

Cosmetic products containing the chemicals

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Sources: The Safe Shoppers Bible, 1995; Unreasonable Risk, 2001

Feminine care and body powders

Product: Talcum Powder
Manufactured by: Johnson and Johnson
Contains: talc

Shaving creams

Product: Foamy Skin Conditioning Shaving Cream
Manufactured by: Gillette, Inc.
Contains: BHA, quarternium-15 (formaldehyde releaser), TEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines)

Toothpastes and powders

Product: Crest Tartar Control Toothpaste
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: FD & C Blue #1, saccharin

Product: Colgate Toothpowder, Fluoride Gel Toothpaste, Tartar Control Fluoride Toothpaste
Manufactured by: Colgate-Palmolive, Inc.
Contains: saccharin

Mouthwashes

Product: Scope Mint Mouthwash
Manufactured by: Procter & Gamble
Contains: FD & C Blue #1, FD & C Yellow #5, saccharin

Hair conditioners

Product: Alberto VO5 Conditioner (Balsam and Protein, Collagen, Essence of Natural Henna & Natural Body)
Manufactured by: Alberto Culver Canada, Inc.
Contains: formaldehyde, FD & C Red #4, FD & C Yellow #6, polysorbate 80 (usually contaminated with 1,4 dioxane)

Hair sprays and styling preparations

Product: Alberto VO5 Conditioning Hairdressing (Normal/Dry Hair)
Manufactured by: Alberto Culver Canada, Inc.
Contains: BHA, lanolin (often contaminated with DDT and other carcinogenic pesticides)

Dandruff shampoos

Product: Neutrogena Therapeutic T/Gel Shampoo
Manufactured by: Neutrogena Corporation
Contains: coal tar
Product: Tegrin Advanced Formula Dandruff Shampoo (Extra Conditioning or Fresh Herbal)
Manufactured by: GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Consumer Health Care
Contains: coal tar, DEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines), FD&C Blue #1

Hair-colouring products for men

Product: Clairol Option Instant Natural Black
Manufactured by: Clairol, Inc.
Contains: phenylenediamines, DEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines)

Product: Grecian Formula Liquid with Conditioner
Manufactured by: Combe Inc.
Contains: lead acetate

[N.B. From the website of the Oakland, California-based Center for Environmental Health: "Combe Inc. is the manufacturer of the Grecian Formula line of gradual hair dyes, and many other products. Lead is one of the active ingredients in Grecian Formula. As a result of CEH action, Combe agreed to reduce the lead content of the product by 50 per cent. Because of the chemistry of this product, we believe that this reduction actually reduced lead exposures to users and their families by far greater than 50 per cent."]

Hair-colouring products for women

Product: Clairol Nice 'n Easy

Manufactured by: Clairol, Inc.

Contains: phenylenediamines, DEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines)

Product: Clairol Nice n' Easy (Permanent Haircolor)

Manufactured by: Clairol, Inc.

Contains: quarternium-15 (formaldehyde releaser), DEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines), phenylene-diamines

Product: Clairol Ultress Gel Clourant (Dark Blonde)

Manufactured by: Clairol, Inc.

Contains: phenylenediamines, D&C Red #FD&C Yellow #5, DEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines), FD&C Yellow #6

Product: L'Oreal Excellence Color Reliance (Dark Brown)

Manufactured by: L'Oréal Canada

Contains: phenylenediamines, TEA & DEA (interact with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines)

Product: Revlon Colorsilk Salon Formula Ammonia-Free Haircolor

Manufactured by: Revlon, Inc.

Contains: phenylenediamines, TEA & DEA (interact with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines)

Product: Clairesse Gentle Colors for Permed & Delicate Hair (Medium Ash Brown)

Manufactured by: Clairol, Inc.

Contains: phenylenediamines, DEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines)

Lipsticks, glosses and lip pencils

Product: Maybelline Revitalizing Color Lipstick

Manufactured by: Maybelline, Inc.

Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), FD&C Blue #1, FD&C Yellow #5

Product: Bonne Bell Dr. Pepper Lip Smacker Flavored Lip Gloss

Manufactured by: Bonne Bell, Inc.

Contains: FD&C Blue #1, FD&C Yellow #5, saccharin

Product: Almay Glossy Lip Shine

Manufactured by: Revlon, Inc.

Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), FD&C Blue #1, FD&C Yellow #5, FD&C Yellow #6

Eye shadows

Product: Maybelline Ultra Brow

Manufactured by: Maybelline, Inc.

Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), lanolin (often contaminated with DDT and other carcinogenic pesticides), talc

Product: Cover Girl Professional ColorMatch Frost Shades

Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.

Contains: formaldehyde, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), talc

Mascaras

Product: Maybelline Contact Lens Safe Mascara

Manufactured by: Maybelline, Inc.

Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), lanolin (often contaminated with DDT and other carcinogenic pesticides)

Product: Cover Girl Clean Lash Washable Waterproof Mascara

Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.

Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), quarternium-15 (formaldehyde releaser)

Facial powders

Product: Revlon Powdercreme Make-Up Pressed Powder Full Matte
Manufactured by: Revlon, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA)

Product: Max Factor Powder Pure Translucent Loose Powder
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), FD&C Yellow #5

Product: Cover Girl Professional Finishing Loose Powder
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), FD&C Yellow #5, talc

Foundations

Product: Cover Girl Replenishing Natural Finish Make-up
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: BHA, talc, titanium dioxide, TEA (interacts with nitrites to form carcinogenic nitrosamines), lanolin (often contaminated with DDT and other carcinogenic pesticides)

Product: Max Factor Satin Splendor Flawless Complexion Make-up
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), octyl dimethyl PABA (padimate-O)

Concealers

Product: Cover Girl Moisture Wear All-Day Perfecting Concealer
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA)

Blushes

Product: Cover Girl Moisture Wear Nourishing All-day Blush
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), formaldehyde, FD&C Yellow #5, talc

Product: Revlon Powder Creme Blush
Manufactured by: Revlon, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), FD&C Yellow #5, silica

Product: Maybelline Brush/Blush III
Manufactured by: Maybelline, Inc.
Contains: butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), talc

Product: Max Factor New Definition
Manufactured by: Procter and Gamble, Inc.
Contains: FD&C Yellow #5, FD&C Yellow #6, silica

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