



# **BASF** **Sunscreen Simulator**

The Innovation Tool for the  
Formulator

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# Scientific Background

The Sunburn Protection Factor (SPF) is defined as the ratio of the Minimal Erythema Dose of protected skin and unprotected skin (1).

The transmission of UV radiation through a film of sunscreen is defined as the inverse ratio of the intensity before and after passing through the sunscreen film (2). UV filters in the sunscreen film lower the transmission based on their extinction spectrum.

Sayre's formula describing the SPF in terms of Sun Spectrum, Erythema Action Spectrum and UV Transmission is the core of the Sunscreen Simulator (3). The ratio can be visualized by the ratio of areas between erythemally weighted sun intensity with and without sunscreen.

Sunscreen on skin does not form a film of regular thickness. Irregularities are taken into account in the Sunscreen Simulator (4). SPF and the UVA indices can be calculated for application amounts lower or higher than the standard 2mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Furthermore the photoinstability of certain UV filter combinations as well as the synergistic effect arising from having UV filters in the oil and in the water phase, are also considered. The results of any calculated combination of

UV Filters is presented as extinction and transmission of UV radiation from 290 to 400 nm.

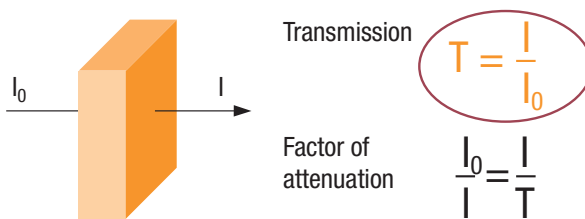
In addition the SPF is calculated for the standard UVB biased COLIPA sun spectrum and the more realistic outdoor sun spectrum. Calculation results show that broad-spectrum sunscreens provide more realistic SPF values than UVB-biased sunscreens.

## (1) Definition: Sunburn Protection Factor

$$SPF = \frac{MED_P}{MED_U}$$

MED<sub>U</sub> = minimal erythema dose with unprotected skin  
MED<sub>P</sub> = minimal erythema dose with protected skin

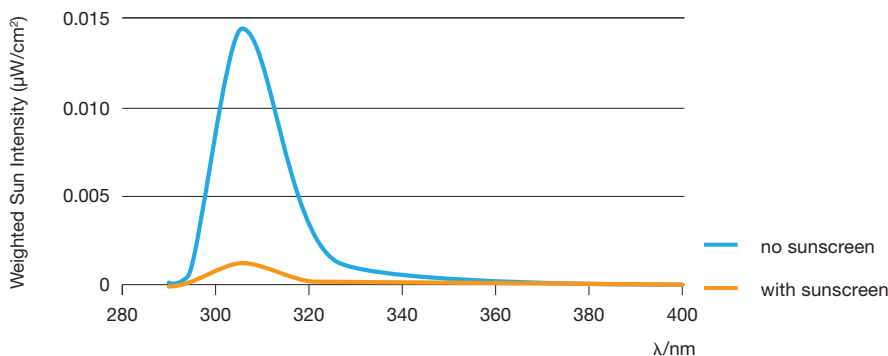
## (2) Transmission Concept



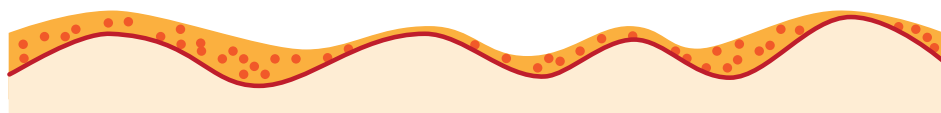
## (3) SPF Formula (Sayre 1979)

$$SPF = \frac{\sum_{\lambda=290}^{400} s_{er}(\lambda) \cdot S_s(\lambda)}{\sum_{\lambda=290}^{400} s_{er}(\lambda) \cdot S_s(\lambda) \cdot T(\lambda)}$$

S<sub>s</sub>(λ)...Spectrum of UV source,  
s<sub>er</sub>(λ)...Erythema Action Spectrum



## (4) Sunscreen film on skin



Sunscreen film  
Skin surface

### Milestone Publications

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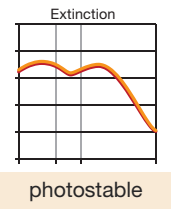
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# SPF Results ... depend on type of lamp and type of sunscreen

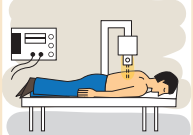

## SPF of broad-spectrum sunscreen

**Example A**  
**Broad-spectrum**

Input	<b>Region:</b> Europe <b>Application Amount:</b> 2.0 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>		<b>Date:</b> 2010/03/18 14:52:00	
	<b>UV Filter Composition</b>			
	INCI Name	USAN Name	Abbreviation	Amount
	Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (Tinosorb® S)	Bemotrizinol	BEMT	2.0%
	Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (Tinosorb® S Aqua, active)	Bemotrizinol	BEMT	1.0%
	Diethylamino Hydroxybenzoyl Hexyl Benzoate (Uvinul® A Plus)	–	DHHB	8.0%
	Ethylhexyl Triazone (Uvinul® T 150)	Octyltriazone	EHT	2.5%
	Phenylbenzimidazol Sulfonic Acid	Ensulizole	PBSA	3.5%
	TiO <sub>2</sub> water phase	Titanium Dioxide	TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.5%
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>19.5%</b>



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SPF	<b>Clinical (International Method)</b>		<b>Outdoor Exposure</b>	
		<b>Solar Simulated Lamp</b> SPF (SSL): 56.0 <b>Rating/LABEL: 50</b>		<b>Outdoor Sun Spectrum</b> SPF (outdoor): 50.1 <b>(Rating: 50)</b>
<b>Clinical SPF is realistic</b>				

## SPF of UVB-biased sunscreen (photo labile)

**Example B**  
**UVB-biased**

Input	<b>Region:</b> Europe <b>Application Amount:</b> 2.0 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>		<b>Date:</b> 2010/03/18 15:22:16	
	<b>UV Filter Composition</b>			
	INCI Name	USAN Name	Abbreviation	Amount
	Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenyl Triazine (Tinosorb® S)	Bemotrizinol	BEMT	2%
	Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane	Avobenzone	BMBM	5%
	Ethylhexyl Methoxycinnamate (Uvinul® MC 80)	Octinoxate	EHMC	10%
	Ethylhexyl Triazone (Uvinul® T 150)	Octyltriazone	EHT	3%
	Octocrylene (Uvinul® N 539 T)	Octocrylene	OCR	5%
	Phenylbenzimidazol Sulfonic Acid	Ensulizole	PBSA	3%
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>28%</b>

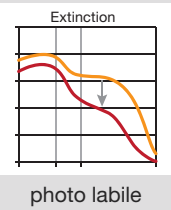
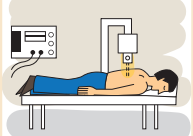

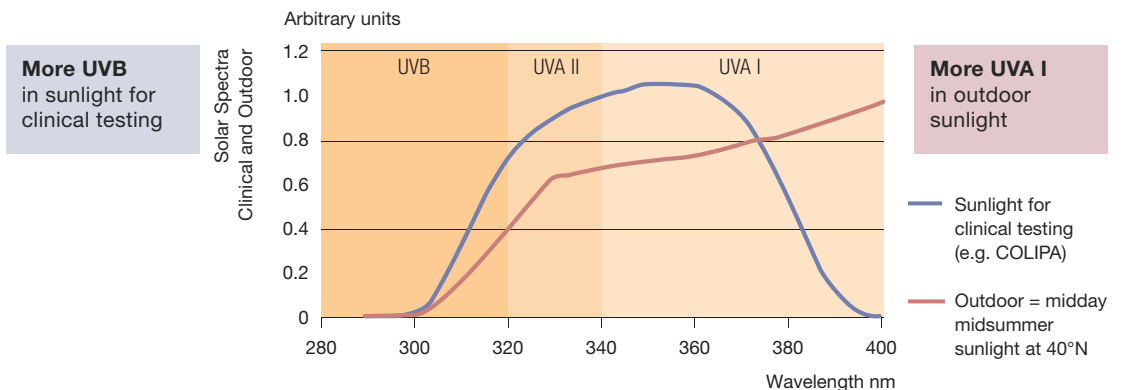


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SPF	<b>Clinical (International Method)</b>		<b>Outdoor Exposure</b>	
		<b>Solar Simulated Lamp</b> SPF (SSL): 52.9 <b>Rating/LABEL: 50</b>		<b>Outdoor Sun Spectrum</b> SPF (outdoor): 40.2 <b>(Rating: 30)</b>
<b>Clinical SPF is overestimated</b>				

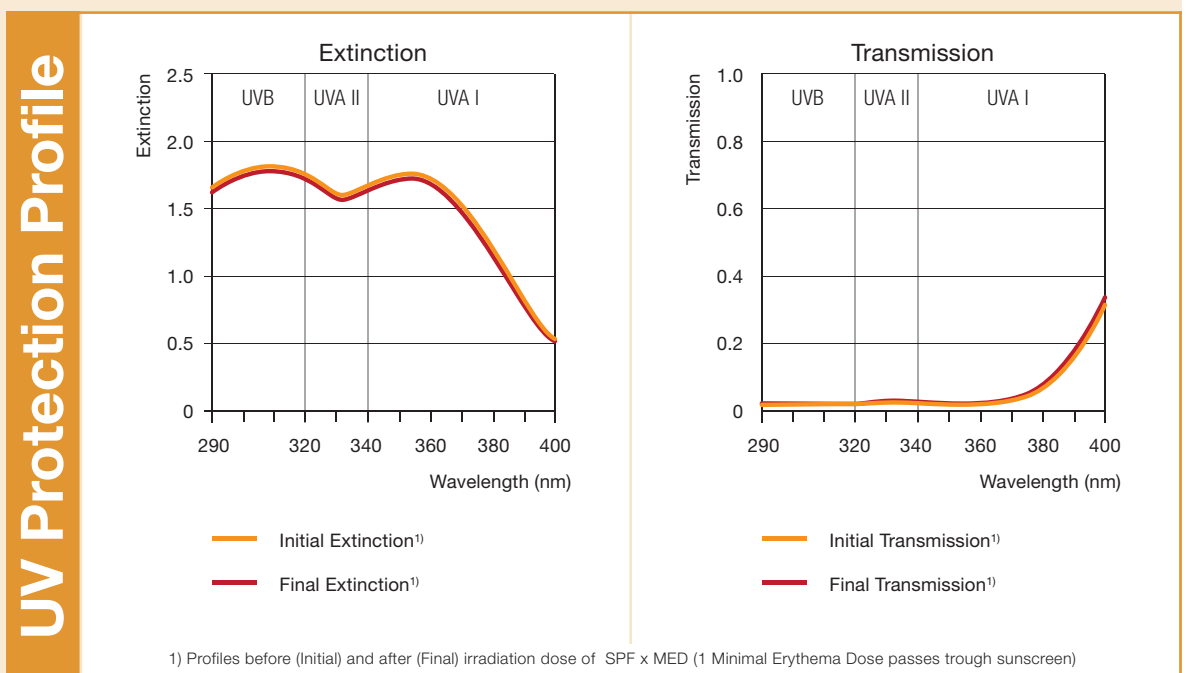


# UVA Indices ... Broad-Spectrum Sunscreen

Example  
**A**  
Broad-spectrum

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	Ethylhexyl Triazone (Uvinul® T 150)	Octyltriazone	EHT	2.5%
	Phenylbenzimidazol Sulfonic Acid	Ensulizole	PBSA	3.5%
	TiO <sub>2</sub> water phase	Titanium Dioxide	TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.5%
			Total:	19.5%

UVA Indices	Country	in vivo	in vitro	Rating
	EU/CH 		<b>Simulated PPD</b> UVA: 20.3 Critical wavelength: 379.0 nm	<b>EC Recommendation (UVA-PF/SPF &gt; 0.33)</b> UVA-PF: 20.4 UVA-PF/SPF: 0.6
		Labeled SPF: 50.0	UVA-PF: 26.8 (re-calculated) UVA-PF/SPF: 0.54	
USA 		<b>FDA Proposed Rule</b> UVA-PF (PPD): 20.3	<b>FDA Proposed Rule</b> UVA-I/UV ratio: 0.89	★★★☆☆ <b>High</b>
GBR 			<b>Boots Star-Rating: UVA/UVB ratio</b> w/o irradiation: 0.82 with irradiation: 0.82	
			<b>Spectral Uniformity Index</b> SUI: 15.3	<b>Very High</b>
JAP 		<b>JCIA Rating</b> UVA-PF (PPD): 20.3		<b>PA+++</b>
AUS 			<b>Australian UVA Standard</b>	<b>PASS</b>





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