



The World's Finest and Most Natural Range of Emu Oil Products

The Truth About What is in Your Cosmetics

Are you aware of the potentially harmful ingredients that exist in your cosmetics? Even labels that claim products as natural, organic or herbal may still contain harmful petrochemicals.

We have compiled the following list to help you protect your skin. Emu Tracks products **do not** contain any of the ingredients listed below.

Acetone	Used in nail polish and nail polish remover. Extremely toxic and can be fatal if swallowed.
Alpha Hydroxy Acids (AHA's)	Can cause irritation, redness and rashes.
Cardamide	See <i>Urea under preservatives</i>
Carbopol 940	Contains Benzene, a recognised carcinogen (cancer causing agent).
Dimethicone	A silicone compound often used in silicone caulks, adhesives and sealants.
DMDM Hydantoin	A preservative which can release formaldehyde and cause numerous health problems including skin reactions and cancers.
Ethoxylates	Used in industrial and household cleaning products. They breakdown and become toxic. May cause headaches, irritation to the skin and respiratory tract. On the label, they are identified by the prefix PEG, polyethylene, polyethylene glycol, polyoxyethylene, -eth-, or -oxynol-.
Hexachlorophene	A highly toxic chemical linked to infant deaths and brain damage.
Imidazole/ Imidazolium	A corrosive group of compounds commonly used in industrial applications.
Lanolin	Any chemicals used on sheep will contaminate the lanolin obtained from the wool. Lanolin does not have the ability to penetrate the skin.
Hydrogen Peroxide	A corrosive compound which is a primary irritant.
Mineral Oil	Derived from petroleum (crude oil), it is a cheap petrochemical oil that clogs the pores and may irritate the skin. It is drying to the skin and is not recommended for personal body care preparations. Baby oil is 100% mineral Oil.
Para-aminobenzoic Acid (PABA)	Contains Benzene and may lead to skin problems including skin cancer, eczema, and dermatitis. It has been found to increase the formation of a particular DNA defect in human cells, increasing the risk of skin cancer.
Parabens (Butyl, Ethyl, Methyl, Propyl)	These highly toxic chemicals mimic your body's own hormones and can have endocrine-disrupting action when they are rubbed into your body.
Parrafin	Refined from petroleum and generally used to make cereal wraps and corrugated containers. Also known as Kerosene. See <i>Mineral Oil</i> .
Polyethylene Glycols (PEG)	Used as a degreaser in oven cleaner sprays, PEG causes many allergic reactions.
Petroleum	If a chemical ends in -eline or -elene it is probably petroleum based.
Polyquaternium	A toxic chemical and allergen that causes skin rashes, dermatitis and allergic reactions.
Propylene Glycol (PG)	Potentially a carcinogenic petroleum ingredient that can alter and reduce the skin's natural moisture factor. Used as an anti-freeze, protective gear must be worn when it is used in industrial settings.
Silicone emollients	These are occlusive - that is they coat the skin, trapping anything beneath it, and do not allow the skin to breathe (much like plastic wrap would do).

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Quartenium	A toxic chemical and allergen that causes skin rashes, dermatitis and allergic reactions.
Sodium Lauryl Sulphate (SLS) / Sodium Laureth Sulphate (SLES)	Widely known irritants that are also used for industrial de-greasing. Penetrates the skin quickly and can cause skin irritations.
Sorbelene	A cheap emulsion made from paraffin, a petrochemical. Long term use can dry the skin.
Toluene	Also known as methylbenzene or phenylmethane. It is a common solvent used in nail polish and capable of dissolving paint. It can be used as an intoxicating inhalant drug that causes severe neurological harm.
Trichloroethane	An irritant that can be fatal if inhaled, ingested or absorbed by the skin. Also used in degreasers, glue and paint thinners.
Trichloroethylene	A known irritant and carcinogen, it is a solvent used in dry cleaning and metal degreasing.
Triclocarban	A toxic chemical that can cause allergic reactions.
Triethanolamine (TEA)	A commonly used cheap ingredient that is a combination of ammonia and ethylene oxide. It may be contaminated with nitrosamines which are potent carcinogens. May cause severe facial dermatitis and other skin problems. These chemicals are already restricted in Europe due to known carcinogenic effects.
Zinc Pyrithione	A toxic chemical and a skin irritant.
Urea	<i>See Preservatives below</i>
Zinc Stearate	May cause skin and eye irritations. It is used in talcum powder and as a gloss imparting agent in the paint industry.
<u>Preservatives</u>	Preservatives are natural or synthetic chemicals that are added to products such as foods, pharmaceuticals, paints, wood etc. to prevent decomposition and chemical changes. They have been shown to cause many health problems including respiratory and can be fatal if a person is allergic to a particular preservative. Most cosmetic manufacturers use 3-5 petrochemical preservatives in their products.
Kathon CG	A potent sensitiser that may cause contact dermatitis. Also used as a leather preservative.
Methylchloroisothiazolinone / Methylisothiazolinone	An allergen that causes allergic reactions, eye and skin problems. It is found in water-based personal care products and cosmetics and is also used in glue production, detergents, paints, fuels and other industrial processes. It can cause chemical burns in high concentrations and was removed from most cosmetic products except for those that had only short contact with the skin such as rinse-offs.
Parabens (Butyl, Ethyl, Methyl, Propyl)	All parabens are toxic, allergenic, synthetic chemicals.
Urea (Imidzolidinyl)	A preservative that can release formaldehyde and cause numerous health problems including skin reactions.

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