

CND Brisa Hard Gel Enhancements



Brisa Gel is a hard gel that acts like a coat of armour on your nails. It is maintained at regular two weekly intervals when the gel is gently buffed down, filled in and the nail rebalanced. This treatment process causes no damage to the natural nail underneath.



Brisa Gel will create beautiful strong extensions which you can either decide to continue to grow your natural nail underneath to create a Brisa natural nail overlay, either with or without the use of extensions to start with first; or you can maintain a bespoke custom blended nail bed and extend with an artificial sculpted tip such as a forever French or a crystal clear glitter tip, the choice is yours and easy to change and customize.

Brisa hard gel is a hypoallergenic pre mixed strong acrylic with no odor that is cured under an ultra violet lamp. Unlike the other gel systems I offer, Brisa is not designed to be soaked off and removed regularly, instead it is a system that is easily maintained for clients who are looking for a strong permanent enhancement system to support their natural nail.

Natural Nail Overlays

Brisa Gel applied over the natural nail as protection

Clear or Neutral, then painted in a colored polish or your choice \$50.00

Painted French finish \$40.00

Extensions



Brisa nail enhancements (extending the natural nail)

Neutral colored extension with choice of polish \$60.00 Painted French finish \$65.00

Two Weekly Infill and rebalance

Clear or Neutral painted with a choice of color, two weekly infill and rebalance appointments \$45.00 (1 repair/replacement included).

Please add \$5.00 for a painted French finish.

New set of replacement tips (usually required 4 weekly for custom blended nails –\$60.00

Please note: Fill-in appointments for nail enhancements and overlays **beyond two week** maintenance appointments **start from** \$50.00 for clear or neutral painted colored enhancements, and \$40.00 for French, tips depending on treatments needed.

Individual Nail Repairs

Individual nail replacements/repairs \$5.00 to \$8.00 (1 complementary repair/replacement included with a regular two weekly fill in and rebalance appointment)

Removal

Brisa is a buff off gel and therefore is intended as a maintenance enhancement system so it is not meant to be regularly removed. If necessary Brisa can be safely removed without causing damage to the natural nail, but this must only be carried out by a nail technician qualified in hard buff off gels. As with all enhancement systems picking the gel off or the **incorrect removal of your chosen system by an unqualified person will definitely result in unnecessary damage to your natural nail.**

** ALWAYS TREAT YOUR NAILS AS JEWELS AND LOOK AFTER THEM **



Removal of Brisa Gel with mini Manicure \$20.00

A little bit about nail enhancements

The reason I offer such a varied range of Gel enhancements is that every client is different. Their requirements, life style and natural nails are all different and therefore I offer a varied range of premium quality professional products that I am trained and insured to use so I can provide my clients with an enhancement system that can be tailored to suit their individual needs.

There is a lot of misunderstanding and wrong information about enhancements and products which I would like to spend a moment clarifying for you to try and help you understand enhancements systems better, as the more you understand the product, the more successful your enhancements will be as you will be better informed how to look after them:~

“Gel is better than Acrylic ~v~ Acrylic is better than Gel” ~

This is totally untrue that either system is better than the other. There are different qualities of Gel and Acrylic products on the market as you would expect. I always use premium quality professional products which are an important factor for any technician to be able to provide their client with an enhancement product that is of an excellent quality

and reputation, they are competent to use and trained in; and one that will fulfill the client's requirements and is most suitable for the client's natural nails and life style.

Gel is a premixed acrylic. There are different formulations of Gel as there are Acrylic; some Gels are soaked off, some are buff off (which actually means they are buffed down to a very thin layer and then either left as a coating on the natural nail to grow out or the last thin layer can easily and quickly be soaked off). Some Gels are very strong and some are so thin that they look no different from a traditional polish but are more durable than polish and therefore last longer than polish.

Gels do tend to be slightly more flexible than Acrylic in varying degrees and so therefore less brittle but that does not mean that Gels are not strong or Acrylics are very brittle. There is no smell with Gel which is why I use Gel so for me fragrance is a very important therapeutic aspect of my work.

“ Acrylic, Gels, Enhancement all damage your natural nails.” ~

Having the correct enhancements applied does not damage your nails. There are several factors that can lead to damaged nails and I will try to explain some of the most common causes:-

- **What can damage your nails is the technician that is carrying out your treatment by improper use of the product. At no time does your natural nail plate need to be excessively filed down to make the product adhere to the nail, all that needs to be performed is a correct and thorough preparation of the nail, and the surface shine needs to be temporarily removed by gently and very lightly buffing and dehydrating the natural nail plate prior to application. This is done to remove the natural surface oil on the nail plate only to allow correct adhesion of the product.**
- **If the client fails to attend regular fill-ins and rebalancing appointments for the nail enhancement, it will lead to the products sitting incorrectly unbalanced on the natural nail and this will leave the natural nail weak and vulnerable to damage and breakage.**
- **Incorrect removal of the product either by the client themselves or by an unqualified/un-trained nail technician will cause damage to the nail. Each enhancement system has its own unique strength and for that reason your technician needs to be trained in the correct application, maintenance and removal skills for the product they are using.**
- **Enhancements that are too long for the client's lifestyle will lead to damaged nails. Not many people have the lifestyle to successfully wear very long nails and even those who do, will spend a long time adapting to them. It is easy to catch enhancements that are too long or the incorrect shape for the client and they end up getting caught up, pulled or torn off of the natural nail causing damage. This will at**

the very least be sore but can lead to infection as well if injury is caused under the enhancement.

- One of the main causes of damage to the natural nail whilst wearing enhancements is the client picking or biting at the product. If you damage your enhancement, get it mended straight away to avoid further damage in case the nail catches and gets pulled or you are irritated and start to pick or bite at the product. Treating your nails as tools! Most of the time the client is aware of what they are doing and so lifting the product away and tearing the layers of their natural nail which causes damage; but this can also be done subtly over a period of time by using your nails as tools: Using your nails as toothpicks/flossing agent and picking at your teeth , pulling out coins from trolleys, opening car doors with the tips of your fingers and not the pad of your fingers, lifting and pulling can tops off with your enhancements, using your nail enhancements as a screw driver or scraper (may be useful but will end up ruining your nail enhancements and very possibly damaging your natural nail), pulling wet heavy washing out of the washing machine, pulling stuck bulky washing from the tumble dryer, lifting heavy objects and putting pressure on the tips of your nails etc.....

“ The mantra used by all people who successful and responsibly wear enhancement is to treat your nails as beautiful jewels to treasure and adore that others will admire and never ever use your nails as tools ”

You should purchase a bottle of Solar Oil upon your first visit when you first have your enhancements applied. I can order this for you upon request. You must use this oil twice a day, every day without fail morning and last thing at night. It is very important to use this oil because when your gel enhancements are first applied and you leave the salon, your nails will be cured (firm and dry to touch) but they will not be fully polymerized (completely hardened) for another 24 to 48 hours. Solar oil will help this process and also continue to extend the life of your enhancement as it will help to keep your enhancements in good condition and stop them from becoming too dry.

Solar oil is very nourishing for the natural nail and surrounding skin so it is very important to pay attention to the maintenance of your natural nail and surrounding skin when wearing any kind of enhancement. Make sure you apply the oil all over the enhancement on the surrounding skin and on the skin and nail under the free edge. Massage the oil in and followed with an appropriate hand cream that is suitable to use with your enhancement system.

Always keep your enhancements clean. It is important to pay attention to the underneath of your enhancement and softly use a nail brush and hand wash to keep the area clean.

Always wear rubber gloves when doing housework, gardening and other heavy jobs, and avoid contact with detergents and solvents as this will damage your enhancements and cause lifting.

Never apply pressure to the tips of your nails or enhancement – opening car doors, pulling heavy wet washing out of the machine, opening ring pulls on cans etc.

Lastly.... Enjoy them