skyrocketed to our top five list for four reasons:



1. It's gentle enough for both face and body.
2. It's loaded with humectants, botanicals and anti-oxidants like rosemary, rose, jasmine flower and cucumber fruit extract.
3. Even if your application methods aren't on the highest level, you're still going to get a glow without serious streaking.
4. It delivers a tan in about three hours and our favorite shade of bronze came after just two applications.

\$22.50 at [nordstrom.com](#)

Neutrogena Color Boosting Sunblock SPF 30

Neutrogena Color Boosting Sunblock SPF30 is simply our favorite way to get a dose of Neutrogena's anti UVA/UVB Helioplex protection with a bit of bronze at the same time on the same dime. Just make sure to keep the waterproof formula away from your eyes.



\$8.99 at [drugstore.com](#)

Olay Touch of Sun Overnight



This was our top golden pick for a gradual tanner. The smooth lightly scented formula is loaded with high levels of glycerin to keep skin super hydrated even after the tan tint appears. We also loved that Olay didn't rub off on our sheets and towels as much as its competitors.

\$7.99 at [drugstore.com](#)

Quick Tan Sunless Tanning Mist by Body Drench

Quick Tan excels at creating a browner bronze that sprays dark and dries fast. You have to use your latex gloves to ensure an even glow - and work fast - but this brown lasts and lasts. Mist your body in your shower area for a quick clean up after tanning.



\$16.99 at [folica.com](#)

Aveeno Continuous Radiance Moisturizing Lotion All Skin Tones



The dial a shade container allows you to start out light and customize the exact deepness of your tan. Aveeno Continuous Radiance formula is oil-free, but loaded with moisture rich soy to keep your skin soft for up to 24 hours. The lotion works streak-free on legs and even arms as long as you start out in a lighter shade and work your way to deep dark bronze in a few applications.

\$13.99 at [drugstore.com](#)

For a perfect application, check out [10 Tips For A Perfect Self Tan](#)

Sunless tanning has come a long way. Beauty editor Mickey Williams spent months testing the newest self-tanners, here are her top five favorites.

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