

# Technailcolor mixable colored acrylic

## Technailcolor Kit Instructions

For Professional Use Only

**Technailcolors** are a full range of mixable acrylic powders. These powders can be used to create embedded designs, color fades, and 3-D nail art over finished acrylic or gel enhancements. Add sparkle with Opal Shimmer, an acrylic enhancer, to any NSI Powder for added dimension. Technailcolors are a great value-added service to increase your income.

### Natural Nail Prep

Proper preparation of the natural nail and workstation are preventative steps to guard against problems and will help you get the best possible results from your professional nail service.

1. Spray your hands and clients hands with Sanitize and gently massage. Sanitize will help reduce the spread of infection.
2. Apply a very small drop of NSI's Vanish Cuticle Dissolve to each cuticle and gently massage. Gently push back the eponychium and remove any non-living tissue. Wipe excess Vanish from each nail using a Nail Wipe lightly saturated with NSI Cleanse.
3. Remove the shine from the natural nail using NSI Prep 180 Grit File following the contour of the nail and moving the file in the direction of the nail plate growth.
4. Remove excess dust with the NSI Plush Brush.
5. Using an NSI Nail Wipe saturated with Nail Pure Plus, press and rub into natural nail, sidewalls, and under free edge to remove oil, moisture, and contaminants. Allow the natural nail to become chalky white.
6. If extensions are desired, adhere tip or fit form at this time.
7. Apply Attract (Acid-Free) Primer liberally to the natural nail. Remove the brush from the bottle, wipe along the edge of the bottle, then brush onto two natural nails. Re-dip the brush and repeat the process until the nails are coated. Allow to dry for one minute. They will not appear chalky white.

### Mix Ratio

1. Submerge brush completely into a dappen dish of monomer and flatten hairs to saturate the brush. This will prevent dry powder particles on the nail and it will force out any oxygen trapped around the brush hairs. Complete saturation is recommended at the beginning of each service.
2. Wipe the brush along the sides of the dappen dish to release excess liquid. The more liquid you remove, the smaller the bead pick up, while still maintaining a medium-wet mix. Leave larger amounts of liquids for larger beads that may be required.
3. Dip the flags (the very tip of the brush) into the powder. Hold and press until desired bead size has been achieved. The bead should be medium-wet, looking slightly frosted and dimpled with no loose powder. When the bead is placed on the nail it should level about 25%. When pressed it should move where you want it to go without running all over or being unable to press. Mix ratio can vary for the best results and it may have to be altered slightly depending on the weather conditions for your area. Use your eyes to see that the color looks correct and your touch to determine the "feel" of the bead.
4. When dropping the bead on the nail, lift your brush for a brief moment and then gently press the bead. Continue pressing it from side to side to evenly distribute product.

### Zone 1: The Extension Edge

1. Choose the desired Technailcolor Powder.
2. Using a medium-wet mix, place the bead in the middle of zone 1; up to, but not on, the free edge line. Give the bead a few seconds to begin leveling. Using the tip of the brush, lightly press from side to side to evenly distribute the product. As you lightly press, start pushing and guiding the product up into the corners to form the smile line. The smile line should be slightly past the free edge line. Smooth down over the entire extension edge. Remember to have a light touch when you first start pressing down the bead. As the product starts to harden, press more firmly.

3. Wipe off any excess from the brush onto a clean towel and taper the brush into a point. While the product is still pliable, back brush the smile line to make it crisp and clean.

**NOTE: Choose the desired Technailcolor Powder or any color Attraction Powder mixed with approximately 25% Opal Shimmer. When mixing Opal Shimmer directly into acrylic powder or gel, you must always use a ratio of 25% Opal Shimmer or less. This will assure proper polymerization of the enhancement.**

### Zone 2: The Stress Area

1. Using a medium-wet mix, place the bead in the middle of the nail plate next to the smile line. Do not overlap the smile line; just back the bead up slightly, so that when you press down, the bead will meet the smile line. Angle your brush, bringing your handle up just a little, to taper the edge of the bead closest to the cuticle. Lightly feather the remaining bead over zone one.

### Zone 3: The Cuticle Area

1. Using a medium-wet mix, place the bead in the middle of zone 3 on the remaining uncoated natural nail. Be very careful when pressing that you do not touch soft tissue or cuticle. Your brush should be at a 45 degree angle to the nail. Angle the tip of the brush to make thin and tapered edges of the bead. Thin even coverage in this zone will produce natural looking enhancements, which are flexible and resilient. Be sure to leave a tiny free margin around the sidewalls and cuticle area as this will prevent lifting and overexposure.

**NOTE: If you are using multiple Technailcolors in thin layers, you must overlay the entire enhancement in Attraction Totally Clear Powder prior to filing. You risk filing away the nail art design if this step is missed.**

2. Use either a Zebra 180 Grit or Black Cushion 180/240 Grit File to refine the shape along the sidewalls and extension edge. Hold a third of the length of the file between your thumb and index finger. Use the other two thirds to file. Pull down on the sidewalls to create a straight edge and a lower arch.
3. Use a Prep 180 Grit File to gently and carefully thin zone 3 around the cuticle area, making the product flush to the natural nail.
4. Go back to a Zebra or Black Cushion File to refine the entire surface; thinning and beveling along the extension edge and sidewalls. File evenly and symmetrically so that there are no high or flat spots. Use rounded, contoured motions, as you continually check from all angles.
5. Use a Nail Wipe lightly saturated with Cleanse to remove any dust that may be hiding in the sidewalls.
6. Seal enhancements with Perma Gloss, Glaze 'n Go, or Finish Clear following product instructions.

**Warning:** Avoid skin and eye contact or inhalation. External use only. Keep out of reach of children. For professional use only. In case of emergency, contact a physician or Infotrac Chemical Emergency Response at 800-535-5053 immediately.