

# Patient Instruction Booklet

## AIR OPTIX\* COLORS (lotrafilcon B) Soft Contact Lenses For Daily Wear

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### ***Welcome!***

AIR OPTIX\* COLORS (lotrafilcon B) soft contact lenses combine beautiful color with breathable silicone hydrogel lens material for beautiful and comfortable lens wear.

### ***About This Booklet***

This booklet explains how to safely use your AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference. If you have questions after reading this booklet, call or visit your eye care professional. Also, you may call Medical Product Information toll free in the USA at 1-800-757-9785.

In addition to the information presented in this booklet, please be sure to follow the recommendations of your eye care professional for successful and safe contact lens wear. If you do not, you may:

- Increase the chances of serious eye infection and injury.
- Cause damage to your contact lenses.

### ***About Your Contact Lenses***

AIR OPTIX\* COLORS (lotrafilcon B) contact lenses are available in a range of prescription powers and in a wide palette of beautiful colors. They are also available for people who do not need vision correction.

AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses are intended for daily wear only and must be removed before sleeping. Your eye care professional will determine the replacement schedule as well as the length of time the lenses may be worn each day before removal for cleaning, rinsing, and disinfection. You should also discuss with your eye care professional the frequency of follow-up care.

## Commonly Used Terms

Here are some useful definitions for terms regularly used when speaking about contact lenses and vision conditions.

**Cornea** The clear front part of the eye, permitting light to enter. The cornea is located in front of the iris and pupil







- Iris - The colored part of the eye which controls the size of the pupil.
- Pupil - The black round opening surrounded by the iris.






**Lens Deposits** Contaminants such as cosmetics, lotions, protein from the tear film, environmental pollutants, etc., which collect on the lens surface.

**Daily Wear** Contact lens wear for less than 24 hours a day, while awake. Normal daily wear of contact lenses assumes a minimum 6-hour period of non-lens wear each day. Individual wearing times will vary.

**Disinfection** A process that kills harmful microorganisms (germs) which can cause serious eye infections.

The following may appear on the labels or cartons:

Symbol	Description
	CAUTION: Federal (United States) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed eye care professional.
	Steam sterilized
	Use by date (Expiry date)
	Batch code
	Example of two letter language code (English)
 Do Not Reuse	Do not reuse

Symbol	Description
	Manufacturer
	Authorized Representative European Community
DIA	Diameter
BC	Base curve
PWR	Lens power
	European conformity sign
	See product instructions
	Packaging waste license sign



## **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

### **What You Should Know About Contact Lens Wear**

Remember that contact lenses, even if worn for cosmetic reasons only, are prescription medical devices and must only be worn under the prescription, direction and supervision of an eye care professional. The eye care professional needs to determine whether these lenses are appropriate for you and your eyes and needs to ensure proper fit on your individual eyes.

#### **Warning**

**Serious injury to the eye, scarring of the cornea, and loss of vision may result from problems associated with wearing contact lenses and using lens care products.**

**Eye problems, including corneal ulcers, can develop rapidly and lead to loss of vision. Immediately call or visit your eye care professional for persistent symptoms of any eye discomfort, foreign body sensation, watering, vision change, or redness.**

#### ***Be Aware of the Following:***

- **Do not sleep in your AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses.**
  - Overnight wear of contact lenses has been shown to increase the risk of certain serious contact lens related complications. The risk increases with the number of days in a row that lenses are worn between removals, beginning with the first overnight use.
  - The risk for ulcerative keratitis is greater for daily wear users who wear their lenses overnight (outside the approved indication) compared to those who do not wear them overnight.
- **Be sure to inform your eye care professional if you smoke.**
  - Smoking increases the risk of serious problems with contact lens wear.

#### ***Follow Directions:***

**Be sure to follow exactly the instructions of your eye care professional and manufacturers' labeled instructions** for the proper use of your contact lenses and lens care products, including lens cases. Failure to do so may put you at significant risk of developing serious eye problems.

### ***Use Proper Lens Care Solutions:***

**Do not use saliva, tap water, distilled water, or homemade saline solution for any purpose in caring for your lenses.** The use of these solutions has been associated with serious eye infections including Acanthamoeba keratitis, a corneal infection which is resistant to treatment and cure.

### ***Adverse Reactions (Possible Problems)***

**It is possible that problems can occur and may be accompanied by one or more of the following conditions:**

- Moderate to severe eye pain not relieved by removing the lens
- Feeling of something in the eye
- Unusual eye secretions
- Eye redness
- Sensitivity to light (photophobia)
- Eyes burn, sting or itch
- Eyes water
- Reduced sharpness of vision
- Rainbows or halos around objects
- Uncomfortable lens
- Feeling of dryness

A serious condition such as corneal ulcer or eye infection may be present and may progress rapidly. Even less serious reactions such as a scratched cornea must be treated promptly to avoid more serious complications.

### ***What to Do if a Problem Occurs***

**If you experience any of the above signs or symptoms, immediately remove your lens(es). Identification of the problem and prompt treatment may help avoid serious eye damage.**

**IMMEDIATELY remove the lens(es),**

- 1. If the discomfort stops, then look closely at the lens(es).**
  - **If the lens(es) are damaged in any way, DO NOT put the lens(es) back on your eye. Place the lens(es)**

**in the storage case and contact the eye care professional.**

- **If the lenses have dirt, an eyelash or other foreign body on them, and the lens(es) appear undamaged, thoroughly clean, rinse and disinfect the lenses, then reinsert. After reinsertion, if the problem continues, remove the lens(es) immediately and contact the eye care professional.**

**2. If discomfort continues after you have removed your lens(es),**

- **IMMEDIATELY contact the eye care professional.**
- **Do not insert a new or spare lens onto an eye that is red, irritated, or painful. A new lens may hide symptoms and delay treatment.**

Bring your lenses, solutions and lens case with you when you visit the eye care professional because of a problem. This may help the eye care professional to establish the identity of any organism associated with an eye infection.

### ***When Lenses Should Not Be Worn***

Contact lenses should not be worn under certain general health and eye conditions. Only your eye care professional can determine if continued contact lens wear is right for you. These include the following:

- Inflammation or infection in or around the eye or eyelids.
- Excessive dryness of the eyes that makes contact lens wear uncomfortable.
- If eyes become red or irritated.
- Any condition which reduces corneal sensitivity.
- Systemic diseases that may be affected by or impact lens wear.
- Allergic conditions, reactions or ocular irritation caused or exaggerated by lens wear or certain preservatives in lens care products.
- The use of any medication, including some eye medications, that shouldn't be used with, or interfere with contact lens wear.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SAFE CONTACT LENS WEAR**

**Check eyes regularly. While wearing your AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses, your eyes should look well, feel comfortable and your vision should be clear.**

- Always clean, rinse and dry your hands thoroughly before handling your lenses.
- Your lenses are provided to you in foil sealed tamper-evident blister pack containers. Never use a lens if the container seal is broken, as damage or contamination may have occurred.
- **Don't wear your lenses longer than recommended by your eye care professional, no matter how comfortable the lenses feel. Doing so increases the risk of adverse reactions.**
- Don't excessively rub your eyes while the lenses are in. You may harm your eyes or damage the lens.
- Don't get water, soap, or shampoo into your eyes during a bath or shower. These substances could get on your lenses and irritate your eyes.
- Be aware that hot and windy conditions may dry out your lenses. For example, air from a hair dryer, ceiling fan, or open car window may dry out your lenses and irritate your eyes.
- Tasks requiring visual concentration such as working at a computer may cause your eyes to feel dry. If this occurs, look away at frequent intervals and blink often.
- Always inform your eye care professional, physician, and employer that you wear contact lenses. Contact lenses may not be used with certain medications or medical procedures, may not be suitable for certain occupations, or may require eye protection equipment.
- Never allow contact lenses to come into contact with non-sterile liquids (including tap water, saliva, distilled water, or homemade saline solutions) as microbial contamination can occur, which may lead to permanent eye damage.
- Do not use lenses that have passed their expiration date.
- Make note of the correct lens power for each eye to avoid getting them switched.
- Discard any lens that has become dried out or damaged. Replace it with a fresh, new lens.
- Always keep back-up spectacles or a spare pair of lenses with you.

- Do not share your lenses with anyone as this may spread microorganisms which could result in serious eye health problems.

### ***Water Activity***

- Do not expose your contact lenses to water while you are wearing them.

### **Warning:**

- Water can harbor microorganisms that can lead to severe infection, vision loss or blindness. If your lenses have been submerged in water when swimming in pools, lakes or oceans, you should discard them and replace them with a new pair. Ask your eye care practitioner (professional) for recommendations about wearing your lenses during any activity involving water.

### ***Storing Your Lenses***

- Store your lenses in the recommended solution when not being worn. Soft lenses are made of special materials that must be kept wet at all times to avoid damage from drying out.
- Always use fresh solution when storing your lenses. Previously used solutions can become contaminated and increase the risk of infection.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for the lens care system your eye care professional has prescribed.

### ***When To Remove Your Lenses***

- Do not wear your lenses for longer periods each day than your eye care professional has recommended, and don't nap or sleep overnight in the lenses. Sleeping with lenses on increases the risk of eye infection.
- Remove your lenses immediately if they become uncomfortable. Discomfort can be an early warning sign of a more serious problem. If the discomfort continues after lens removal, contact your eye care professional. Early treatment can help avoid more serious complications.

- Remove your lenses if you will be in the presence of irritating liquids, gases, chemicals, or smoke. Your lenses can become damaged by absorbing these substances and irritate or injure your eyes. If exposed to these substances while wearing your lenses, see the section titled “Emergencies” in the back of this booklet.
- **Note: Lenses removed from your eyes must be cleaned, rinsed, and disinfected prior to reinsertion.**

### ***Cosmetic Products and Your Lenses***

- Lens damage, eye irritation or infection may result if cosmetics, lotion, soap, cream, hair spray, deodorant, perfume, or aerosol products come in contact with your lenses. If sprays are used, close your eyes until the spray has settled.
- Insert lenses before applying make-up and remove lenses before taking your make-up off. Make-up can become trapped under the lens and irritate or injure your eyes.
- Do not use nail polish remover while wearing your lenses. The fumes can damage the lenses.

### ***Other Eye Care Products and Medications***

- Do not use eye drops, solutions, or medications in your eyes unless directed by your eye care professional. These solutions may damage your lenses or irritate your eyes. You may use lens rewetting drops while lenses are worn as recommended by your eye care professional.
- Certain medications may cause blurred vision, lens dryness, or lens discomfort. These include antihistamines, decongestants, diuretics, muscle relaxants, oral contraceptives, tranquilizers, and motion sickness medications. Always inform your eye care professional if you experience any problems with your lenses while taking such medications.
- Do not use solutions made only for hard contact lenses. They can damage your soft lenses, which may result in serious eye complications.

## ***LENS PLACEMENT ON THE EYE***

### ***Introduction***

Good hygiene habits help promote safe, comfortable and successful contact lens wear. Cleanliness is one of the most important aspects of handling and caring for your contact lenses. Starting with clean hands helps reduce the chance of eye infections and irritation.

### ***Step 1 – Wash, Rinse, and Dry Hands***

- **Wash your hands thoroughly** with soap that does not have any oils, lotions, or perfumes.
  - Thorough hand washing will remove dirt, germs, and oils that could get on the lenses and cause irritation or infection. Using the proper soap prevents chemical residues from getting on the lenses.
- **Rinse your hands thoroughly after washing.**
  - This removes all traces of soap and dirt.
- **Dry your hands** with a lint-free towel.
  - This helps keep lint and dust from getting on your lenses and irritating your eyes.
- Long fingernails can make lens placement, removal, and cleaning more difficult. Sharp, rough fingernails can damage the lenses.

**Always wash and dry your hands before handling your lenses. This will remove dirt and oils that could get on the lenses. Proper hand washing also helps prevent eye infections.**

### ***Step 2 – Open the Multipack Carton and Lens Container***

Each lens is supplied sterile in a foil sealed plastic container (blisterpack) containing buffered saline and provided in a multipack carton. Locate the opening flap on the multipack carton and pull up to break the seal.



Each multipack carton and lens container is marked with the lens power (your vision prescription). Lens powers may not be the same for both eyes, so multipack cartons have a check box for your eye care professional to mark which lens is for your left and right eye. Be sure to open and use the correct lens for each eye.

### ***The Lens Package***

- Each AIR OPTIX\* COLORS soft contact lens is supplied in a foil sealed plastic container designed to maintain sterility of the lens and package saline solution. To open an individual container, follow these simple steps:
  1. Shake the lens package gently, and peel back lid.
  2. Carefully remove the lens from package.
    - With a clean finger, gently slide the lens out of the lens container or pour the lens onto the palm of your clean hand.
    - Do not use tools, tweezers or sharp objects to remove the lens from container. This could damage the lens.

### ***Step 3 – Inspect the Lens for Damage or Foreign Matter***

- Thoroughly rinse the lens with the recommended sterile saline solution according to the manufacturer’s instructions. This will remove any possible traces of dust, lint or other particles from the lens. Foreign material could get trapped under the lens and cause eye discomfort.
- Examine the lens to be sure it is clean and moist and does not have any nicks, tears, or particles sticking to it.
  - Place the lens on the tip of your index finger and hold it up against a bright light.
  - If the lens appears damaged or dried out, do not use it. Discard it and use the next lens in the multipack.

**Never handle your lenses over a sink with an open drain. Shut the drain or place a clean paper towel over the opening to keep from losing your lenses.**



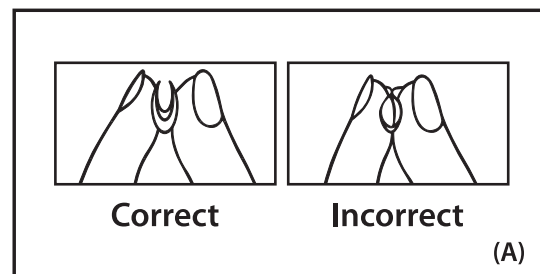
## **Step 4 – Make Sure the Lens Is Right Side Out**

Check to see that your lens is right side out. A lens that is placed on the eye inside out may not feel comfortable or provide good vision. When placed correctly on the eye, all parts of the 3-print design should be visible and blend into the characteristic 3-in-1 pattern for optimal cosmetic performance.

### **Method 1 – The ‘Taco Test’**

One way to do this is to place the lens between your thumb and index finger and gently squeeze the edges together by pressing on the sides of the lens as shown in the picture below.

- If the edges come together, the lens is right side out.
- If the edges turn outward, the lens is wrong side out. Carefully reverse it with your fingers.

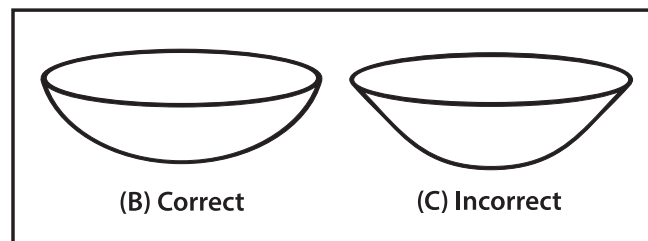


Another way to do the “taco test” is to place the lens between a skin crease in the palm of your hand and gently closing your hand.

### **Method 2**

A second way to tell if a lens is right side out is to place the lens on the tip of your index finger and check its shape.

- If the edge appears bowl-shaped, it is right side out.
- If the edge has a lip or flares outward, it is wrong side out and must be reversed.



### **Method 3**

A third way to tell if a lens is right side out is to look at the colored pattern. When viewing the inside of the bowl-shaped lens as it sits on your finger, if the dark outer and inner ring prints are less visible, the lens is correct.

#### **Step 5 - Place Lens on the Eye**

After you have thoroughly washed, rinsed, and dried your hands, rinsed and inspected the lens, and made sure it is right side out, you are ready to place the lens on your eye.

Remember to start with the same lens first (right or left), then the other lens. This helps avoid getting the lenses mixed up.

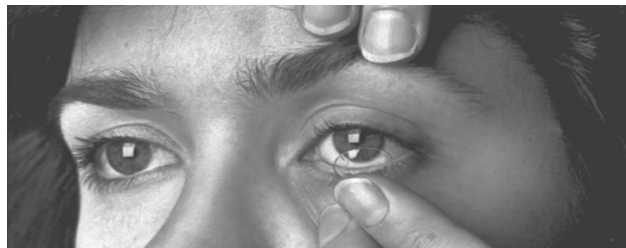
- 1. Place the lens on the tip of your right index finger** (left index finger if you are left-handed and this is easier for you). Make sure your finger is completely dry,



or the lens may stick to your finger and be difficult to transfer to your eye.

- 2. Place the middle finger of the same hand close to your lower eyelashes and pull down the lower eyelid.**

- 3. Use the fingers of the other hand to lift the upper right eyelid.**



- 4. Place the lens directly on the eye (cornea) by gently rolling it off the index finger.**

- 5. Look down slightly and slowly remove your right hand, releasing the lower lid.**

- 6. Look straight ahead and slowly remove your left hand, releasing the upper lid.**

- 7. Blink gently.** The lens should center automatically.

- 8. Repeat steps 1-7 above for the other lens.**

## **Your eye care professional may suggest alternate methods for insertion of the lens onto the eye.**

If your vision is blurred or the lens is uncomfortable on your eye, check for the following:

- The lens is not centered on the eye (see **Centering the Lens**, next section)
- The lens is centered. Remove the lens (see **Lens Removal** section) and check for the following:
  - Cosmetics, oils, or particles on the lens. Clean and rinse the lens and place on the eye again.
  - The lens is on the wrong eye.
  - The lens is wrong side out.
  - The lens may be torn or damaged. If so, do not place the lens back on your eye. Discard the lens and replace it with a new lens.

If your vision is still blurred or the lens is uncomfortable after checking the above, remove both lenses and contact your eye care professional.

After you have successfully inserted your lenses, you should ask yourself:

- Do the lenses **feel good?** (There should be no discomfort.)
- Do my eyes **look good?** (Your eyes should not be red or swollen or have any discharge.)
- Is my **vision good?** (You should be able to see clearly out of each eye individually and together.)

**If the answer to any of these questions is no, immediately remove your lenses and contact your eye care professional.**

### ***Centering the Lens***

Occasionally a lens will be displaced onto the white part of the eye during lens placement or during lens wear. To center a lens, follow one of the methods below:

**Method 1. Look in the direction of the displaced lens. Blink gently.** The lens should automatically move toward the center of the eye and into the correct position.

**Method 2. Close your eyelids and gently massage the lens into place** through the closed eyelid.



**Method 3. Gently push the off-centered lens onto the cornea with the eye open**, using gentle finger pressure on the edge of the upper or lower eyelid.

### ***LENS REMOVAL FROM THE EYE***

Remember to remove the same lens first (right or left), then the other lens. This helps avoid getting the lenses mixed up.

It may be easier to remove your contact lenses if you are using rewetting drops (approved for use with soft contact lenses) recommended by your eye care professional 10 to 15 minutes before lens removal. This will also help to prevent lens tearing during the removal process.

#### ***Step 1 - Wash, Rinse, and Dry Hands***

- **Wash your hands thoroughly** with soap that does not have any oils, lotions, or perfumes.

Refer to the section, “Lens Placement on the Eye” for important additional information.

#### ***Step 2 - Make Sure Lens is on the Eye***

**Make sure the lens is centered on your eye before trying to remove it.** Cover the other eye; if your vision is blurred, the lens is either off center or not on the eye at all. Locate the lens with a mirror and re-center it using one of the methods described in the section, **Centering the Lens**.

#### ***Step 3 - Pull Down Lower Eyelid***

Look upward, keeping your head level. Pull down the lower lid of your eye with your middle finger.



#### ***Step 4 - Slide Lens Down***

While looking up, place the tip of your index finger on the lower edge of the lens and slide it down onto the lower white part of your eye.



### ***Step 5 - Pull Lens off Eye***

Still looking up, squeeze the lens gently between your thumb and index finger. Gently remove the lens from the eye.



**Repeat Steps 2-5 for the other lens**

### ***REPLACING YOUR LENSES***

Replace your lenses with a new pair as often as recommended by your eye care professional. Old lenses can cause discomfort, decreased vision and may adversely affect your eye health. Alcon recommends up to four week replacement for AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses, or as recommended by the eye care professional.

### ***FOLLOW-UP CARE***

Do not skip visits with your eye care professional just because your lenses feel comfortable. Routine follow-up visits help prevent problems. Only a thorough examination by your eye care professional can determine how your eyes are responding to contact lenses. Early signs of a problem can be detected and treated before you can feel them. It is recommended contact lens wearers see their eye care professional once each year, or more often, as directed by the eye care professional.

### ***LENS CARE***

Lenses should be cleaned, rinsed, and disinfected each time they are removed from the eye prior to re-insertion. Your eye care professional will recommend an appropriate lens care regimen that's right for you.

### ***General Guidelines for Lens Care***

- **Follow the complete lens care regimen exactly as directed in the specific labeling instructions that accompany the solutions recommended by your eye care professional. Failure to do so may contribute to problems.**

- Lenses removed from your eyes must be cleaned, rinsed, and disinfected after each wearing before reinsertion.
  - **Cleaning** loosens and removes accumulations of film, deposits, and debris that can cause irritation, and prepares lenses for disinfection.  
**Rinsing** removes cleaning and disinfection solutions and helps make your lenses feel more comfortable.  
**Disinfecting** kills germs that can cause eye infections.
    - Failure to clean and rinse prior to disinfection may result in incomplete lens disinfection.
    - Saline solutions are used to rinse, **NOT** to clean or disinfect.
- Alcon recommends a chemical (not heat) method of disinfection, such as CLEAR CARE\* Cleaning and Disinfecting Solution or OPTI-FREE\* PureMoist\* Multi-Purpose Disinfecting Solution for use with AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses.
- Heat disinfection has not been tested and is not recommended.
- Use of UNIZYME\* enzymatic cleaner is optional and may be recommended by the eye care professional if warranted.
- Lens compatibility with an abrasive type cleaner such as OPTI-CLEAN\* II Daily Cleaner has not been tested and is not recommended.
- Never use a hard (rigid) lens solution unless it is also indicated for use with soft contact lenses, as corneal injury could result.
- Do not alternate, change, or mix lens care systems or solutions for any one pair of lenses unless specifically indicated in the product labeling. Different solutions cannot always be used together, and not all solutions are safe for use with all lenses. If in doubt, consult your eye care professional.
- If you remove your lenses and do not have access to your lens care products, do not reinsert the lenses. Store your lenses in the lens case until they can be cleaned, rinsed, and disinfected.
- Use only fresh, unexpired, sterile lens care solutions recommended for use with soft contact lenses according to the manufacturer's instructions provided with the specific products.
- **When opened, sterile, non-preserved, non-aerosol solutions must be discarded after the time specified in the label directions.**

## ***Basic Lens Care Steps***

Follow the instructions for use provided by the manufacturer of the lens care regimen or your eye care professional. The instructions for typical cleaning and disinfecting multipurpose solutions will include the steps listed below. **IMPORTANT:** Hydrogen peroxide disinfecting solutions, such as **CLEAR CARE\*** Cleaning and Disinfecting Solution, are not multi-purpose solutions. For hydrogen peroxide disinfecting solutions follow the manufacturer's instructions.

### ***Step 1 – Cleaning***

**Cleaning** loosens and removes accumulations of film, deposits, and debris that can cause irritation, and prepares lenses for disinfection.

#### **Wash, Rinse, and Dry Hands**

#### **Remove and Clean One Lens at a Time**

#### **Clean Lens**

- **Place the lens in the palm of one hand and add cleaner according to the manufacturer's instructions for use.**
  - Rub the lens with firm but gentle pressure, in a back and forth (not circular) motion. A circular motion may cause the lens to split or tear.
  - The rubbing action of your finger against the lens removes mucus, dirt, and other material from the lens surface. These substances may not be visible even though they are present on your lenses.
- Rub your lenses as directed by your eye care professional.
  - *Typical instructions would be:*  
“Rub your lenses for “X” seconds or more (e.g., 10 seconds or more) and then repeat with the second side for a total of 2 times “X” seconds (e.g., 20 seconds or more)”.
- Follow the complete recommended lens rubbing times in the



labeling to adequately disinfect your lenses and reduce the risk of contact lens infection.

Warning:

- Rub your lenses for the recommended amount of time to help prevent serious eye infections.
- Never use water, saline solution, or rewetting drops to disinfect your lenses. These solutions will not disinfect your lenses. Not using the recommended disinfectant can lead to severe infection, vision loss or blindness.

**Step 2 - Rinsing**

**Rinsing** removes cleaning and disinfecting solutions and helps make your lenses feel more comfortable.



- Thoroughly rinse the lens with fresh sterile saline solution according to the manufacturer's instructions for use.
- Make sure all of the cleaning solution has been rinsed off. Any remaining cleaner can irritate the eye and may interfere with the disinfection process.
- Rinse your lenses as directed by your eye care professional.
  - *Typical instructions would be:*  
"Rinse your lenses for "X" seconds or more (e.g., 10 seconds or more) and then repeat with the second side for a total of 2 times "X" seconds (e.g., 20 seconds or more)."
- Follow the complete recommended rinsing times in the labeling to adequately disinfect your lenses and reduce the risk of contact lens infection.

Warning:

- Rinse your lenses for the recommended amount of time to help prevent serious eye infections.
- Never use water, saline solution, or rewetting drops to disinfect your lenses. These solutions will not disinfect your lenses. Not using the recommended disinfectant can lead to severe infection, vision loss or blindness.



### ***Step 3 – Disinfection***

**Disinfecting** kills germs that can cause eye infection.

Follow the manufacturer’s instructions that come with the chemical disinfection system recommended by your eye care professional. In most cases, you will:

1. Always fill the lens case with fresh disinfection solution.
  2. **Close tightly.** The lenses must be fully covered by the disinfection solution to ensure proper disinfection and to keep from drying out.
  3. **Allow lenses to remain in case for the length of time specified in the instructions.** This will help keep harmful germs from growing on your lenses.
- Use only fresh contact lens disinfecting solution each time you soak (store) your lenses.

#### Warning:

- Do not reuse or “top off” old solution left in your lens case since solution reuse reduces effective lens disinfection and could lead to severe infection, vision loss or blindness. “Topping-Off” is the addition of fresh solution to solution that has been sitting in your case.

#### ***Discard Date***

- After opening, discard any remaining solution after the period recommended by the lens care manufacturer.
  - If you are using CLEAR CARE\* Cleaning and Disinfecting Solution:  
Discard any remaining solution 3 months after opening.
  - If you are using OPTI-FREE\* PureMoist\* Multi-Purpose Disinfecting Solution:  
Discard any remaining solution 6 months after opening.

#### Warning:

- Using your lens care solution beyond the discard date could result in contamination of the solution and can lead to severe infection, vision loss or blindness.

## ***Care of the Lens Case***

Contact lens cases can be a source of growth for harmful organisms. These germs may be present even when the case looks clean. Putting clean lenses in a dirty or contaminated case makes the lenses unsafe to wear.

Follow the instructions for use provided by the manufacturer of the lens case. If no specific instructions are provided, refer to the instructions below for a typical lens case:

- Always empty the lens case after putting the lenses on your eyes.
- Clean contact lens cases with digital rubbing using fresh, sterile disinfecting solutions/contact lens cleaner. Never use water. Cleaning should be followed by rinsing with fresh, sterile disinfecting solutions (never use water) and wiping the lens cases with fresh, clean tissue is recommended. Air-drying or recapping the lens case lids after use without any additional cleaning methods should be discouraged. If air drying, be sure that no residual solution remains in the case before allowing it to air dry.
- Replace your lens case at least once every 3 months, or as recommended by your eye care professional. Contact lens cases can be a source of bacterial growth.

### Warning:

- Do not store your lenses or rinse your lens case with water or any non-sterile solution. Only use fresh disinfecting solution so you do not contaminate your lenses or lens case. Use of non-sterile solution can lead to severe infection, vision loss or blindness.

## ***OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

### ***Using Lens Wetting Drops (Lens Lubricant)***

- If wetting drops are recommended by your eye care professional, follow the directions for use provided by the manufacturer. Not all lens lubricants can be used with soft contact lenses.

### ***If a Lens Dries Out***

- If a lens is exposed to air while off the eye it may become dry, brittle, and permanently damaged. If this should occur, discard the lens and use a new one to avoid possible irritation or injury to the eye.

### ***Care for a Sticking Lens***

- If a lens sticks (stops moving) or begins to dry on the eye, apply a lubricating solution recommended for soft lenses according to the manufacturer's instruction for use.
- Wait until the lens begins to move freely on the eye before trying to remove it. If the lens continues to stick, IMMEDIATELY consult your eye care professional.

### ***Emergencies***

- If chemicals of any kind (household products, gardening solutions, laboratory chemicals, etc.) are splashed into the eyes:
  - **Flush eyes immediately with tap water or fresh saline solution.**
  - **Remove the lenses and place them in the recommended storage solution.**
  - **Call or visit your eye care professional or a hospital emergency room immediately.**

## ***INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MONOVISION WEARER (SPHERICAL)***

- You should be aware that as with any type of lens correction, there are advantages and compromises to monovision contact lens therapy. The benefit of clear near vision in straight ahead and upward gaze that is available with monovision may be accompanied by a vision compromise that may reduce your distance visual acuity and depth perception for distance and near tasks. Some patients have experienced difficulty adapting to it. Symptoms, such as mild blurred vision, dizziness, headaches and a feeling of slight imbalance, may last for a brief minute or for several weeks as adaptation takes place. The longer these symptoms persist, the poorer your prognosis for successful adaptation. You should avoid visually demanding situations during the initial adaptation period. It is recommended that you first wear these contact lenses in familiar situations, which are not visually demanding. For example, it might be better to be a passenger, rather than a driver of an automobile, during the first few days of lens wear. It is recommended that you drive with monovision correction only if you pass the driver's license requirements with your monovision correction.
- Some monovision patients will never be fully comfortable functioning under low levels of illumination, such as driving at night. If this happens, you may want to discuss with your eye care professional having additional contact lenses prescribed so that both eyes are corrected for distance when sharp distance binocular vision is required.
- If you require very sharp near vision during prolonged close work, you may want to have additional lenses prescribed so that both eyes are corrected for near when sharp near vision binocular vision is required.
- Some monovision patients require supplemental spectacles to wear over the monovision contact lens correction to provide the clearest vision for critical tasks. You should discuss this with your eye care professional.
- It is important that you follow your eye care professional's

suggestions for adaptation to monovision contact lens therapy. You should discuss any concerns that you may have during and after the adaptation period.

- The decision to be fit with a monovision correction is most appropriately left to the eye care professional in conjunction with you, after carefully considering and discussing your needs.

### ***LENS CARE PRODUCT CHART FOR SOFT CONTACT LENSES***

**CLEAR CARE\* Cleaning and Disinfecting Solution**

Hydrogen Peroxide based solution for cleaning disinfecting, and protein removal

**OPTI-FREE\* PureMoist\* Multi-Purpose Disinfecting Solution**

Multi-purpose solution for cleaning, rinsing, disinfecting and storing.

**OPTI-FREE\* PureMoist\* Rewetting Drops**

Lubricating and rewetting

#### ***Other Alcon Lens Care Products***

AQuify\* Long-Lasting Comfort Drops

Lubricating and rewetting

UNIZYME\* Enzymatic Cleaner

Enzymatic Cleaner for contact lens protein removal

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## WEARER INFORMATION

Eye Care Professional

Contact Lens Information:

Name:		Lens Brand/Type:	
Street:		Prescription/Date:	
City/State/Zip:			
Phone:			

### **WEAR & REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES:**

The wearing and replacement schedules should be determined by your eye care professional. Patients tend to over wear the lenses initially. It is very important to adhere to the initial maximum wearing schedule.

AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses are for daily wear only. Do not sleep in lenses.

Alcon recommends a replacement schedule of up to four weeks for AIR OPTIX\* COLORS contact lenses. However, the eye care professional is encouraged to determine a lens replacement schedule based upon the response of the patient.

#### **Initial Wearing Schedule:**

DAY	DATE (Month/Day)	Wearing Time (# Hours)	DAY	DATE (Month/Day)	Wearing Time (# Hours)
1	_____	_____	6	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	7	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	8	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	9	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	10	_____	_____

#### **Replacement Schedule:**

Replace lenses every \_\_\_\_\_ days or every \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

#### **LENS CARE SUPPLIES (Product Name or Manufacturer):**

<b>Saline Solution:</b>	<b>Disinfecting Solution:</b>
<b>Daily Cleaning Solution:</b>	<b>Lens Wetting Drops:</b>

#### **Appointment Schedule:**

Regular checkups, as determined by your eye care professional, are extremely important.

Date:		Time:		Date:		Time:	
Date:		Time:		Date:		Time:	

*Important: In the event that you experience difficulty wearing your lenses or do not understand the instructions given you, DO NOT WAIT for your next appointment. Phone your eye care professional immediately.*

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