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## Self-tan Test

We have a love/hate relationship with self-tanner: It's the safest way to get color, but so many of them leave you streaky, stained, or unpleasantly scented. We tried the latest to see if they struck the right balance. —SOPHIA PANYCH

**L'Oréal Paris Sublime Bronze Self Tanning Gel spray:** Nongreasy and paraben-free, the clear mist is lightweight—but you do have to rub it in. The verdict: Our dark honey shade looked good even after three days.

**Clarins Instant Smooth Self Tanning:** This rich face cream is moisturizing and leaves skin silky. It gave our fair complexion a sheer caramel shade that was so warm and pretty, we skipped foundation for two days.

**Dr. Dennis Gross Skincare Alpha Beta Glow Pad:** Each towelette contains encapsulated DHA (the self-tanning ingredient), plus alpha hydroxy acids to slough off dead skin cells (which can make color look patchy). The glow we got was subtle but flattering.

**Jane Iredale Tantiasia Self Tanner:** This thin lotion (above) is tinted, so you can see where you're applying it, plus it dries quickly and smells like grapefruit. It gave our face and body a sun-kissed effect.

**Rodan + Fields Foaming Sunless Tan:** This foam claims to prolong color by decreasing cell turnover. We had to apply it two days in a row to get a good bronze, but the color lasted a full five days. It did leave our palms slightly orange, though.

**SHOPPING GUIDE:** BaByliss Pro, [babylissus.com](http://babylissus.com). Clarins, [clarinsusa.com](http://clarinsusa.com). Dr. Dennis Gross Skincare, [sephora.com](http://sephora.com). Jane Iredale, [janeiredale.com](http://janeiredale.com). L'Oréal Paris, [lorealparisusa.com](http://lorealparisusa.com). Rodan + Fields, [rodanandfields.com](http://rodanandfields.com).



**NOZZLE** Though the company boasts that the dryer is quiet, it sounds to us like an average model. One of our testers—who has short, curly hair—noticed less frizz after using it.

## Speed Demon

In *GoldenEye*, Bond girl Famke Janssen raced 007 in a red Ferrari, and people fell in love—with the car. Now BaByliss Pro aims to bring that sex appeal and speed to a blow-dryer, of all things: the Volare V2, which has a Ferrari motor. We took it for a test drive. —ALISON CAPORIMO

### TURBO SHOT

This button increases air flow by 15 percent. Our wavy-haired tester found that a cool shot added a glossy sheen.

### ENGINE

BaByliss claims the dryer will last up to 2,000 hours (typical is 200 to 300 hours). Lubrication-sealed ball bearings deliver speed and eliminate vibration. This machine cut our testers' drying time in half.

### CONTROLS

Of the six settings (three for temperature, three for speed) we found the middle ones worked best to dry the hair. The highest settings—paired with a round brush—straightened thick curls.

20%

of all items stolen from supermarkets in 2008 were health and beauty products.

—Food Marketing Institute

## FREE STUFF

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<p><b>APRIL 4</b> <b>Revlon Super Lustrous Lip Balm.</b> This sheer, sweet-smelling balm is glossy with small flecks of shimmer; the lid of the pot holds a built-in brush. Win one of three shades.</p>	<p><b>APRIL 5</b> <b>Peter Thomas Roth Un-Wrinkle Makeup-Less.</b> With vitamin B<sub>5</sub>, peptides, and SPF 30, this tinted moisturizer hydrates, masks imperfections, and prevents sun damage.</p>	<p><b>APRIL 6</b> <b>Carol's Daughter Monoi Repairing Hair Mask.</b> This deep-conditioning hair mask uses bamboo water and hydrolyzed silk to help soften and strengthen fried hair.</p>	<p><b>APRIL 7</b> <b>The Body Shop Body Butter Duo.</b> A split tub holds two kinds of one of the company's best-selling body creams: one for every day and a rich one for dry areas. Win one of four scents.</p>	<p><b>APRIL 8</b> <b>Victoria's Secret VS Attractions Dream Girl Mist.</b> Zesty mandarin flower and feminine peony notes make this blend a perfect pick-me-up scent on sluggish days.</p>

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: REGAN CAMERON; COURTESY OF BABYLISS; DAVID COOK (3); COURTESY OF PETER THOMAS ROTH; DAVID COOK (2)