

Fitzpatrick Scale

Skin Type	Working Classification	Color
I	Always burns easily, never tans, extremely sensitive to sun	White
II	Always burns easily, tans minimally, very sensitive to sun	White
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
VI	Never burns, deep pigmented, sun insensitive skin	Black

Type I Primarily red-headed individuals and blonds with light complexions.

Type II, III The largest percentage of Caucasian individuals fall into these categories.

Type IV Individuals of Asian, American Indian, Mediterranean and Latin American descent.

Type V Light complexion African American individuals, those of Indian descent.

Type VI Dark-skinned individuals.

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