

Ear Waxing

IMPORTANT - Only use 'New Technology' hotwax;
not the products which require a figure of 8 application!

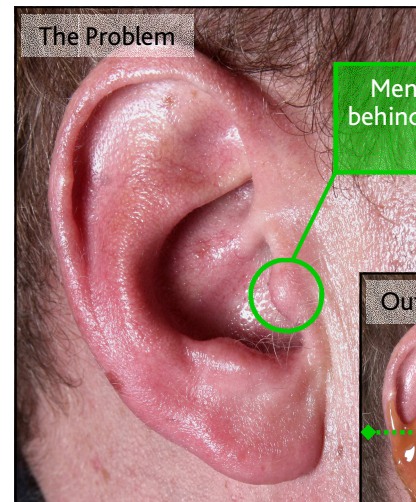
***Consider waxing around any piercing with extreme caution!**

1. With the customer sat down (not laid down), protect clothing over the shoulder then cleanse and oil inside and around the ears. Apply extra oil beneath the sideburn in front of the ear to prevent the wax from sticking to any beard growth. If there is a beard - position a paper strip over it and ask the customer to hold the strip for you.
2. Load your spatula and allow it to **cool** slightly. Apply to the outside edge of the tragus and lobe (support the rear of the lobe when applying the wax, and include up to half way up the ear if hairy - see dotted green line). Be careful not to join the two strips. Older men may sprout from the very tops of the ear - wax this separately.
3. Allow to cool, then brace lobe and remove the wax in the upward direction.
4. Brace the cheek over the jaw bone stretching towards the chin and remove the wax covering the outside of the tragus. Apply a little more oil here to stop the wax clinging to the skin for the next step.
5. With the intention of catching all hair about 5mm deep behind the tragus, load a new spatula and allow it to flow down to the end and **cool** slightly. You are just going to push the wax around the tragus and catch the hair on the back of it - **be very careful** not to fill the ear canal. To achieve this carefully push it gently around from the front of the tragus, then in behind. Apply the remains under the sideburn which you will use to form your removal handle. You may consider protecting the canal with a cotton wool plug - although I suggest that this itself may get stuck or irritate or loosen the natural state deeper inside the canal. Whatever you choose - work very carefully!
6. You may need to apply a second bolus here to have enough wax for a handle. **Remember** - you are trying to work with as little wax inside the ear as possible. You can always add more wax . Do not try to fill the ear canal from the start.
7. Lift the handle whilst it's still warm and fold it back on itself.
8. Wait until it is really set. Brace the outside of the tragus with a finger and remove the wax really quickly.
9. Oil off any wax residue and apply a little of your post-wax care gel over the treated area.

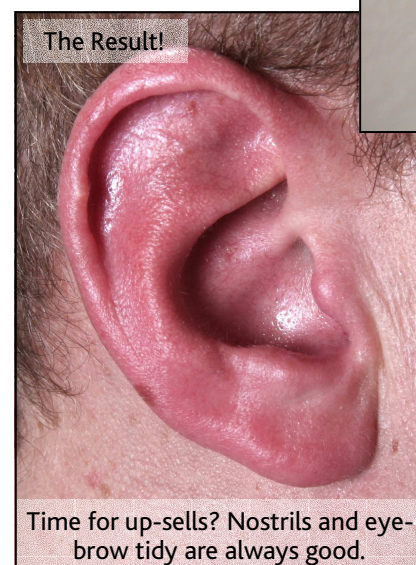
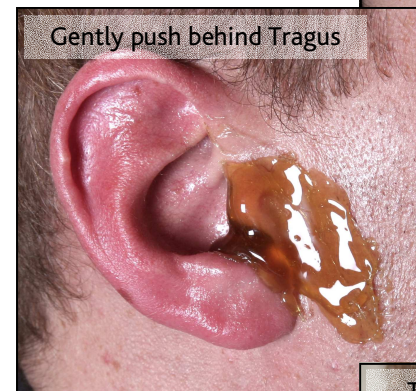
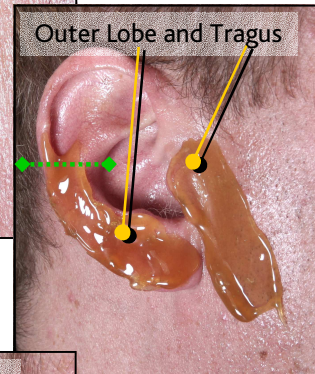
Troubleshooting:

Problem	Cause	Resolution
Wax not sticking inside	Too much oil	Use a tissue or re-cleanse to re-move excess
Handle breaks off! Yikes! (DON'T PANIC)	Pulled when it was still warm and soft	Apply another bolus paying special attention to the join between the first piece and the new wax. Get a good overlap. Allow to cool properly before attempting removal.
Hair remains behind the tragus	It is deep and dense	Repeat the treatment gently. Waxed skin will be more sensitive to temperature

***** NEVER *** be tempted to use split spatulas or any other tool to anchor in the wax as it sets.**



Men's hair grows from behind this part of the ear; "The Tragus"



Time for up-sells? Nostrils and eye-brow tidy are always good.

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