

FITZPATRICK SKIN TYPE SCALE

SKIN TYPE	WORKING CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	TENTATIVE GROUPING BASED ON ETHNICITY AND SKIN COMPLEXION*
I	Always burns easily; never tans; extremely sensitive to sun.	White	Primarily red headed individuals and blondes with light complexion.
II	Always burns easily; tans minimally, very sensitive to the sun.	White	The largest percentage of Caucasian individuals fall into these categories.
III	Sometimes burns; tans gradually to light brown, sun sensitive skin.	White/Asian	
IV	Burns minimally; always tans to moderate brown; minimally sun sensitive.	Moderate brown	
V	Very rarely burns; tans well; sun insensitive skin.	Dark brown	Light complexion African-American individuals, and those of East Indian descent.
VI	Never burns; deep pigmented; sun insensitive skin.	Black	Dark-skinned individuals.

* From Naylor, M.F. & Farmer K.C. *Guidelines for Minimizing UV Exposure. In: The Electronic Textbook of Dermatology.* Drugge, R. and Dunn, HA. (eds) The Internet Dermatology Society, 2000