

DESIGNEX PRO™

Gel Extensions Application Guide

With only one product needed for full application, trending shapes and ultra-high tensile strength, DesignEx Pro™ is the best value, simplest express gel extension system yet!

Learn how to apply yours using our handy application guide, or, to become a master in the **NEW GEN** gel extension system, take our accredited DesignEx Pro™ course, only available from TGB Academy.

STEP ONE | PREPARE:

1. Before beginning each service, ensure client's hands are washed thoroughly using an antibacterial hand wash, TGB SanitisedAF or a hand sanitising gel.
2. Use the TGB 220/240 grit Natural File to shape the natural nail plate.
3. Use the TGB Cuticle Nipper & Pusher tools to lift, loosen and remove all non-living tissue (cuticle)
4. Use the TGB 100/180 Sponge Buffer to lightly refine the surface of the nail plate.
5. Use 2 pumps of pure acetone on a TGB Lint Free Wipe to thoroughly clean nails so they are free of all dust, debris and surface oils. Pay special attention to the lateral side walls of the nail.

STEP TWO | SIZING:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. If you cannot find the right sized tip, select a larger size and file the sides for a perfect fit.
4. Repeat the above steps for each nail. Take note of the client's tip size on the Client Record Card for future appointments.

STEP THREE | PREPARING TIPS:

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

STEP FOUR | BASE COAT APPLICATION:

1. Apply a thin, even layer of TGB All-in-One BIAB™ to bare, prepped nails, making sure to seal the free edge of the nail.
2. Cure nails for 60 seconds in the TGB Light the Way Nail Lamp.

STEP FIVE | TIP APPLICATION:

1. Working on one tip at a time, paint a thin layer of All-in-One BIAB™ to the inside of the tip, and then add a small bead of All-in-One BIAB™ to the tip base, close to the cuticle edge.
Top tip: Ensure you don't apply too much product as excess gel will seep out of the sides when applied to the nail.
2. Gently apply the tip, starting at the cuticle and pushing down towards the free edge to disperse the All-in-One BIAB™ under the tip, ensuring there are no air bubbles.
3. Once the gel has reached the free edge, check that the tip is perfectly positioned on the nail.
4. Cure each tip for 15 seconds under the TGB USB Flash Lamp (included in your kit).
5. Once all tips are applied, cure the whole hand under the TGB Light the Way lamp for 30 seconds.
6. Once all tips are cured, use the TGB 100/180 buffer and TGB 120/180 file to lightly buff and file the tips.
7. Wipe with a TGB Lint Free Wipe soaked in IPA

Optional: For a smoother transition with the natural nail, apply another coat of All-in-One BIAB™ and cure.

8. Otherwise, finish with TGB Extreme Shine Top Coat, TGB Rubber Top Coat or continue with your chosen TGB Gel Polish Colour, following normal application and curing for 60 seconds in your Light the Way nail lamp.

Top Tip: If finishing the nail with All-in-One BIAB™, you must remove the tacky layer after curing with a TGB Lint Free Wipe soaked in IPA.

REMOVAL GUIDE:

Before beginning any service, ensure that hands are thoroughly sanitised.

1. Reduce the length of the extension using a TGB E-File (if you are E-File trained) or a TGB 120/180 grit File.
2. File off the Top Coat and debulk using a TGB 120/180 grit File.
3. DesignEx Pro™ tips can be easily soaked off. To remove, soak TGB Lint Free Wipes in acetone and wrap wipes around the nail, ensuring that the full extension is covered. Wrap with tin foil or secure with clips. Manicure bowls filled with 100% pure acetone can also be used. Leave nails undisturbed for 12-15 minutes to soak in the acetone.
4. Remove the fingers one by one (leaving the rest in foil/submerged in acetone as you go) and gently push off remaining product with a sharp TGB Cuticle Pusher.
5. Repeat this process until all product has been soaked off.
6. If any product remains, allow nails to soak in acetone for longer and repeat the process.
7. Lightly buff using a TGB 100/180 grit Buffer and file nails into shape using a TGB 220/240 grit File.
8. Apply TGB cuticle oil to replenish the nail and cuticle areas.