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ABSTRACT

Historically, a persistent cognitive bias has emerged within the nail service industry, asserting that a high speed of procedure execution inevitably leads to a decline in its quality. This book dismantles that myth, proving that the transition from a standard 120-minute framework to a 60-minute protocol does not represent a physical acceleration or chaotic haste, but rather a strict algorithmization of operational workflows.

The "High-Speed Manicure System" manual offers an engineering, process-oriented approach to the specialist's daily operations. Grounded in the histology of the nail unit, the biomechanics of movement, and the physicochemical properties of polymers, the author provides a comprehensive system that reduces overall procedure time by half. You will learn to operate using a conveyor method in a "one touch – one result" mode, eliminate routine surface filing, and eradicate primary time-wasters, or chronophages. This practical manual is your tool for increasing workspace throughput by 50–100% and achieving exponential income growth without professional burnout or quality degradation.

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INTRODUCTION

Historically, a persistent cognitive bias has emerged within the nail service industry, asserting that a high speed of procedure execution inevitably leads to a decline in its quality. This stereotype is grounded in outdated operational algorithms, where time was expended on chaotic, duplicative actions, tool switching, and the constant correction of one's own errors during subsequent stages. An analysis of the global beauty industry market demonstrates that the profitability of salon businesses depends directly on process optimization. According to analytical reports and macroeconomic studies, consumer demand is rapidly shifting toward time conservation while maintaining a premium level of service and safety [1–3].

Clients are no longer willing to spend two or three hours on a basic hygiene and aesthetic procedure. The transition from a standard 120-minute framework to a 60-minute protocol does not represent a physical acceleration of the technician's chaotic movements, which inevitably results in trauma to the client's tissues and the professional burnout of the specialist, but rather a strict algorithmization of operational workflows. High speed serves as a direct and natural consequence of eliminating redundant operations, structuring the ergonomics of the workspace effectively, and possessing a deep understanding of the physicochemical properties of the materials utilized.

The methodology proves that when a specialist knows the exact sequence of steps, eliminates crossing and returning movements, and operates in a "one touch – one result" mode, the overall procedure time is reduced by half. Concurrently, the cleanliness of the manicure, its durability, and infectious safety increase, as the duration of mechanical impact on the natural nail and surrounding tissues is minimized.

The fundamental principles of the system dictate that speed is perceived as the result of process algorithmization and the elimination of extraneous movements.

The presented methodology is underpinned by eight key rules that strictly regulate every action of the specialist. These principles eliminate so-called chronophages (time-wasters) and form a foundational basis for a predictable, stable result on any hand type. The physical and biomechanical rationale of these rules allows the technician's work to transition from an intuitive craft into the realm of precise engineering.

1. Standardization of grip and support. In practice, the technician must ensure a mandatory support point on the little finger of the working hand during drill manipulations and rigidly secure the client's finger with the left hand. Biomechanically, such a fulcrum guarantees the stability of the applied force vector, completely precludes uncontrolled slipping of the drill bit, and dampens the rotary vibration of the device's micromotor.

2. Conveyor method operation. The execution of a single technological stage occurs sequentially on four to five fingers without changing the tool and without switching the reverse function. This minimizes the time spent on stopping the e-file and replacing attachments, while also preserving a uniform motor pattern in the muscles of the technician's hand, thereby reducing cognitive load.

3. Elimination of excessive pressure. Drill movements are executed "through the air," without vertical pressure on the nail plate or matrix. Mechanical pressure generates excessive frictional heating. Temperatures exceeding 47°C lead to cellular damage, while localized heating provokes thermal burns and keratin thinning.

4. Clean removal without manual filing. The old polymeric material is removed using a carbide bit to an absolutely smooth state without subsequent buffing. A bit with a straight (non-crosscut) fluting operating at a speed of 30,000 to 35,000 rpm cuts the material evenly, leaving a uniform trace. Eliminating the manual sanding stage saves up to 10 minutes of working time.

5. Targeted use of chemical agents. Primers, dehydrators, and bonders are applied strictly according to indications (hyperhidrosis, damaged plate), rather than universally on every client. Excessive exposure to acids over-dries the dorsal layer of the nail, destroys disulfide bonds within the keratin, and triggers deep chemical burns as well as systemic lifting in the long term.

6. Formation of a shock-absorbing base. A thin, rubbed-in layer of a flexible rubber base is created beneath rigid builder gels without an additional leveling coat. This establishes a necessary elastic buffer (damper) between the rigid, immobile polymer and the physiologically mobile natural nail, preventing stress fractures under torsional loads.

7. Architectural application without hand inversion. The conveyor distribution of liquid gel is performed using a herringbone technique, followed by filing the underside of the free edge. Such an approach prevents the gravitational pooling of material into the apex zone. All final geometry and structural ribs are established through surface filing and control of the free edge thickness.

8. Single continuous cuticle cut. A preliminary deep formation of the proximal pocket is executed, followed by the removal of the cuticle as a single strip (using scissors or nippers). The rotating motion of the tool seals the epidermal edge, and a clean cut precludes the emergence of micro-tears and hangnails, minimizing the need for final machine polishing.

To establish the high-speed manicure system, this manual employs a mixed-methods analytical and observational research design. The methodology transcends traditional isolated experimentation by integrating a continuous operational audit (time-motion analysis) with the fundamental principles of nail unit histology, biomechanics, and polymer chemistry. The study format is structured as a comprehensive workflow optimization analysis, systematically evaluating the biomechanical and economic efficiency of transitioning from a conventional 120-minute protocol to a strictly algorithmic 60-minute framework.

The empirical data and the resulting protocols are substantiated by extensive longitudinal observations conducted within high-volume professional salon environments. The observational sample (empirical base) encompasses thousands of practical procedures applied over several years to a highly diverse client demographic. The selection criteria for this sample were designed to capture a comprehensive spectrum of real-world scenarios, including various anatomical nail plate variations, biomechanical stress responses, and minor dermatological conditions (such as varying degrees of onycholysis and structural deformations). Furthermore, the validity of the operational metrics—specifically the identification of chronophages and the optimization of material application—was verified through the systematic monitoring of technicians adopting the high-speed algorithm. This ensures that the proposed 60-minute standard is statistically viable, reproducible, and preserves uncompromising quality and infectious safety across a broad sample of clinical cases.

Manual goals and objectives: optimizing the technician's working time and enhancing procedure profitability.

The primary strategic objective of this methodological manual is the implementation of an engineering, process-oriented approach into the daily operations of a nail service specialist. Every movement made by the technician is examined exclusively through the lens of its necessity and the final outcome. Under conditions of growing competition within the beauty services market, business survival and profitability are determined by throughput capacity without a loss of consumer loyalty.

For salon business owners and private practitioners, adopting a standardized 60-minute protocol signifies the potential to increase workspace throughput by 50–100% without the necessity of expanding staff, leasing additional space, or investing in infrastructure. Assuming the preservation or justified increase of the average ticket price due to high quality, this optimization leads directly to exponential growth in EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization).

A comparative analysis of economic efficiency clearly demonstrates the superiority of the high-speed protocol over the standard framework. Under a standard 120-minute approach, a technician serves three to four clients during an 8-hour shift, whereas the 60-minute protocol allows for accommodating six to eight clients (factoring in required technological breaks). This ensures an increase in the active client base by 80–100% and a doubling of daily revenue.

Simultaneously, the cost of goods sold (COGS) per service is reduced. The high expenses of the standard approach (multiple files, buffers, excessive consumption of auxiliary liquids) are replaced by a lowered cost basis due to the

optimized application of chemical agents, reliance on a single carbide bit, and the elimination of intermediate buffing blocks. This reduces direct material costs by 10–15% and directly elevates profit margins.

In addition, the high-speed protocol exerts a positive influence on the physiological health of the specialist. The risk of developing occupational musculoskeletal disorders, which remains high during prolonged manicures due to sustained static tension in the spine and carpal tunnel as well as excessive dust inhalation, is significantly diminished. Strict ergonomics, a rapid operational cycle, and the minimization of surface filing stages prevent professional burnout and lower costs associated with medical rehabilitation. Consequently, the baseline return on invested time (ROI), frequently absorbed by fixed rental payments during lengthy procedures, becomes robust, ensuring rapid passage of the breakeven point and an increase in the net margin of the service to 40% over a 1- to 3-year horizon.

The proposed methodology categorically rejects rushing. Haste in invasive procedures equates to a loss of control over the instrument and material. Speed, conversely, constitutes a refined algorithm brought to the point of muscle memory, where the tool serves as an extension of the technician's hand, and the physics of the equipment and chemistry of the polymers operate toward a predictable outcome.

CHAPTER 1. BASIC SAFETY STANDARDS AND ANATOMICAL-PHYSIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

1.1. DISINFECTION AND STERILIZATION PROTOCOLS

The infectious safety of both the patient and the technician constitutes an immutable, fundamental basis for any invasive or semi-invasive aesthetic procedure. The processing of reusable instruments adheres to strict microbiological protocols, where the slightest deviation leads to an unacceptable risk of cross-infection by bacterial, viral, and fungal agents [4, 5]. The systemic process of pathogen neutralization consists of three strictly sequential and inseparable stages: disinfection, pre-sterilization cleaning (PSC), and final sterilization.

Classification of solutions and principles of disinfection

Disinfection is the primary set of measures aimed at destroying vegetative forms of pathogenic microorganisms on the surface of instruments to a safe level immediately following contact with biological tissues.

In contemporary sanitary and epidemiological practice, disinfectants from various chemical groups are utilized, predominantly featuring preparations based on quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs), glutaraldehyde, as well as various oxygen- and chlorine-containing agents [6, 7].

1. Glutaraldehyde (2% solutions) is traditionally considered the gold standard for chemical disinfection and even chemical sterilization. It exhibits potent sporicidal, bactericidal, and virucidal activity. Glutaraldehyde does not cause corrosion of metal instruments, as it is not a strong oxidizing agent [7]. However, a significant drawback in the context of beauty salons is the high toxicity of its volatile vapors. Chronic inhalation of glutaraldehyde vapors can provoke severe allergic reactions, dermatitis, and respiratory pathologies in the technician, necessitating the presence of powerful supply and exhaust ventilation [8, 9].

2. Quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs), in turn, represent a class of disinfectants possessing a cationic surface-active nature. QAC molecules integrate into the lipid bilayers of bacterial cell membranes and enveloped viruses, causing disruption of membrane permeability, leakage of intracellular contents, and cell death [10]. The primary advantage of QACs for nail services lies in their excellent detergent (washing) properties, which allows for the effective combination of the disinfection stage with pre-sterilization cleaning (PSC). They are less toxic to the respiratory tract; however, they may require prolonged exposure or combination with other agents (such as synergistic mixtures of QACs and aldehydes) to eradicate highly resistant non-enveloped viruses [11].

We now turn to the basic technological rules of disinfection. Instruments must be processed immediately upon completion of the procedure to prevent the drying of biological fluids and keratin debris. They must be completely submerged in the working solution; the presence of instrument parts protruding above the liquid surface is unacceptable. Containers must be equipped with tightly fitting lids to prevent the evaporation of active chemical components and to reduce vapor concentration in the air of the workspace.

The dilution of concentrates is carried out strictly according to the manufacturer's instructions with mandatory monitoring of water temperature. The use of excessively hot water when preparing the solution (unless specified by the instructions) can lead to accelerated degradation of the active substance, as well as thermal coagulation of protein contaminants directly on the instrument. The coagulated protein forms an insoluble film that reliably blocks the access of the disinfecting solution to the metal surface, protecting the microorganisms beneath it.

Pre-sterilization cleaning (PSC) is designed for the thorough mechanical removal of protein and fat contaminants, skin remnants, nail dust, and the residues of the disinfectant itself. A biological film or minute keratin dust left on the instrument serves as an effective thermal insulator during subsequent sterilization, critically hindering the attainment of lethal temperatures on the actual metal surface [12].

Cleaning can be performed using a manual method (with a stiff nylon or brass brush under running water for 5 minutes per instrument) or a mechanized method utilizing an ultrasonic (US) bath. Integrating a US bath into the protocol constitutes the most effective solution for the high-speed methodology. The physics of the process is based on the phenomenon of acoustic cavitation. High-frequency sound waves (typically in the 35–45 kHz range) generate millions of microscopic vacuum bubbles within the disinfecting solution. These bubbles grow rapidly and collapse instantaneously (implosion), creating localized hydrodynamic shock waves of immense force. This energy effectively and delicately detaches all contaminants even from the most complex, hard-to-reach areas: the cross-cut flutes of carbide and diamond bits, the hinged joints of nippers, and the micro-gaps of scissors. Utilizing a US bath allows for the consolidation of the disinfection and PSC processes, reducing the required solution exposure time by half and necessitating only subsequent rinsing of the instrument with running water.

Following thorough rinsing under running water, the instrument must obligatorily undergo desalination by immersion in distilled water for 1 minute. Running tap water contains hardness salts (calcium, magnesium) which crystallize on the metal upon drying. Under the high temperatures of a dry-heat sterilizer, these salt deposits provoke pitting corrosion of the alloy steel, irreversibly destroying the sharpness of the cutting blades.

Drying the instrument prior to placement in the sterilizer represents an absolutely critical stage. It is conducted on a clean disposable wipe in an open state until complete natural drying occurs (8–12 hours, optimally left overnight) or within the dry-heat sterilizer itself (or a specialized thermostat) at a temperature of 85°C for 45 minutes with the door open.

Thermodynamics of sterilization in a dry-heat sterilizer and the indication system

Sterilization is a vital process of the complete physical destruction of all forms of microorganisms, including highly resistant bacterial endospores (such as *Clostridium tetani* or *Bacillus subtilis*), which are capable of surviving in extreme environmental conditions [13, 14]. In nail service practice, the gold industry standard is dry-heat sterilization (using a dry-heat sterilizer). Unlike autoclaving (sterilization with saturated steam under pressure), dry hot air does not cause corrosion in the high-carbon steels from which high-quality drill bits, nippers, and scissors are manufactured, provided that the drying protocol is strictly observed [13, 14].

It is important to elucidate the physicochemical rationale behind dry-heat sterilization parameters. The destruction of pathogens in a dry-heat sterilizer at a temperature of 180°C (356°F) for 60 minutes is achieved through complex physicochemical processes: intense oxidative damage to cellular structures, irreversible dehydration, and thermocoagulation of vital proteins and nucleic acids within the bacterial cell [15, 16].

The heat capacity and thermal conductivity of dry air are significantly lower than those of saturated water vapor [15]. In an autoclave, steam condenses instantly on a cold instrument, releasing a colossal amount of latent heat of vaporization, which enables the steam to break peptide bonds (hydrolysis) at temperatures as low as 121–134°C in 15–30 minutes. Dry heat operates exclusively through the slow thermal conductivity of convection air currents. For this reason, the kinetics of spore destruction (thermal death time) in a dry environment demand substantially higher temperatures and prolonged exposure times. Studies of inactivation kinetics demonstrate that the D-value (the time required to reduce a microbial population tenfold) for dry spores is manifold higher than in a moist environment [17]. Consequently, the standard cycle of 180°C for 60 minutes is a scientifically validated constant for the reliable thermal penetration of dense materials [18]. The application of lower temperatures, such as 160°C, necessitates an extension of exposure to 120–150 minutes, a requirement frequently violated by technicians in pursuit of time savings.

Concurrently, it is crucial to observe a strict technological rule: only absolutely dry instruments are placed into the chamber of the dry-heat sterilizer. The presence of even microscopic droplets of residual moisture inside a sealed sterilization pouch during heating to 180°C leads to two catastrophic consequences. First, the evaporating water locally alters the thermodynamics within the pouch, consuming energy for the phase transition and creating cold zones where

spores can survive. Second, water at a temperature of 180°C acts as a potent catalyst for carbon oxidation in tool steel. This triggers the instantaneous appearance of rust, corrosion of the hinges, and dulling of the finest cutting edges.

Table 1. Algorithm of thermodynamic dry-heat sterilization (Adapted from international standards [19, 20])

<i>Process Parameter</i>	<i>Technological Requirement</i>	<i>Physical and Chemical Rationale</i>
Temperature regime	Strictly 180°C (356°F)	The optimal thermodynamic point to initiate irreversible denaturation of nucleic acids and coagulation of microbial proteins without causing critical tempering (softening) of the alloy tool steel.
Exposure time	60 minutes	The kinetics of thermal spore death necessitate continuous high-temperature exposure to overcome their heat resistance and ensure complete thermal penetration of the biomass.
Instrument condition	100% dehydration	Moisture blocks the oxidative process of bacterial cell wall destruction and initiates rapid metal rusting at high temperatures.
Packaging material	Specialized sterilization pouches (kraft paper)	The paper of the pouch ensures permeability for hot air during the cycle but creates an impenetrable antibacterial barrier upon removal, maintaining sterility until opened in the presence of the client.

Chemical indication system

Validation of the sterilization process is a legal and ethical obligation of the technician. Chemical thermal indicators are employed for this purpose (the use of class 4 indicators or higher is recommended). Multi-parameter indicators react not merely to the attainment of a specific temperature, but to a combination of factors: temperature and holding time.

Indicators are obligatorily placed both inside every sterilization pouch (internal control) and distributed across control points within the chamber of the dry-heat sterilizer itself (external control). An irreversible color change of the indicator mark to the specified reference shade signifies that thermal energy successfully penetrated the packaging and was maintained there for the designated duration.

If, upon completion of the cycle, even a single indicator (external or internal) has not reached the final reference color, the entire loaded batch of instruments is unconditionally deemed non-sterile. The instruments are subject to repackaging and re-sterilization, while the equipment itself requires immediate technical diagnostics to identify a failure in the heating elements or a disruption in convection.

Table 2. Mandatory safety checklist for the technician

<i>Operational Stage</i>	<i>Technician's Control Action</i>	<i>Completion Status</i>
Disinfection	The instrument is fully submerged in the active working solution immediately after use. The container is covered with a lid to prevent evaporation.	[]
Cleaning (PSC)	Cleaning is performed in an ultrasonic bath (or manual cleaning). The instrument is thoroughly rinsed with running water (for at least 5 minutes).	[]
Desalination	The instrument is fully immersed in distilled water (for 1 minute) to remove calcium salts.	[]
Dehydration	The instrument is absolutely dry (natural air drying for 8–12 hours or forced drying in an open thermostat at 85°C for 45 minutes).	[]
Packaging	The instrument is placed in an appropriately sized sterilization pouch. The cutting edge is directed toward the chemical indicator.	[]
Sterilization	The 180°C / 60 minutes regime is maintained. Pouches are arranged strictly horizontally, in a single layer, without obstructing air convection.	[]
Validation	The color of all chemical indicators (internal and external) completely matches the control reference.	[]

1.2. APPLIED ANATOMY OF THE NAIL UNIT

To safely and consciously apply mechanical filing techniques, as well as to utilize cutting tools, a specialist must possess profound, systemic knowledge of the topographic anatomy and histology of the nail unit. The human nail is not merely an inert horny plate that can be mindlessly buffed, but rather an exceptionally complex biological entity (nail unit) fulfilling crucial protective, sensory, and biomechanical functions [21, 22].

Histological structure and keratinization of the nail plate

The nail plate constitutes a rigid, laminated structure composed of densely packed keratinized epithelial cells (corneocytes), the internal space of which is filled with durable alpha-keratin [23]. The process of nail formation (keratinization) differs fundamentally from epidermal formation. Cellular differentiation in the matrix proceeds without the creation of a granular layer; cells accumulate keratin, fragment their nuclei, and compress into monolithic sheets [24].

Histologically and functionally, the nail plate clearly differentiates into three layers, each possessing specific biomechanical properties and a unique chemical composition:

- **Dorsal (upper) layer:** Formed by the proximal portion of the matrix. It consists of closely adhering, tile-like overlapping keratinized cells. Keratin fibers within this layer lack strict spatial orientation, providing the nail with hardness and resistance to puncturing [25]. It is precisely this layer that acts as the primary physical and chemical barrier, limiting the penetration of aggressive substances. The dorsal layer is distinguished by the highest calcium (Ca) content, the level of which serves as the primary predictor of the nail's mechanical rigidity [26, 27]. Under excessive pressure from a drill bit during material removal or through deep manual filing, the dorsal layer is irreversibly thinned. This critically compromises the adhesion of any artificial material and strips the nail of its principal structural framework.
- **Intermediate layer:** This is the thickest segment, comprising approximately two-thirds of the total nail thickness. Unlike the dorsal layer, keratin fibers (approximately 81 Å in diameter) here are oriented strictly transversely—perpendicular to the main axis of nail growth [25, 26]. This layer is exceptionally rich in the sulfur-containing amino acid cystine. Strong disulfide bonds between keratin molecules endow the nail with tremendous elasticity, plasticity, and fracture resistance [25]. The destruction of this intermediate layer by aggressive chemical solvents (through frequent soaking of old coatings) or high-acid bases leads to a loss of elasticity and increased brittleness.
- **Ventral (lower) layer:** Consisting of one to two rows of the thinnest cells, it is formed by the epithelium of the nail bed as the plate advances forward. It is responsible for the robust physiological attachment of the nail plate to the bed epithelium [25].

The topography of the nail unit structures dictates strict, non-negotiable rules for operating a high-speed rotary instrument.

Matrix: The root of the nail, a germinative zone concealed beneath the proximal fold where continuous proliferation (division) and keratinization of onychocytes occur [24]. The length and anatomical dimensions of the matrix genetically determine the ultimate thickness and shape of the growing nail plate: a longer matrix yields a thicker nail.

Biomechanics of injury: Physiologically, the matrix is extremely sensitive to mechanical compression. Any forceful pressure applied by an orangewood stick, a metal pusher, or a drill bit in the proximal zone results in the deformation of dividing cells. Should trauma affect the deep layers of the matrix, the nail permanently forfeits its original thickness, thinning out or acquiring irreversible longitudinal grooves. Physiologically, it is impossible to restore the volume of producing cells beyond what nature has dictated [25].

Lunula: The visible distal portion of the matrix protruding from beneath the posterior nail fold and taking the shape of a light crescent [25]. The whitish, matte color of the lunula is attributed to an accumulation of parakeratotic, incompletely keratinized cells with preserved nuclei, through which the rich vascular bed of the nail bed does not show. The lunula is the softest, most moisture-saturated, and most vulnerable zone of the visible nail plate. Operational technique: Within the lunula zone and the adjacent eponychium, the pressure of the drill bit on the nail must be strictly zero. The bit (e.g., a diamond Flame) operates exclusively through the air, contacting only the keratinized scales of the cuticle and pterygium. Increased pressure inevitably generates frictional heat from the abrasive material. Studies indicate that heating bone and connective tissue beyond 47°C initiates processes of localized damage and fat cell resorption, while a temperature rise to 60°C for a mere 60 seconds results in irreversible thermal necrosis (thermal osteonecrosis) of the matrix and distal phalanx tissues [28, 29]. This physically explains the underlying cause for the appearance of deep transverse grooves (Beau's lines) and thermal burns following an aggressive, pressured e-file manicure.

Sinuses: Lateral anatomical depressions where the proximal fold smoothly transitions into the lateral folds. The maximum amount of dense pterygium accumulates within these narrow pockets. Operational technique: The sinuses represent zones of maximum risk for skin perforation (the creation of cuts and wounds) due to the thinned epidermis and the proximity of capillary loops. E-file processing of the sinuses requires mandatory, firm retraction of the skin using the fingers of the technician's left hand to ensure one hundred percent visual control. Operating blindly by plunging the tip of the bit beneath the fold is strictly prohibited. The motion vector of the bit's working surface must be directed precisely toward the ceiling (gliding along the inner surface of the cuticle), rather than deep into the sinus or into the nail plate.

Points of growth (Stress points): Critical areas where the nail plate detaches from the lateral folds and transitions into the free edge. These are the primary biomechanical fulcrums shaping the transverse arch and the structural ribs of the nail. Operational technique: When filing the architecture of the free edge (particularly when sculpting Square shapes or refining Ovals from gryphotic, deformed nails), under no circumstances should the file be driven with pressure into the points of growth. Over-filing the points of growth ruthlessly destroys the lateral structural ribs. This disrupts the proper redistribution of mechanical load during pressure on the nail tip. The loss of anchor points inevitably leads to the formation of deep fractures in the stress zone (frequently accompanied by damage to the living bed) or to a complete breakage of the nail.

Eponychium and Pterygium. For a safe cut, it is imperative to differentiate between these epidermal structures. The eponychium (commonly referred to as the cuticle) is a protective skin fold sealing the proximal zone of the matrix against the infiltration of bacterial and fungal pathogens. The pterygium is an exceedingly thin layer of squamous epithelium, a derivative of the eponychium, which firmly adheres to the dorsal layer of the forward-creeping nail plate. The pterygium exhibits exceptionally high adhesive properties to nail keratin, yet it physically repels any artificial polymers. A pterygium left behind, inadequately cleared by a drill bit, constitutes the primary and most frequent cause of rigid coating lifting in the proximal zone [25].

Table 3. Histological structure of the nail plate and its influence on the operational protocol

<i>Anatomical Layer of the Plate</i>	<i>Biological and Mechanical Function</i>	<i>Chemical Composition and Structure</i>	<i>Technician's Technological Action (Protocol)</i>	<i>Risks and Consequences of Protocol Violation</i>
Dorsal (Upper)	Providing primary barrier function and rigidity.	Flattened cells, disorganized keratin, high content of calcium (Ca) and cystine.	Superficial, light filing with a soft buffer or file (180 grit) exclusively for removing shine.	Thinning the layer leads to the loss of structural framework and allows acid access, inducing deep chemical burns of the bed.
Intermediate	Shock absorption, elasticity, resistance to fracture and torsional loads.	Transversely oriented alpha-keratin fibers secured by robust disulfide bonds.	Left entirely intact. Chemical exposure to dehydrators is minimized.	Moisture loss and aggressive destruction of disulfide bonds lead to pathological brittleness, curling, and nail fragility.

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Ventral (Lower)	Ensuring reliable physiological adhesion to the nail bed epithelium.	A thin layer of soft keratins.	Preserved intact. Requires attention solely when clearing chemical and thermal burns.	Detachment or damage to the ventral layer from the bed triggers instantaneous traumatic onycholysis.

1.3. DERMATOLOGICAL PATHOLOGIES AND DEFORMATIONS

Visual assessment and analysis of the nail unit's condition prior to commencing any manipulation serves as the mandatory, foundational stage of the high-speed manicure. A nail service technician is not a physician and holds no right to establish medical diagnoses; however, they are obligated to flawlessly identify the visual markers of pathologies. Any anomalous alteration in color, density, surface texture, or the quality of the nail plate's adhesion to the bed constitutes a warning signal and serves as an absolute or relative contraindication for the application of a rigid artificial coating.

The application of a polymer (a high-acid base, a rigid builder gel, or a polygel) to a pathologically altered nail generates a dense occlusive (greenhouse) effect and constant mechanical pressure. Coupled with the exothermic reaction (heat release) during polymerization, this exponentially exacerbates the progression of the disease, transitioning it from a mild form to a chronic state [30].

Onycholysis

Onycholysis is a highly prevalent onychodystrophy characterized by the detachment of the nail plate from the underlying nail bed while entirely preserving the structural integrity of the nail itself. Clinically, the detachment process most frequently initiates from the free edge (distal onycholysis) and steadily advances proximally toward the lunula [31, 32]. The detached portion loses its transparency, acquiring a whitish, grayish, or yellowish hue due to the ingress of air into the newly formed subungual pocket.



Fig. 1. Onycholysis: the nail plate detaches from the bed starting at the free edge, forming a whitish-opaque zone. The dark debris visible in the subungual pocket is a primary site for secondary bacterial and fungal colonisation. Application of any rigid coating over this presentation is absolutely contraindicated.

Etiology: Traumatic – from severe over-filing of growth points or aggressive subungual cleaning [33, 34]; Chemical/thermal – from acid burns or exothermic polymerization of thick base layers; Dermatological/Systemic – accompanying psoriasis, eczema, endocrine disorders, or peripheral circulation disorders.

Absolute system rule: Coating a nail exhibiting signs of onycholysis with a rigid gel, acrylic, or base is strictly prohibited. Polymerization shrinkage (2–5% by volume) mechanically tears the weakened plate further from the bed, expanding the affected area [35–37].

Eczema (Periungual)

Periungual eczema presents as clouding and sharp thickening of the nail, with lesions initiating from the lunula. Deep transverse grooves, vesicles, and dry crusts appear on the lateral folds. It is frequently a severe autoimmune or allergic response, including allergic contact dermatitis (ACD) to residual acrylate monomers from previous nail services.



Fig. 2. Periungual eczema: severely inflamed proximal and lateral nail folds with characteristic erythema, erosions, and weeping lesions surrounding the nail unit. The nail plate itself shows longitudinal ridging. Absolute contraindication – contact with any chemical agent (gels, primers, sticky layer) will trigger acute exacerbation.

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Nail Psoriasis

Nail psoriasis presents with multiple punctate depressions (pitting), yellow-orange "salmon patches" under the nail, and pronounced subungual hyperkeratosis. It is a chronic systemic autoimmune disease causing pathological acceleration of proliferation and disrupted keratinization. During active exacerbation or onycholysis, rigid coatings traumatize capillaries and exacerbate plate separation.



Fig. 3. Nail psoriasis with advanced subungual hyperkeratosis: the nail plate is severely thickened and discoloured with characteristic yellow-brown deposits beneath the free edge and visible onycholysis. All four visible nails are affected. Absolute contraindication during active exacerbation.

Koilonychia

Koilonychia presents as a saucer-shaped (concave, spoon-like) depression in the center of the nail. The nail retains density, smoothness, and normal color. Causes include hereditary predisposition, severe iron-deficiency anemia, or

systemic metabolic disorders. Gentle reinforcement with elastic materials (rubber bases) is permissible to level architecture; aggressive acid chemistry must be avoided.



Fig. 4. Koilonychia (spoon nail): the characteristic concave depression is clearly visible – the nail surface curves inward rather than following the normal convex arch. The nail plate itself retains its integrity and colour. Relative contraindication: elastic reinforcement permissible, acid chemistry contraindicated.

Onychogryphosis

Onychogryphosis presents as a sharply thickened, stone-hard nail growing upward and curling in a characteristic "bird's claw" or "ram's horn" morphology. The surface is bumpy, coarse, and opaque. Causes include chronic biomechanical traumas, peripheral circulation disorders, or age-related matrix cell dysfunction.



Fig. 5. Onychogryphosis ("ram's horn nail"): the nail plate is massively thickened, severely discoloured yellow-brown, and exhibits extreme upward curvature. This presentation requires podiatric processing (radical grinding) to relieve pressure. Polymer coating is meaningless and dangerous – absolute contraindication.

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Onychorrhexis

Onychorrhexis presents as deep longitudinal splitting (fracture) running from the free edge toward the matrix. Causes include exposure to aggressive chemicals, advanced mycoses, or chronic microtraumas to the sinus zones. Application is absolutely contraindicated until the nail grows out, as liquid polymers will flow through the fracture onto live tissues, causing severe contact chemical burns.



Fig. 6. Onychorrhexis: multiple deep longitudinal fissures running the full length of the nail plate from free edge toward the matrix. The structural integrity of the plate is compromised along its entire axis. Absolute contraindication until grown out – liquid polymers penetrate the fractures directly to the nail bed.

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Table 4. Differential diagnosis of dermatological pathologies and biomechanical deformations (Adapted from [33–47])

<i>Dermatological Pathology</i>	<i>Clinical Picture (Symptomatology)</i>	<i>Etiology (Causes of Origin)</i>	<i>Contraindication Status for Artificial Coating</i>
Eczema (periungual)	Clouding and sharp thickening of the nail. Lesion initiates from the lunula. Deep transverse grooves. Vesicles (blisters) and dry crusts on lateral folds.	Chronic inflammatory disease. Often severe autoimmune or allergic response (including ACD to residual acrylate monomers).	Absolute. Contact with chemical agents (gels, primers, sticky layer) will trigger an acute exacerbation of dermatitis.
Nail psoriasis	Multiple punctate depressions (pitting). Yellow-orange "salmon patches" under the nail; pronounced subungual hyperkeratosis.	Chronic systemic autoimmune disease causing pathological acceleration of proliferation and disrupted keratinization.	Absolute (during active exacerbation or onycholysis). Rigid coatings traumatize capillaries and exacerbate plate separation.

<i>Dermatological Pathology</i>	<i>Clinical Picture (Symptomatology)</i>	<i>Etiology (Causes of Origin)</i>	<i>Contraindication Status for Artificial Coating</i>
Koilonychia	Saucer-shaped (concave, spoon-like) depression in the center. Nail retains density, smoothness, and normal color.	Hereditary predisposition, severe iron-deficiency anemia, or systemic metabolic disorders.	Relative. Gentle reinforcement with elastic materials (rubber bases) is permissible to level architecture; avoid aggressive acid chemistry.
Onychogryphosis	Sharply thickened, stone-hard nail growing upward and curling (bird's claw/ram's horn). Surface is bumpy, coarse, and opaque.	Chronic biomechanical traumas, peripheral circulation disorders, or age-related matrix cell dysfunction.	Absolute. Requires podiatric processing (radical grinding) to relieve pressure. Polymer coating is meaningless and dangerous.
Onychorrhexis	Deep longitudinal splitting (fracture) running from the free edge toward the matrix.	Exposure to aggressive chemicals, advanced mycoses, or chronic microtraumas to the sinus zones.	Absolute until grown out. Liquid polymers will flow through the fracture onto live tissues, causing severe contact chemical burns.
Onychoschizia	Lamellar transverse splitting (into layers) strictly parallel to the free edge. No soft tissue inflammation.	Chronic microtraumatization, contact with hot water/detergents, or mechanical tearing off of old coating.	Relative. Requires careful superficial filing of scales, reinforcement with polygel, and mandatory sealing of the free edge.

Dystrophies of the nail plate and technological management tactics

Beyond infectious and autoimmune processes, in salon practice, the technician encounters mechanical dystrophies daily, necessitating adjustments to the 60-minute protocol. Upon visual detection of deep longitudinal fractures (onychorrhexis) or severe lamellar splitting (onychoschizia), the application of classical rigid gels without specialized preliminary preparation is unacceptable and hazardous. The aggressive chemical components of dehydrators, primers, or high-acid bases, possessing high fluidity, instantaneously penetrate through keratin fractures to the exposed, heavily

innervated nail bed. This induces an acute pain syndrome, inflammation, and a deep chemical burn, which will subsequently culminate in total onycholysis.

When addressing pathologically thinned, over-filed nails—a direct consequence of substandard mechanical removal by a preceding technician (a violation of Rule No. 4)—the specialist is obligated to entirely exclude any acid bases from the protocol. Applying acid to a thinned dorsal layer disintegrates the nail's remaining protective barriers. In such clinical cases, the technological protocol strictly mandates the use of exclusively low-acid bases with the mandatory, yet meticulous, application of a thin shock-absorbing layer. Subsequent structural reinforcement is executed solely with low-temperature liquid gel. Such a combination of materials physically precludes a sudden exothermic spike (burn) at the moment of polymerization within a powerful UV/LED lamp and preserves the residual keratin framework of the traumatized nail plate.

The conscious integration of profound foundational knowledge regarding anatomy, histology, and clinical dermatology into daily, routine practice serves as the invisible barrier that permanently separates a mechanical executor of procedures from a highly qualified specialist and expert. A profound comprehension of cause-and-effect relationships—recognizing precisely why the matrix cannot tolerate vertical pressure from a drill bit, how transverse keratin bonds react to alkalis, and the physical reason *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* rapidly colonizes the space beneath a thick layer of detached rubber base—enables the implementation of the 60-minute protocol not as a blind instruction, but as a scientifically grounded system.

Eliminating the slightest risk of mechanical or chemical trauma to the client not only prevents the development of severe iatrogenic pathologies (such as total chemical onycholysis or irreversible chronic eczema triggered by sensitization to acrylate monomers) but also guarantees the flawless, long-term durability of the polymer coating. It is precisely the stability of the result, safety, and high speed of manipulation that constitute the unshakeable foundation upon which paramount profitability, an impeccable reputation, and one hundred percent client retention are constructed in the modern salon business.

CHAPTER 2. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SCIENCE

The quality, safety, and timing of manicure manipulations have a direct functional dependence on the physical and technical characteristics of the equipment used and the chemical profile of the consumables. Within the framework of the high-speed protocol, the instrumentation is considered a vital component of the specialist's toolkit, where each technical specification performs a strictly defined task. The transition to a 60-minute cycle is impossible based on compromised or household equipment, as time optimization requires transferring the maximum share of physical work from the technician's muscular apparatus to the power characteristics of the equipment and the physicochemical properties of the polymers.

2.1. ERGONOMICS AND EQUIPMENT: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVICE, DUST EXTRACTION SYSTEMS, AND LAMPS

The key instrument of the high-speed protocol is a professional micromotor (e-file). The use of low-power equipment makes the implementation of the 60-minute algorithm physically unfeasible and shifts the procedure into a highly traumatic category.



Fig. 7. Manicure device

For confident operation, the technical parameters of the device must strictly correspond to the following indicators: an electrical power of no less than 45–65 W and a spindle rotation speed starting from 35,000 revolutions per minute. This requirement is justified by the physics of the rotary cutting process of polymers. The Material Removal Rate (MRR) has an exponential dependence on the rotational speed of the instrument. At 35,000 rpm, the bit cuts several times more of the polymer mass per second than at 15,000 rpm, allowing the technician to work with light, sweeping movements without applying vertical pressure.

Contrary to a common misconception among novice specialists, high speeds do not inherently generate excessive heating of the nail plate. On the contrary, operating a sharp carbide bit at high speeds ensures the instantaneous cutting of shavings before the kinetic energy of friction can transform into thermal energy and penetrate deep into the dorsal layer of keratin. Low-power devices with insufficient torque (less than 2.8 N·cm) experience a drop in rotational speed upon contact with rigid artificial material, bog down in the polymer, and force the technician to instinctively increase physical pressure. This leads to a sharp increase in frictional force, localized overheating, and thermal damage to the tissues of the nail bed. The integration of brushless micromotors into professional practice additionally resolves the issue of rotary vibration, which precludes micro-impacts on the nail plate and radically reduces the specialist's risk of developing carpal tunnel syndrome [48, 49].

Concurrently, the process of mechanical removal of the old polymer coating generates significant volumes of fine aerosol. Nail dust constitutes a complex conglomerate containing biological particles (keratin, dermal debris), potential pathogens (bacteria, fungal spores), as well as chemical agents such as silicon dioxide, residual acrylic monomers, and plasticizers. Chronic inhalation exposure to these agents provokes severe occupational respiratory pathologies, occupational asthma, and allergic reactions [49, 50].

From a technological standpoint, the high-speed protocol necessitates flawless visual control of the working area. Dust must not settle in the sinuses, mask the points of growth, or obstruct the view of the proximal fold [51, 52]. To ensure the safety and cleanliness of the process, the extraction system must generate an airflow velocity that exceeds the kinetic dispersion speed of particles from the rotary bit. The optimal engineering solution is recognized as the integration of built-in downdraft extractors with a capacity of no less than 50 CFM (cubic feet per minute) per station, which complies with strict international mechanical ventilation standards (for instance, the IMC).



Fig. 8. Dust extractor

Portable desktop fans equipped with fabric dust bags generate turbulent vortices of air masses. As a result of the airflow impacting the table surface, up to 40% of the fine fraction is reflected back into the breathing zone of both the technician and the client. Built-in extraction modules establish a strict, directed laminar downdraft that captures volatile particles directly at their point of generation [53].

Table 5. Comparative aerodynamic and ergonomic analysis of dust extraction systems

<i>Parameter of assessment</i>	<i>Desktop extractor with fabric filter</i>	<i>Built-in extractor with HEPA filter</i>	<i>Physical and ergonomic rationale</i>
Flow aerodynamics	Turbulent vector with reflection from the workspace surface.	Strict laminar downdraft.	Laminar flow precludes the formation of vortices, preventing the return of fine monomers into the breathing zone.

<i>Parameter of assessment</i>	<i>Desktop extractor with fabric filter</i>	<i>Built-in extractor with HEPA filter</i>	<i>Physical and ergonomic rationale</i>
Particle filtration degree	Low (fabric allows particles smaller than 10 microns to pass).	High (HEPA barrier captures microparticles, including bacterial agents).	Microscopic polymer dust does not penetrate the rotary compartment and does not contaminate the room's air.
Space optimization	Occupies significant usable area, disrupting hand biomechanics.	Concealed under-desk mounting, maintaining a zero surface level.	Frees space for the physiologically correct positioning of the client's hands and reduces static load on the technician's shoulder girdle.
Impact on high-speed protocol	Requires the constant use of a dusting brush to clean the sinuses.	Dust is continuously evacuated during the operation of the carbide bit.	Radically reduces the time required for intermediate visual cleaning of the nail, preserving an uninterrupted conveyor rhythm.

Photochemical polymerization and UV/LED equipment

The curing of modern polymer systems requires the use of a powerful and spectrally stable photon source. The polymerization device must possess a power of at least 48 W and feature a closed hemisphere design with a mirrored reflective bottom to eliminate blind spots where the material might not receive a sufficient dose of radiation. The process of transforming a liquid oligomer into a solid cross-linked polymer constitutes an intense exothermic reaction. Photoinitiators incorporated into the gels (such as camphorquinone (CQ) or trimethylbenzoyldiphenylphosphine oxide (TPO)), under the influence of radiation of a specific wavelength (typically in the 365–405 nm range), undergo photolysis, decomposing into highly reactive free radicals. These radicals immediately attack the double carbon bonds of the acrylate monomers, initiating a chain polymerization reaction accompanied by the release of a significant amount of thermal energy [54–57].



Fig. 9. Polymerization lamp

Low-power lamps or devices with time-degraded light-emitting diodes are incapable of providing the necessary depth of cure. As a result, the upper layer of the gel polymerizes, blocking the penetration of photons deeper, while the lower layers, which are in direct contact with the nail plate, remain in a state of an under-polymerized viscous mass. Free unpolymerized methacrylates permeate through the porous structure of the dorsal keratin layer into the richly innervated and vascularized nail bed. In the long term, this provokes severe forms of allergic contact dermatitis (ACD), chemical burns, and total onycholysis [55, 58, 59]. To prevent such iatrogenic complications, lamps are subject to mandatory hardware diagnostics and replacement every 6 to 8 months under intensive salon utilization.

2.2. CLASSIFICATION AND SELECTION OF INSTRUMENTATION: DRILL BITS, CUTTING TOOLS, AND ABRASIVES

The instrumentation acts as a physical mediator between the kinetic energy of the technician and the biological tissues of the client. In the high-speed protocol, the correct selection of bit geometry and cutting blade sharpening directly reduces the procedure time by eliminating the need for duplicative or corrective movements.

Carbide bits for polymer removal

The removal of rigid artificial materials (builder gels, polygels, acrylics) necessitates the application of carbide bits manufactured from tungsten carbide. This alloy possesses exceptional hardness and thermal resistance. The key parameter determining the tool's efficiency is not the overall shape of the blank, but the configuration of the cutting blades (flute type). The high-speed manicure system categorically dictates the use of single-cut bits, marked with a black or green coarseness ring.



Fig. 10. Single-cut drill bits

Single-cut bits feature longitudinal blades that spiral in a single direction. Upon contact with a rigid polymer at a speed of 30,000–35,000 rpm, such geometry generates a long, continuous shaving. Wide inter-flute grooves ensure the instantaneous evacuation of the cut material from the cutting zone, completely preventing the clogging of the tool. A single-cut bit operates smoothly, does not bog down in the material, and removes the polymer volume evenly, leaving behind a perfectly smooth trace that requires no subsequent refinement with a manual buffer.

Alternative double-cut (diamond-cut) bits, where the blades intersect to form a rhomboid pattern, are designed exclusively for working with soft, elastic materials, such as thin layers of gel polish. The cross-cut configuration crushes the elastomer into fine crumbs; however, when attempting to remove a dense builder gel or polygel with them, the fine dust melts instantaneously from frictional rubbing. The melted polymer clogs the dense intersecting grooves, transforming the bit into a smooth, searing cylinder. Concurrently, cutting performance drops to zero, and the nail bed receives a critical thermal shock, which elicits an acute pain response from the client.

Additionally, other drill bits may also be used for polymer removal. Cone-shaped carbide bits with a coarse cross-cut pattern – preferably with this type of notching – designated by a red or red-purple indicator ring, represent a viable supplementary option recommended for certain gel systems and working styles.



Fig. 11. Coarse cross-cut cone carbide bit – green indicator ring.



Fig. 12. Coarse cross-cut cone carbide bit – red-purple indicator ring.

Diamond bits for epidermal processing

For the mechanical processing of the proximal fold (cuticle) and lateral sinuses, a galvanic diamond bit in the shape of a Flame is utilized. The optimal working diameter of the tool is 2.1–2.3 mm (blue or red abrasiveness). The selection of a 2.3 mm diameter has a strict biomechanical rationale: the larger contact area of the working surface (the so-called cheek of the bit) with the skin ensures an even, planar sanding of the epidermis, multiplying reducing the risk of localized tissue abrasion or the formation of grooves by the sharp tip. The optimal speed range for safe operation with a diamond abrasive is 15,000–20,000 rpm. If the technician lowers the rotational speed, they must compensate for the lack of centrifugal force with excessive vertical hand pressure. The pressure of diamond grit on keratin inevitably leads to over-filing the dorsal layer of the plate.



Fig. 13. Manicure drill bits (cuticle work)

Specifics of cutting instruments and abrasive files

The instrument for the continuous cutting of the cuticle (scissors or professional nippers) must be manufactured from high-carbon alloyed stainless steel. The material must withstand multiple cycles of exposure to aggressive disinfecting agents and resist pitting corrosion during high-temperature oxidation (180°C) in a dry-heat sterilizer.

1. Scissors: The optimal length of the cutting blade varies between 18 and 22 mm. The blade shape must be straight or feature a micro-curve at the tip (a hook). Maximally thin, polished blades ensure a minimal turning radius for the tool when forming a single, continuous cut within narrow sinuses.

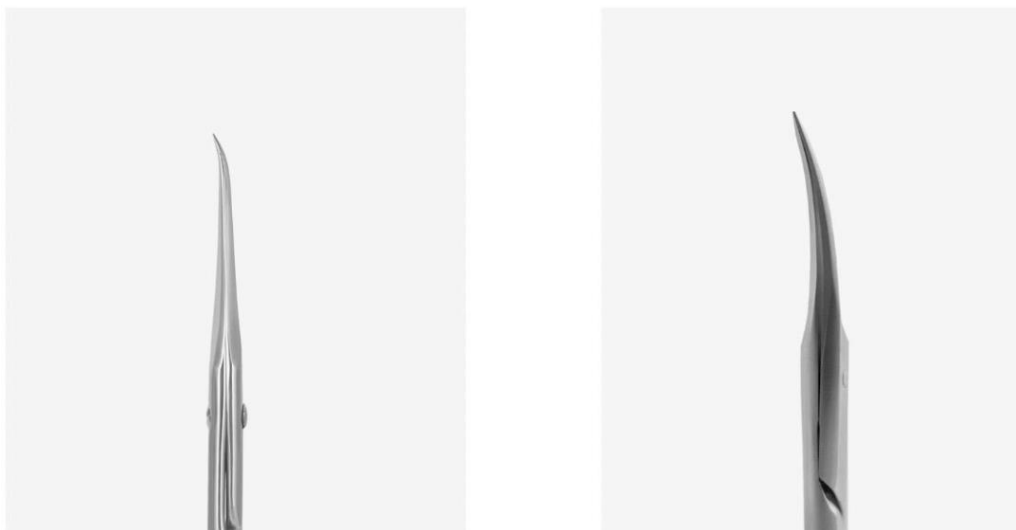


Fig. 14. Scissors

2. Nippers: For operating within the high-speed technique, the length of the tool is 105–107 mm, while the length of the cutting edge is strictly limited to 7 mm. The blades must not possess a protruding posterior surface (heel) to eliminate the risk of scratching the nail plate during the smoothing closure.

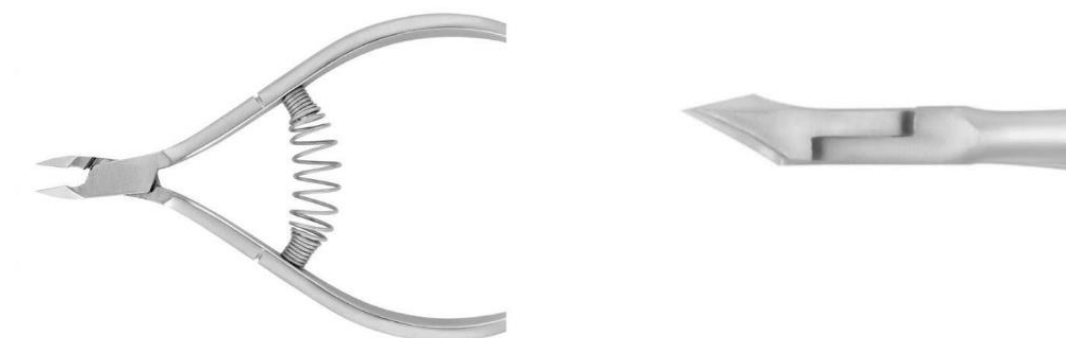


Fig. 15. Nippers

For the correction of the natural nail's free edge and the architectural filing of artificial material, an abrasive on a foam or wooden base with a 100/180 grit is recognized as the industry standard. Silicon carbide is utilized as the abrasive grain. This material possesses an extremely high hardness (up to 9.5 on the Mohs scale, second only to diamond) and a specific brittleness of the crystal lattice [60]. Due to these properties, silicon carbide grains continuously fracture during friction against rigid polymer, generating new sharp edges (the self-sharpening effect). The 180 grit is ideally suited for

the delicate matting of the natural plate prior to coating: it lifts the keratin scales, creating a micro-relief for chemical adhesion, but does not cause critical thinning of the nail's protective layers.



Fig. 16. 100/180 files

Table 6. Classification of rotary instrumentation and its physicochemical characteristics

<i>Bit type (Functional purpose)</i>	<i>Alloy material and flute geometry</i>	<i>Mechanics of interaction with material</i>	<i>Integration into high-speed protocol</i>
Removal of rigid gel volume	Tungsten carbide (single-cut), coarseness: black/green.	Longitudinal blades form a long shaving. Reduced friction area prevents a temperature spike.	Instantaneous removal of the polymer mass to a perfectly smooth state. Complete elimination of clogging.
Removal of thin elastic gel polish	Tungsten carbide or ceramic (double-cut).	Intersecting facets crush the soft elastomer into a dispersed powder, preventing detachment in chunks.	Careful reduction of soft pigment without damaging the architecture of the underlying base layer.
Opening and lifting the cuticle	Galvanic diamond (Flame shape, D=2.3 mm, red/blue).	Diamond crystals function as micro-planers, delicately exfoliating the stratum corneum of the epidermis.	Safe formation of a deep proximal pocket. Elimination of trauma to the dorsal layer.

<i>Bit type (Functional purpose)</i>	<i>Alloy material and flute geometry</i>	<i>Mechanics of interaction with material</i>	<i>Integration into high-speed protocol</i>
Final polishing of skin folds	Silicon carbide polisher (gray/green abrasiveness).	Viscoelastic silicone with integrated silicon carbide grains softly smooths macro-irregularities of the skin.	Perfect polishing of the lateral folds and the cut line without the use of oil or cutting tools.

2.3. CHEMISTRY OF POLYMERS AND AUXILIARY LIQUIDS

The predictable stability of the artificial coating and the long-term health of the nail unit are entirely based on a deep understanding of the chemical kinetics and rheology of the applied macromolecular systems. The natural nail plate is a hydrophilic, porous structure formed by densely packed alpha-keratin rich in disulfide (cystine) bridges [61]. It is physiologically resilient and plastic, whereas rigid builder polymers possess high static rigidity. The ensuing conflict of elasticity modules requires chemical mediation.

Acidity levels of bases and the biomechanics of the shock-absorbing underlay

The selection of the primary base coat is the most critical stage of the chemical protocol. Base formulations are differentiated by their hydrogen ion concentration (pH) into three primary groups: high-acid (pH 2.5–4.0), medium-acid (pH 4.5–5.5), and low-acid/acid-free (pH 6.0 and above). Acidic components (predominantly derivatives of methacrylic acid) act as aggressive adhesion promoters. They partially dissolve residual lipids and microscopically loosen the upper dorsal keratin scales, providing deep mechanical retention (the penetration of polymer threads into micropores) and a strong covalent bond [62].

The fundamental rule for working with rubber bases within a rigid reinforcement system states: the base is applied exclusively in a thin, semi-dry rubbed-in layer to form a shock-absorbing underlay (damper). The rubber base possesses pronounced viscoelastic properties and a relatively low Young's modulus. The polymerized layer functions as an elastic buffer between the flexible natural nail and the monolithic rigid gel, dampening torsional (twisting) loads during everyday impacts [58].

It is strictly prohibited to use rubber bases and any high-acid bases to build architectural volume (the so-called thick leveling layer). The polymerization of a voluminous drop of an acid base triggers a massive exothermic peak, during which the temperature on the nail surface can reach 70–80°C in fractions of a second [63–65]. A massive thermal burn causes irreversible coagulation of the proteins in the subepidermal layer of the nail bed. Combined with the chemical burn from the diffusion of excess free acid, this inevitably leads to total chemical-thermal onycholysis (detachment of the nail plate from the bed) and severe dystrophy of the germinative matrix. When working with thinned, damaged, or over-filed nails, the technological regulations dictate the exclusive use of low-acid bases in mandatory combination with an acid-free primer.

Rheological profiles of builder materials: liquid gels, polygels, and jelly gels

The foundation of a high-speed, durable coating is the complete abandonment of soft bases in favor of rigid photopolymerizable hard gels. Possessing a high cross-linking density, hard gels demonstrate a volumetric shrinkage after curing of less than 5% (by comparison, classical acrylic systems exhibit shrinkage of up to 21%) [57, 58]. Low

shrinkage completely eliminates the compressive curling of the natural plate during wear and prevents lifting in stress zones.

Based on their rheological properties (parameters of fluidity, viscosity, and response to shear deformations), builder materials are divided into three functional groups:

- **Liquid gels (Liquid polygel):** Characterized by high Newtonian fluidity and the capacity for instantaneous self-leveling. They are ideally suited for the express reinforcement of short and medium-length nails. Due to optimal surface tension, the technician has the ability to distribute the material across 2 to 4 nails simultaneously using the conveyor method prior to the polymerization stage in the lamp, saving up to 10 minutes.
- **Jelly gels:** Possess pronounced thixotropy—a unique ability to decrease their dynamic viscosity under the mechanical influence of a brush and instantaneously restore their density (revert to a gel state) the moment shear stress ceases [66, 67]. They are absolutely not susceptible to gravitational sagging. Jelly is an indispensable material for the high-speed rebuilding of missing lateral parallels or broken corners through the air without the need to apply paper templates (forms).
- **Polygels (Acrygels):** An innovative hybrid of finely dispersed acrylic powder and an oligomeric gel matrix. They possess maximum static viscosity, representing a paste-like mass with zero fluidity. Polygel is sculpted using a firm brush or an orangewood stick previously moistened in a specialized slip solution. This liquid merely reduces surface friction, preventing the tool from adhering to the mass, but does not participate in the chemical polymerization reaction (unlike the toxic monomer in classical acrylics). Polygels are applied for radical architectural restoration: rebuilding square corners, restoring length, and lifting downward-growing nails.

Algorithm of targeted chemical preparation (Dehydration and Priming)

Prior to applying the base polymer coating, the natural nail plate must be completely cleansed of its hydrolipid mantle, residual moisture, and keratin dust. A failure of physicochemical adhesion in 90% of clinical cases is associated with ignoring the protocol at this stage.

Article I. Cleanser: A liquid formulated on the basis of highly volatile solvents (most commonly isopropyl alcohol). The cleanser dissolves macro-contaminants and sebum. The alcohol evaporates in a few seconds, drying the surface and preparing it for the penetration of subsequent agents. The presence of oils or glycerin in the composition of a professional cleanser is categorically unacceptable.

Article II. Dehydrator (Nail Prep / Fresher): A deep-acting solvent (often based on ethyl acetate). It temporarily extracts residual moisture from the upper layers of keratin, locally lowering the surface pH. The dehydrator is applied as a spot treatment and strictly according to medical indications (in cases of pronounced palmar hyperhidrosis). The universal use of a dehydrator on every client overdries the dorsal layer, destroys disulfide bonds, and provokes pathological nail brittleness.

Article III. Primer: Performs the critically important function of a chemical bridge (primer layer). Acid-free primers (formulated based on ethyl acetate or safe methacrylate derivatives) leave a two-sided dispersion tackiness on the nail. Their molecular structure allows them to form strong hydrogen bonds with the hydroxyl groups of keratin on one side, and to covalently integrate into the polymer network of the applied base on the other. In the high-speed protocol, the primer is applied in strictly metered doses (with a semi-dry brush along the perimeter of the cuticle and the free edge) to avoid hypersaturation of the tissues with the chemical agent.

Table 7. Algorithm for the targeted application of chemical preparation agents

<i>Condition and anatomy of the nail plate</i>	<i>Application of Dehydrator (Nail Prep)</i>	<i>Application of Primer</i>	<i>Recommended type of base coat (Underlay)</i>
Healthy, dry plate of normal thickness	Not required. Limit to thorough processing with an alcohol cleanser.	Locally, only on the free edge zone and lateral growth points.	Medium-acid rubber base applied in an ultrathin rubbed-in layer.
Hyperhidrosis (excessively moist hands)	Mandatory, in 2 layers over the entire area until a whitish bloom appears.	Along the entire perimeter (free edge, lateral folds).	Medium-acid rubber base.
Thinned, over-filed plate	Categorically prohibited. High risk of burning exposed nerve endings.	Acid-free primer, in an ultrathin layer over the entire area.	Exclusively low-acid/acid-free base.
Change of architecture (to rigid gel)	Applied standardly to dehydrate the loosened keratin.	Mandatory along the entire perimeter to compensate for rigidity differences.	Rubber base to form a mandatory elastic damper.

CHAPTER 3. PREPARATION ALGORITHM: COATING REMOVAL, SHAPE FILING, AND HARDWARE PROCESSING

The transition from a profound understanding of polymer physics to the manual biomotor skills of a specialist necessitates adherence to a strict algorithm for each procedural step. High efficiency in a 60-minute manicure protocol is achieved not through haste or the physical acceleration of movements, but exclusively through the elimination of duplicate actions, the rejection of repetitive cycles, and the minimization of rotary and cutting tool changes. The essence of the high-speed technique lies in precision hardware processing without subsequent manual filing during the removal stage.

3.1. OPTIMIZATION OF THE MATERIAL REMOVAL PROCESS

The removal of the previous artificial material constitutes the initial practical phase, wherein the operator has the opportunity to conserve up to 15 minutes of operational time, provided they demonstrate proper proficiency with a carbide bur. The strategic objective of this stage is to eliminate 90% of the polymer mass as rapidly and safely as possible, without traumatizing the keratin plate, achieving an absolutely smooth state without the subsequent use of a manual file or buffer.

The optimal selection is a cone-shaped carbide bur; it possesses the largest contact area with the nail plate, exhibits high versatility, and precludes the need for auxiliary burs.

Biomechanics of Rotary Milling

The removal process is executed strictly in the forward mode. If the control unit and the handpiece yield 35,000 rpm, the maximum setting is confidently applied. In instances where the control unit capacity is 30,000 rpm and the handpiece is 35,000 rpm, the velocity is adjusted individually until vibration is entirely eliminated and comfort for both the specialist and the client is attained.

In the forward mode, the bur rotates clockwise. As the specialist's hand moves from left to right, against the rotation vector, the physical principle of climb milling is realized. The kinetic energy vector is directed inward into the material, ensuring a secure grip and a controlled cut. Conversely, if the specialist executes a movement in the direction of rotation, moving from right to left, the bur will slip uncontrollably, generating hazardous jolts.

A mandatory prerequisite for high-speed cutting is a rigid stabilization fulcrum relying on the little finger of the working hand, which actively dampens vibration. The bur must be positioned strictly parallel to the plane of the nail. Any downward inclination of the tip will result in the puncturing of the polymer. Pressure should be minimal and sweeping, avoiding any plunging motions or dwelling at a single coordinate. Regarding pressure distribution, a greater force is permissible at the free edge, whereas minimal pressure is required near the cuticle and lateral nail folds.

Assembly-Line Method of Zonal Removal

To prevent erratic movements of the rotary instrument, the nail plate is visually partitioned into five technological zones. The processing is conducted via an assembly-line methodology, progressing sequentially from the index finger to the little finger. The specialist must consistently orient the client's hand to secure optimal visual monitoring of the operational area. Any emerging instances of material lifting are excised instantaneously, without delay.



Fig. 17. Assembly-line method.

The cone-shaped bur is used in three distinct functional zones, each corresponding to a specific part of the nail surface. Zone 1 (left lateral parallel) uses the left side of the bur with a downward stroke. Zone 2 (central plane) uses the belly of the bur with elongated vertical strokes downward, plus a diagonal sweep toward the free edge. Zone 3 (right lateral parallel) uses the right side of the bur with an upward stroke. Zone 4 (proximal zone near the cuticle) uses the tip portion with short strokes directed away from the cuticle, toward the free edge.

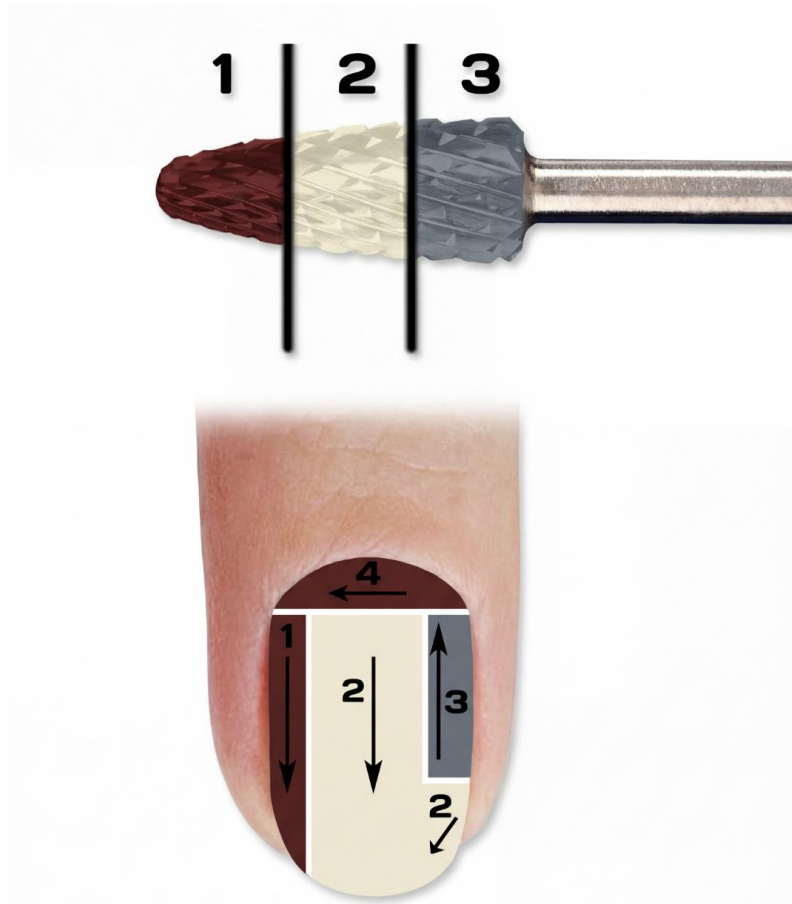


Fig. 18. Assembly-line zonal removal: the cone carbide bur is divided into three working zones (1 – left/red, 2 – centre/beige, 3 – right/grey). The nail plate is correspondingly divided into zones with prescribed movement directions – Zone 1: left parallel, downward stroke ↓; Zone 2: central plane, downward + diagonal sweep ↓; Zone 3: right parallel, upward stroke ↑; Zone 4: proximal cuticle zone, short strokes directed away from the fold ←. Each zone matches the corresponding bur surface for maximum control and minimal thermal load.

Key rule: never change the bur between zones – all five fingers are processed in sequence using the same attachment, switching only the movement direction and bur surface. This single-bur conveyor approach saves 7–10 minutes per procedure.

Table 8. Assembly-line algorithm for the precision removal of polymer material

<i>Technological Zone</i>	<i>Bur Positioning and Movement Biomechanics</i>	<i>Physical and Technological Objective of the Manipulation</i>
Stage 1. Central Plane	The bur is oriented strictly horizontally. Movements are elongated and vertical, directed from left to right.	Rapid reduction of the primary mass (apex) of the artificial coating without the risk of penetrating the underlying base layer.

<i>Technological Zone</i>	<i>Bur Positioning and Movement Biomechanics</i>	<i>Physical and Technological Objective of the Manipulation</i>
Stage 2. Proximal Zone (near the cuticle)	The bur is rotated to a 45-degree angle. Short, controlled strokes are executed from the cuticle toward the free edge, pulling toward the operator.	Delicate thinning of the material near the eponychium, avoiding contact with the sensitive living epidermis of the proximal nail fold.
Stage 3. Left Lateral Parallel	The thumb of the left hand maximally retracts the lateral nail fold. The bur operates utilizing its convex center.	Safe exposure of the left stress zone. Radical elimination of potential material lifting from the dermal tissue.
Stage 4. Right Lateral Parallel	The bur is positioned diagonally; in forward mode, the movement is executed against substantial resistance.	Symmetrical and rapid smoothing of the right flank without forfeiting control over the instrument.
Stage 5. Final Smoothing	Light, continuous, sweeping passes using the entire working plane of the bur across the complete perimeter of the nail.	Creation of an impeccably smooth foundation for the subsequent application of the base coat. Complete elimination of the manual buffering phase.

Upon completing the volumetric removal of material across all five digits, the specialist can immediately, without replacing the carbide bur, eliminate excess length from the free edge by orienting the bur strictly perpendicular to the distal edge of the nail. Foregoing the intermediate substitution of the bur for a manual file at this juncture liberates between 5 and 7 minutes of net operational time. Should the need arise, such as transitioning from a square to an oval configuration, the bur is inclined at a 45-degree angle, and a sliding motion instantaneously establishes the primary geometry of the intended shape.

3.2. FILING GEOMETRY OF FUNDAMENTAL SHAPES: SQUARE, OVAL, ALMOND

The geometry of the free edge in professional modeling represents not merely an aesthetic and visual parameter, but a complex biomechanical framework that must withstand daily impact, bending, and torsional loads. The stress distribution across the surface area of the keratin plate differs fundamentally depending on the selected shape [68–70].

For filing gel materials, it is optimal to utilize boat-shaped files with an abrasiveness of 100/180 or 120/180 grit, or small 13-centimeter wooden-core files, which are highly conducive to precise control. The 100/180 grit abrasive yields the most immaculate and manageable outcome. The fundamental principle dictates that architectural filing is invariably performed prior to the application of the finishing top coat. This sequencing permits the leveling of the surface, the correction of the geometry, and the preservation of the shape's visual lightness. The top coat is applied exclusively onto the finalized framework.

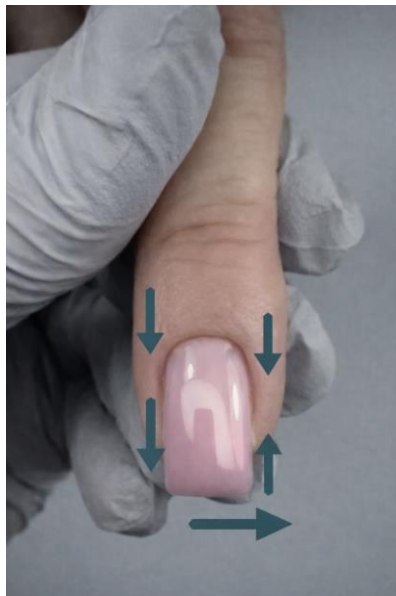
Biomechanics of Points of Growth

Points of growth function as critically essential anatomical nodes where the nail plate definitively detaches from the lateral nail folds of the bed. From the perspective of the physics of material resistance, these regions constitute stress concentration zones. The rule of architectural filing states that under no circumstances should the file be inserted with vertical pressure into the points of growth. Over-filing or aggressive narrowing in this zone compromises the lateral shock-absorbing framework of the nail, inducing a severe fissure, clinically termed onychorrhhexis, and a laceration of the living nail bed [71, 72].

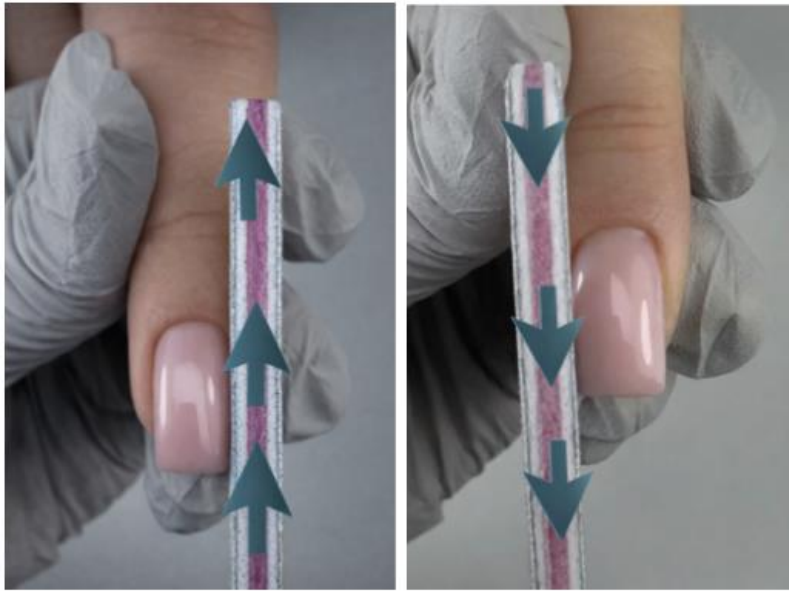
Architecture of the Square Shape

From an engineering standpoint, the square represents the most geometrically rigid configuration. The high-speed filing algorithm proceeds as follows.

1. Finger Stabilization. The specialist rigidly secures the client's digit in a strictly linear orientation, avoiding any lateral inclinations relative to the operator's axis. Incorrect stabilization constitutes the primary etiology of symmetrical distortion.



2. Lateral Parallels. The file is positioned in a strictly vertical orientation. The filing of the right parallel is executed with an upward trajectory, whereas the left is filed with a downward stroke. Tilting the file beneath the nail is categorically unacceptable.

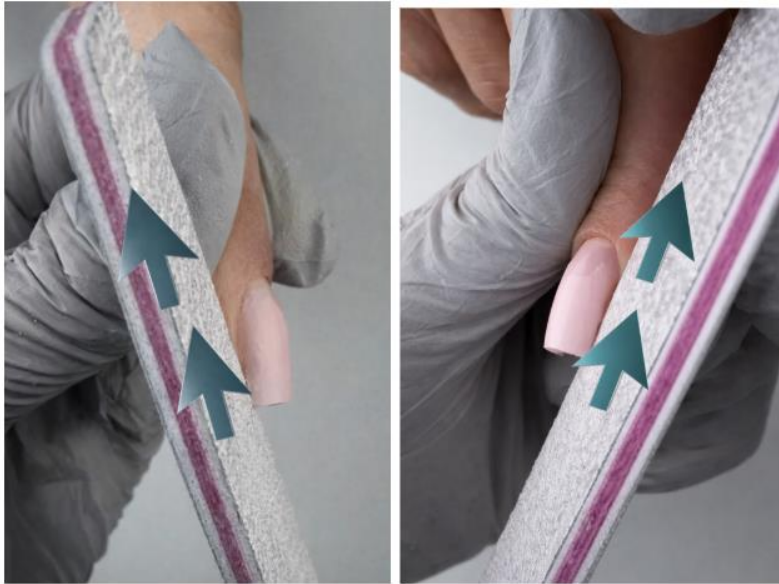


3. Surface Filing. The left facet is filed at a 45-degree angle, parallel to the central axis. The central facet is smoothed with the file resting flat at a 90-degree angle. The right facet is processed identically at a 45-degree angle. Tilting the file toward the distal tip is strictly prohibited, as this action induces a downward sloping or beaked appearance of the free edge.



4. Free Edge. The file is held perpendicular to the plate, employing lateral motions until an absolutely rectilinear contour is attained.

5. Inferior Parallels. The instrument is meticulously guided beneath the lateral parallels to integrate them with the free edge, forming a unified, linear geometry.



The 90-degree angles, acting as stiffening ribs, must be preserved. When constructing a soft square shape, exclusively the distal corners are rounded using micro-movements, without compromising the linear integrity of the lateral parallels.

Surface Filing and Facet Architecture. Surface filing represents the most complex phase in generating a pristine plane.

Article I. Step 1. Left Facet. The file is aligned parallel to the central axis of the digit, forming a 45-degree angle relative to the lateral wall. This generates a distinct, straight plane without attenuating the point of growth.

Article II. Step 2. Secondary Facet. The file is pivoted onto the surface at a 45-degree angle to the central axis.

Article III. Step 3. Central Plane. The abrasive lies completely flat, at a 90-degree angle relative to the central axis. The kinetics involve smooth, longitudinal strokes. It is critical that the file does not tilt toward the tip, lest the structure deviate into a downward hook.

Article IV. Step 4. Right Facet. This operation is conducted analogously to the left side, maintaining the 45-degree angle and rigorously monitoring symmetry.

Architecture of the Oval and Almond Shapes

Curvilinear shapes manifest an alternate biomechanics; mechanical stress is seamlessly distributed along the arc. The paramount directive is to initially construct the foundational logic of the square, namely the parallels and the distal edge, and subsequently soften the morphology [71–73].

- Lateral Parallels. These are filed rectilinearly, avoiding encroachment into the points of growth. Premature rounding of the structure invariably yields an asymmetrical oval.



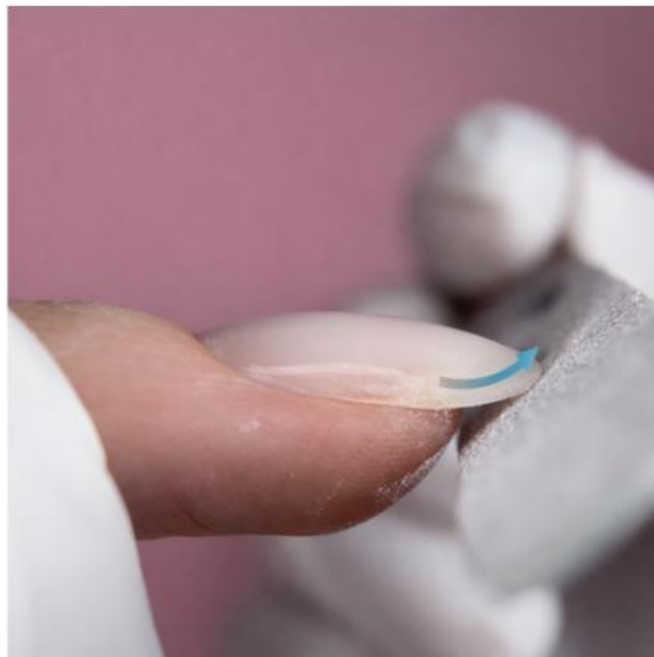
- Axial Monitoring. When viewed from a superior aspect, the file is maintained perpendicular to the distal edge. In a lateral profile, the morphology must remain pristine, devoid of step-like aberrations or overhanging polymer.



- Inferior Parallel. The instrument is positioned beneath the lateral border, excising superfluous inferior mass and rendering the nail visually less dense.



- Attenuation at 45 Degrees. The file is engaged at an approximate 45-degree angle to the distal edge. The apex of the nail is marginally elevated, engendering a fluid, continuous arc.



- Demarcation for the Almond Configuration. The extended segment of the lateral parallels is visually bifurcated to establish reference markers, and the epicenter of the distal edge is identified. Tapering commences strictly from these midpoints of the free edge. Initiating the taper from the points of growth detrimentally thins the load-bearing walls and compromises the lateral parallels.



- **Symmetry Assessment.** The nail is rotated perpendicular to the specialist's torso, or the work surface, to accurately evaluate the uniformity of the bilateral tapering [74, 75].



Specifics of Processing Complex Nail Structures

Gryphotic, or downward-growing, plates possess a displaced apex that generates a leverage effect, subsequently tearing the polymer matrix at the lunula zone. To construct an oval geometry on such anatomical variants, the points of growth must first be identified. Should one present lower than the contralateral point, the morphology is calibrated according to the inferior node, projecting its coordinates onto the superior side. Filing is conducted by grasping the extremity of the file, akin to a violin bow, to augment the effective operational plane. From the superior aspect, the kinetics are elongated, with the file parallel to the plate. Originating from the growth points, the file is angled at 90 degrees, and the mechanism proceeds via abbreviated, proximal strokes from the inferior to the superior coordinate. The digit must be continuously rotated to verify symmetrical alignment, thereby systematically eradicating extraneous angles.

The excavation of the natural nail plate, specifically processing the ventral surface, constitutes a mandatory final architectural stage that precludes delamination from the free edge. A cross-cut carbide bur with a black indicating ring is utilized for this excavation process. Green or finely abrasive burs rapidly become obstructed with polymer debris and risk burrowing subungually.

- **Operating Parameters.** The velocity is set between 30,000 and 35,000 rpm, engaging the forward mode.
- **Depth Calibration.** The tip of the bur is inserted beneath the nail at a 45-degree angle. The operational vector proceeds against rigid resistance, traversing left to right via minor translational movements. The client's digit remains firmly immobilized.
- **Ventral Processing.** The client's hand is inverted. The trajectory advances from right to left employing closely contiguous strokes, maintaining the bur strictly parallel without deviation. The distal pad of the digit is gently retracted.
- **Methodological Nuance for Abbreviated Lengths.** If the bur slips outward and compromises the top coat, the control unit is toggled to reverse mode, and the processing is redirected from the central axis toward the right lateral corner.

Under insufficient mechanical pressure, the natural keratin is merely polished, remaining embedded within the gel matrix, which inevitably precipitates lifting. The biological plate must be entirely excavated, even in instances where the distal projection measures a mere 1 to 2 millimeters. The residual thickness of the internal artificial medium is contingent upon the chemical system deployed. For rigid builder gels, it approximates 1 millimeter, analogous to the caliper of a plastic card. Conversely, for liquid gels or acrylic liquids, an approximate thickness of 1.5 millimeters is requisite to sustain the structural integrity of the stiffening ribs. In the event that excavation reveals an excessive internal thickness or structural pocket, this volume is reduced using a fissure bur, and the ventral cavity is subsequently sealed with a base or top coat.

3.3. ATRAUMATIC CUTICLE PROCESSING AND HARDWARE MANICURE TECHNIQUES

A fundamental axiom of the high-velocity 60-minute protocol dictates that cuticle processing does not entail the aggressive excision or abrasion of viable tissues, but rather the meticulous compartmentalization of anatomical strata. The primary antagonist of any artificial adhesion is the pterygium, defined as the microscopic layer of squamous epithelium tenaciously fused to the dorsal stratum of the advancing nail plate. Residual, incompletely eradicated pterygium exhibits negligible adhesion to polymeric compounds, constituting the absolute and most prevalent catalyst for proximal lifting.

Secure Cuticle Elevation and Pocket Formation

The phase of dilating the proximal nail fold is executed exclusively utilizing a disposable wooden, or orange wood, stick. Timber, in contrast to a stainless steel pusher, possesses a substantially lower mass density relative to nail keratin, thereby imparting an optimally gentle kinetic force upon the sensitive eponychium. Prior to initiation, the implement must undergo mandatory preparation. The acute edge of the wooden stick is systematically blunted using the finer abrasive surface of a file, typically 180 grit. This action eradicates microscopic splinters, engineering a flawlessly smooth, low-friction wedge incapable of lacerating the germinal matrix.



Fig. 19. Wooden orange stick

In complex clinical manifestations characterized by an adherent cuticle, wherein a dense fusion between the eponychium and the nail plate is observed, the intervention proceeds via incremental micro-steps. Manipulations with the probe are directed strictly upward toward the cutaneous fold, and under no circumstances thrust deeply toward the germinal matrix.

Deep vertical compression irreversibly deforms the proliferating cellular structures of the nail root. This trauma invariably induces transverse sulci, known clinically as Beau's lines, and permanently attenuates the developing plate. Within the lateral sinuses, or marginal pockets, the implement is angled in strict parallel alignment to the axis of the sinus cavity. Upon the detection of microtraumas, lacerations, or structural gouges resulting from antecedent interventions, the probe meticulously bypasses the compromised region. Any endeavor to impel traumatized, fragmented dermal tissue beneath the cuticle is guaranteed to precipitate an acute inflammatory cascade, diagnosed as paronychia.

Kinematics of Processing with the Flame Bur

Subsequent to the successful dilation and inspection of the subungual pocket, an electroplated diamond flame bur is deployed. This instrument typically features a diameter of 2.3 millimeters and utilizes a red, or hybrid blue-red, abrasive indicator ring. The optimal rotational velocity of the rotor is maintained between 15,000 and 20,000 rpm. The directional vector of the spindle rotation is calibrated strictly in accordance with the targeted lateral aspect to guarantee oppositional cutting resistance.

Understanding the working geometry of the flame bur is essential before any clinical application. The instrument has three distinct functional zones: the tip (the acute apex, which must never contact the nail plate or press into tissue), the left and right sides (used for lateral sinus work), and the belly (the widest central surface, which performs the actual epidermal exfoliation through planar contact).

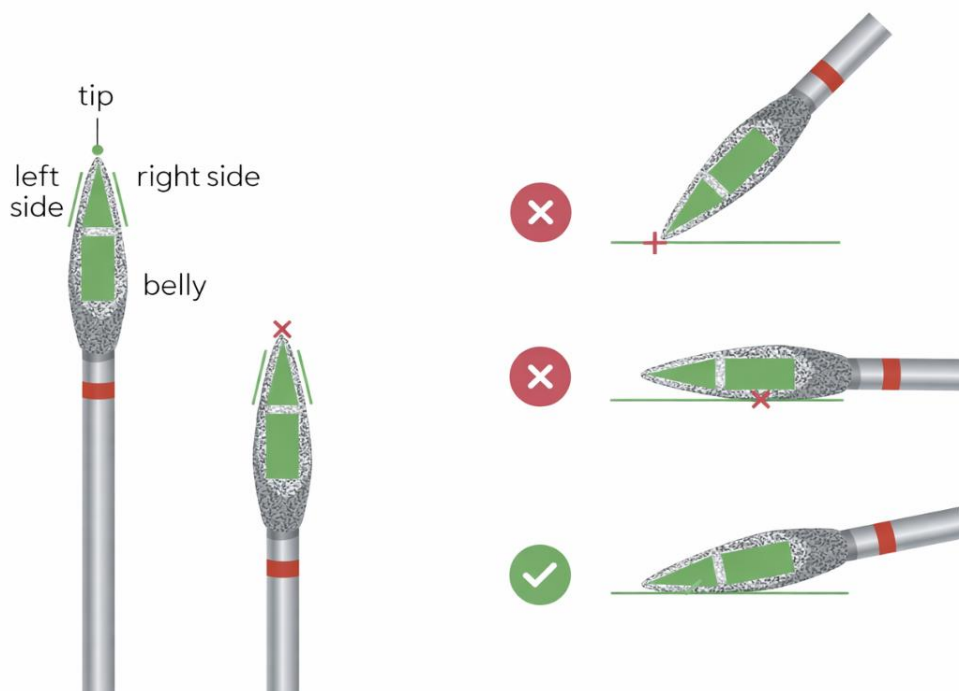


Fig. 20. Flame bur geometry and positioning protocol. Left: anatomical zones – tip, left side, right side, and belly (the active working surface). Right: correct vs. incorrect angles – tip-down contact (✗) causes gouging and plate trauma; parallel flat contact (✗) loses control; belly-flat gliding at low angle (✓) is the correct technique for atraumatic epidermal exfoliation.

Processing the Left Sinus. The hardware is configured to the forward mode, generating clockwise rotation. Robust retraction of the cutaneous tissue via the specialist's left thumb is absolutely imperative to secure an uncompromised visual field of the bur's trajectory. Blind instrumentation within the depths of the proximal fold is strictly prohibited. The abrasive tip glides superficially, with the convex belly engaging exclusively with the keratinized pterygium, actively evading any penetration of the acute apex into the dorsal nail plate.

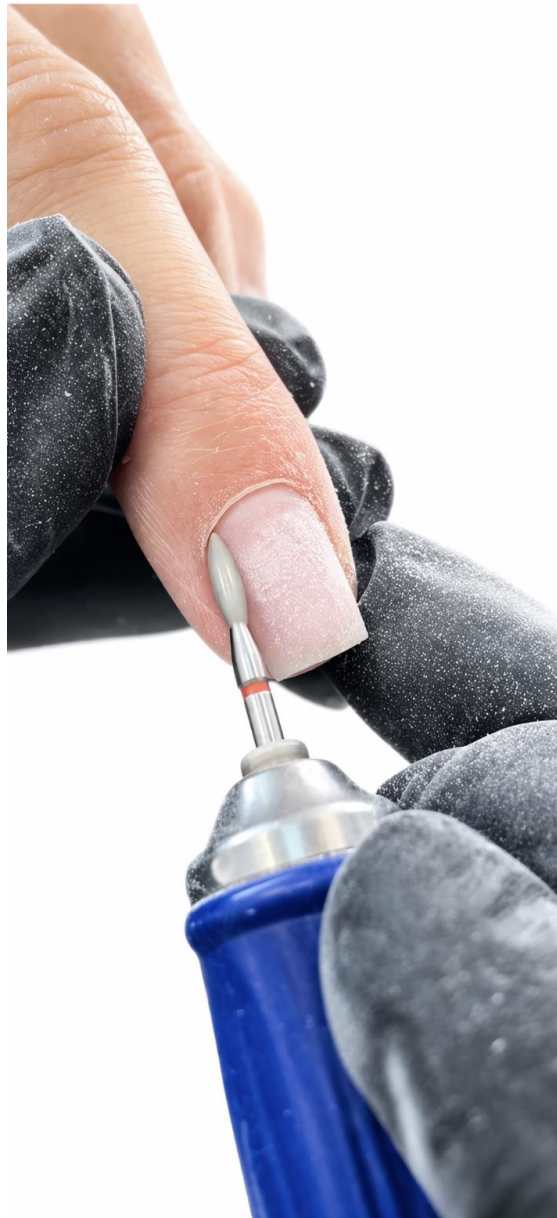


Fig. 21. Left sinus processing: the belly of the flame bur (red ring, 2.3 mm diameter) contacts only the keratinized pterygium in the proximal fold. The tip is visibly clear of the nail plate surface. The left thumb retracts the lateral skin fold to maintain full visual control throughout the movement.

Processing the Right Sinus. The control unit is transitioned to the reverse mode, or alternatively, the instrument's spatial orientation is modified in alignment with advanced technical parameters. The kinetic translation of the instrument proceeds from the central axis toward the right lateral margin via uninterrupted, overlapping strokes: a fluid longitudinal advancement succeeded by a fractional regression. Throughout this smoothing maneuver, the bur excavates the sinus cavity while simultaneously attenuating the marginal epidermal skirt, thereby priming the tissue for a unified scissor excision.

Downward pressure exerted upon the bur must remain at absolute zero; the diamond grit executes abrasion entirely through the application of centrifugal force. Excessive frictional drag resulting from inappropriate vertical loading induces a thermal spike exceeding 50 degrees Celsius. This parameter violation culminates in thermal osteonecrosis of the matrix and provokes an acute nociceptive response in the subject during the subsequent exothermic polymerization of acidic base formulations [76].



Fig. 22. Right sinus processing in action: overlapping strokes with zero vertical pressure. The visible nail dust confirms active material removal at high rpm. The bur travels from the central axis outward in a controlled, laminar sweep – never plunging into the fold or angling the tip toward the plate.

Operational note: Throughout both sinus passes, the little finger of the working hand maintains contact with the client's hand as a stabilising fulcrum. This anchoring point is non-negotiable at 15,000–20,000 rpm – it eliminates micro-jolts that would otherwise redirect the tip into live tissue.

3.4. EXCISION TECHNOLOGY AND FINAL MICRO-POLISHING

The epidermal excision of the cuticle concludes the critical preparatory phase of the nail apparatus. This procedure is executed utilizing professional-grade scissors, or alternatively, precision-sharpened nippers, and is governed by rigorous protocols regarding the spatial geometry of the implement. To preclude the genesis of dermal micro-lacerations, which within a period of 3 to 5 days inevitably evolve into inflamed and hypersensitive hangnails, the epidermal excision must constitute a strictly unified, continuous ribbon.



Fig. 23. Professional cuticle scissors – held correctly before starting excision. The straight or micro-curved blade (18–22 mm) ensures a minimal turning radius within narrow sinuses.

1. Primary Positioning. The scissors are inserted into the right sinus perpendicular to the lateral nail fold. The cutting blades are separated by a mere 1 to 2 millimeters to facilitate the delicate apprehension of the leading edge of the attenuated epidermal skirt, thereby generating the initial anchor point.



Fig. 24. Primary positioning: the scissors enter the right sinus perpendicularly, capturing the leading epidermal edge 1–2 mm into the fold.

2. Excision Biomechanics. The cut is propelled by a fluid, continuously converging motion within the most translucent, diaphanous stratum of the dermal tissue. Concurrently, the operator's elbow is elevated to a 90-degree angle, assuring a highly stable vector for the instrument's trajectory.



Fig. 25. Excision biomechanics: the blades move in a continuous converging motion through the thinnest epidermal layer. The elbow is held at 90° for maximum trajectory stability.

3. Rotational Sealing Dynamics. As the implement advances toward the left lateral sinus, the scissors undergo a fluid 180-degree torsion, while the client's digit is synchronously rotated toward the converging blades. This specific planar motion mechanically seals the epidermal margin, coalescing the cellular squamae and forestalling their subsequent delamination. The excision phase is timed rigorously, functioning in a continuous assembly-line sequence across all ten digits to circumvent the natural subsidence, or physiological retraction, of the previously elevated cuticular tissue.



Fig. 26. Rotational sealing dynamics: the scissors rotate 180° as they sweep toward the left sinus. The client's finger is simultaneously rotated toward the blades to seal the epidermal margin as a single continuous strip.

Nipper Excision within a High-Velocity Integration Paradigm

When deploying professional nippers equipped with a 7-millimeter cutting edge, the governing biomechanical algorithm remains analogous. The specialist initiates the primary incision within the right sinus. Subsequent micro-displacements operate on the mechanical principle of engaging the tissue and executing a fluid proximal retraction toward the operator. The implement functions akin to a microscopic smoothing iron, mechanically consolidating and compressing the excision margin. A secure fulcrum, resting the operative hand upon the operator's contralateral wrist, is absolutely indispensable. This stabilization controls the amplitude of the instrument and prevents deep tissue avulsion, which possesses the potential to trigger profuse dermal hemorrhage.

Final Polish with Silicon Carbide Rotary Instruments

Subsequent to excision, the lateral nail folds and the proximal cuticular margin in subjects exhibiting xerosis frequently retain residual microscopic irregularities. Rather than regressing to aggressive diamond abrasives, the 60-minute protocol mandates the utilization of a specialized polishing bur. This tool is fabricated from an elastomeric silicone matrix that is heavily impregnated with micro-dispersed silicon carbide particles, typically designated by green or grey abrasive coding.

Silicon carbide exhibits superior abrasive characteristics that eclipse those of corundum. However, due to the compliant silicone matrix, its mechanical interaction with the epidermis remains optimally delicate and atraumatic [77]. The polishing phase is conducted at a diminished rotational velocity of 6,000 to 8,000 rpm. Utilizing rapid, gliding trajectories without localized dwelling, the rotary tool reduces the stratum corneum to a state of flawless specular gloss.



Fig. 27. Final micro-polishing: the silicon carbide cone-shaped polisher (6,000–8,000 rpm) smooths the lateral folds and proximal skin after excision. Crucially, the instrument must never contact the prepared nail plate – contact with keratin occludes the micropores and destroys primer adhesion.

The paramount physicochemical directive of this stage dictates that the polishing instrument must under no circumstances impinge upon the prepped natural nail plate. Polishing the dorsal stratum of the keratin plate with silicone mechanically occludes its micropores and compresses the surface squamae. This catastrophic error permanently obstructs the chemical adhesion of the primer and base coat, precipitating inevitable proximal lifting within the initial week of mechanical load.

Table 9. Systems analysis of procedural errors during the hardware processing and excision phases

<i>Technological Phase of the Protocol</i>	<i>Operator Error (Kinematic Violation)</i>	<i>Physical and Biomechanical Consequence</i>	<i>Clinical Outcome (Complication for the Subject)</i>
Dilation of the Proximal Pocket	Coarse compression utilizing a metallic pusher driven deeply into the proximal fold toward the root.	Acute compression and mechanical degradation of the proliferating cellular structures within the germinal matrix.	Manifestation of profound transverse sulci (Beau's lines), engendering a permanent attenuation of the keratin plate.
Instrumentation with the Diamond Flame Bur	Engaging the acute apex directly into the nail plate at a sheer angle accompanied by vertical loading.	Eradication of the protective dorsal keratin layer; extreme frictional heating of subepidermal tissues exceeding 50 degrees Celsius.	Severe structural gouging, thermal osteonecrosis, and intolerable nociceptive burning during the exothermic polymerization of the base coat.

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Epidermal Excision via Scissors/Nippers	Excision achieved via avulsive, pinching mechanics with an outward inclination of the cutting blades.	Generation of a lacerated, unsealed epidermal margin. Dissipation of the precise directional excision vector.	Eruption of multiple, inflammation-prone hangnails emerging 3 to 5 days post-intervention.
Final Micro-Polishing	Accidental impingement of the silicone abrasive against the prepared nail plate.	Mechanical occlusion of the microscopic keratin squamae, thereby blocking the hydrophilic pores of the nail structure.	Absolute forfeiture of chemical adhesion, resulting in catastrophic proximal delamination of the rigid composite material within the initial days.

Summarizing this segment of the protocol, it can be confidently posited that a stable operational time of 60 minutes is achieved through precise, medical comprehension of the anatomical thresholds of permissible intervention, specifically differentiating the epidermis from the dermis. Furthermore, it necessitates a profound understanding of the cutting mechanics inherent to rotary instrumentation, coupled with rigid adherence to assembly-line discipline. The elimination of intermediate, chaotic manual modifications utilizing files and buffers, the deployment of burs featuring appropriate cross-cut geometry, and the integration of an engineering paradigm into the filing of architectural shapes collectively engineer a flawless, highly reliable foundation for the application of the polymer framework. An immaculately excavated, dehydrated, and architecturally calibrated nail apparatus is fundamentally prepared for the final stage: the construction of a monolithic, aesthetically superior, and durable rigid structural reinforcement.

CHAPTER 4. THE TECHNOLOGY OF RIGID REINFORCEMENT AND ARCHITECTURAL COATING

Transitioning from the mechanical preparation of the natural nail to the construction of an artificial framework necessitates a precise understanding of material rheology and the distribution of physical stress. Within the constraints of a high-speed 60-minute protocol, the modeling phase strictly precludes an intuitive approach. The selection of material viscosity, the direction of its application, and the positioning of the client's hand are governed by rigorous physical principles. The primary objective of this stage is to engineer a durable, well-balanced structure capable of withstanding daily impacts and torsional forces, while entirely eliminating the need for superficial file shaping.

4.1. PREPARATION OF THE NAIL PLATE

Successful and long-lasting adhesion between the artificial material and the nail relies on micro-level surface preparation. The natural nail exhibits significant water absorption capabilities; under normal conditions, it contains between 7% and 12% water, and following prolonged exposure to liquids, it can absorb moisture equivalent to 30–50% of its own weight [78]. Residual moisture and the lipid film on the nail surface act as a barrier that impedes the deep penetration of the base coat [79].

Prior to the application of the base layer, the nail must be meticulously degreased and dehydrated. The utilization of alcohol-based solutions (such as isopropyl alcohol or ethyl acetate) facilitates the rapid extraction of moisture from the superior keratin scales of the nail and effectively removes lipids [80]. Acid-free primer is applied strictly with a semi-dry brush along the margins of the nail (adjacent to the lateral nail folds and on the free edge). Applying the primer excessively (in pools) causes it to act as an aggressive solvent, which hinders the proper polymerization of the base, induces delamination within the coating, and substantially elevates the risk of allergic reactions [81, 82].

A fundamental principle of the high-speed system dictates the use of a low-acid or medium-acid rubber base exclusively as a thin, rubbed-in primer layer. This strict requirement stems from the differential in flexibility (modulus of elasticity) between the natural nail and the builder gel [25, 78].

The natural nail is inherently flexible and mobile, whereas hard gel possesses a dense structure with minimal bending capacity [57, 83]. Applying hard gel directly onto the bare nail ensures that upon any impact or pressure applied to the free edge, the rigid material will simply detach from the softer nail substrate. The rubber base functions as an elastic damper, providing resilience and safely mitigating the structural conflict between the mobile nail and the rigid gel shell.

The rubber base is applied using the bottle's brush via rubbing motions. A minute drop is formed in the cuticle area to provide shock absorption, with strict care taken to prevent any flow onto the surrounding skin.

Employing rubber bases for architectural structuring (commonly referred to as thick-layer leveling) is strictly prohibited.

This restriction is associated with thermal emission. The polymerization of the gel under a UV/LED lamp is an exothermic reaction accompanied by significant heat generation. An increased volume of material on the nail correlates with higher thermal output. During the curing of a thick leveling base layer, the temperature on the nail surface can spike to 70–80 degrees Celsius within two to three seconds [84–87].

The pain threshold for living human tissues is 47 degrees Celsius; heating beyond 60 degrees Celsius induces thermal burns and the necrosis of nail bed tissues [88–90]. Such thermal injury leads to fluid accumulation beneath the nail, resulting in the separation of the nail from the skin (traumatic onycholysis). Pathogens (such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) rapidly colonize the resulting void, escalating an aesthetic issue into a severe medical condition.

Table 10. Parameters for the preparation and formation of the shock-absorbing layer [78, 80, 83, 84]

<i>Protocol Stage</i>	<i>Applied Liquid</i>	<i>Physical Task</i>	<i>Practitioner Error and Its Consequences</i>
Degreasing	Isopropyl alcohol / Ethyl acetate	Extraction of moisture from nail scales. Enhancement of adhesion.	Omitting this step leaves a lipid film that blocks the gel's adhesion to the nail.
Priming	Acid-free primer	Functions as double-sided tape for robust attachment.	Application in pools dissolves the base and prevents the material from curing properly.
Shock absorption	Rubber base	Creation of a resilient layer to mediate the difference in rigidity between the nail and the gel.	Failing to establish an elastic underlayer causes the hard gel to chip rapidly upon nail torsion.
Volume control	Rubber base	Application strictly in a thin layer to avert excessive heating.	Thick-layer leveling generates heat exceeding 60 degrees Celsius, inducing severe burns and onycholysis.

4.2. GEL REINFORCEMENT USING THE "NO SURFACE FILING" TECHNIQUE

Following the curing of the base layer, the protocol mandates a transition to architectural construction using a rigid material. High-speed procedures for short and medium-length nails employ liquid gels or liquid polygels. The 60-minute timeframe is achieved through the complete elimination of intermediate surface filing. This specific technique requires a comprehensive understanding of the flow dynamics of liquid materials.

Liquid gels exhibit high fluidity and the capacity for rapid self-leveling [67]. These materials tend to assume the shape of an even droplet within a couple of seconds [91, 92]. Due to this low viscosity, the gel is prone to flowing into the lateral nail grooves and onto the cuticle.

To exert control over the liquid gel, a sequential application process utilizing the herringbone method is implemented. This approach enables the practitioner to direct the material and operate on two to four fingers simultaneously, thereby conserving up to 10 minutes of lamp curing time.

The Herringbone Distribution Protocol

Step 1 – Creating the wet floor. A thin layer of liquid gel is applied over the cured rubber base using the bottle brush. This layer acts as a guide: the subsequent gel droplet will flow exclusively along the moistened path without spilling onto dry skin. The brush stroke covers the full nail surface, stopping 1–2 mm short of the cuticle and all lateral folds.



Fig. 28. Steps 1–2 of the herringbone method: the wet floor has been applied across the nail surface, and the primary gel droplet is being placed near the cuticle with a fine liner brush, maintaining a 1–2 mm clearance from the proximal fold. The gel will travel only along the moistened path, preventing lateral flooding.

Step 2 – Zigzag distribution. The primary gel droplet is positioned near the cuticle, maintaining a clearance of 1 to 2 millimeters. Using a fine brush, the practitioner draws the droplet downward in a zigzag pattern reminiscent of spruce branches, moving from the left lateral fold to the right, then from the right to the left, gradually descending toward the tip of the nail.

Step 3 – Reinforcement of growth points. Extended brush strokes guide the material to the points of growth, ensuring that the zones subjected to the highest mechanical stress are densely covered. Insufficient material at the lateral growth points is the primary cause of lateral nail fractures.

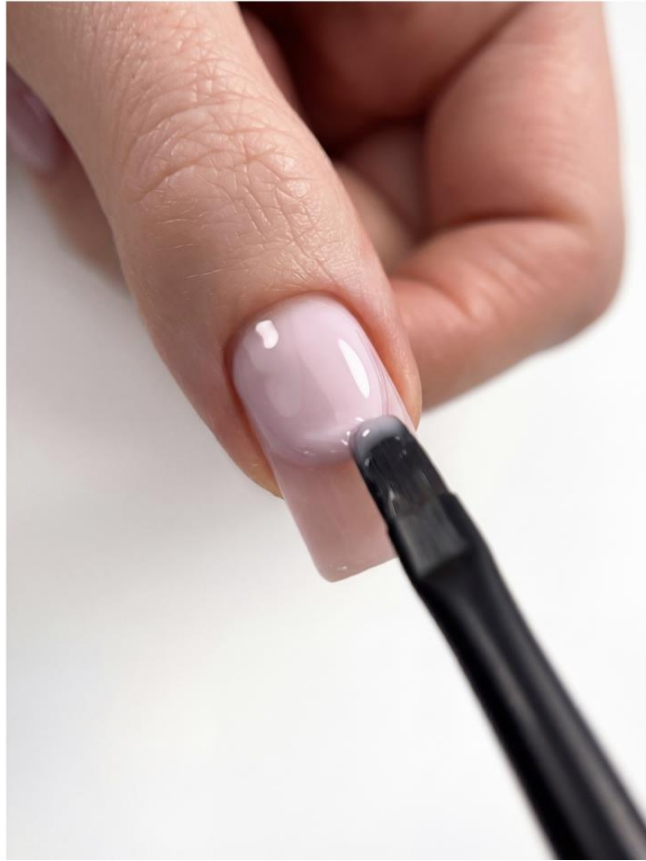


Fig. 29. Step 3 – reinforcement of the growth points and free edge: the brush draws the gel mass longitudinally toward the distal tip, building the necessary 1–1.5 mm structural reserve at the free edge. This reserve is essential for the subsequent internal excavation step – without it, the bur will fracture the thinned tip.

Rationale Against Inverting the Client's Hand

Numerous manicure training programs instruct practitioners to invert the client's hand palm-upwards following material application, allowing the gel to pool in the center and form an aesthetically pleasing apex. Within the parameters of a high-speed 60-minute system, this practice constitutes a critical error.

The prohibition against hand inversion is dictated by subsequent procedural steps. Rigid gels exhibit negligible shrinkage during curing (less than 5%, as opposed to 21% for acrylics). Should the hand be inverted, gravitational forces will cause the gel to migrate to the center, leaving the distal edge of the nail inadequately covered [57, 95]. Consequently, only a microscopic film remains at the free edge.

Critical rule: hand inversion before curing is prohibited. All gel architecture – including the 1–1.5 mm structural reserve at the free edge – is established through the herringbone technique alone. The gel's intrinsic self-leveling properties produce a perfectly even surface without gravitational redistribution.

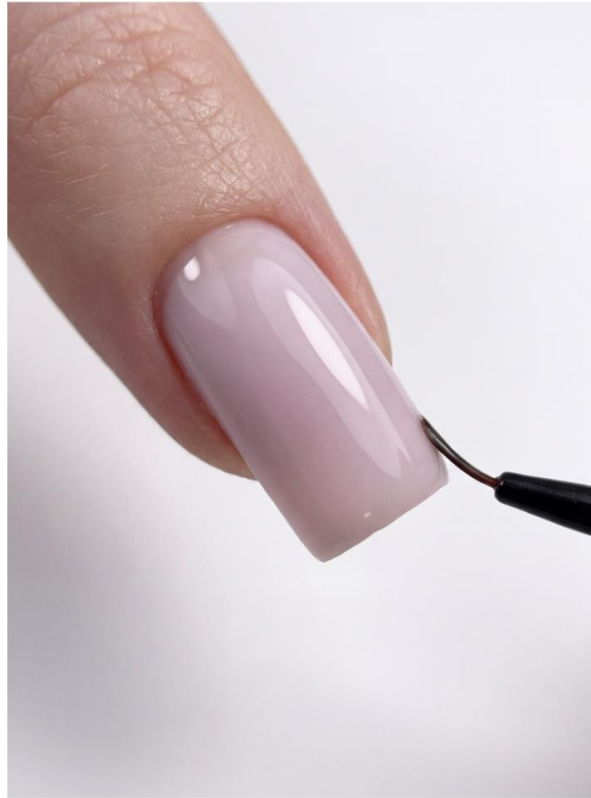


Fig. 30. The result of correct herringbone application without hand inversion: the gel has self-leveled to a flawless gloss surface. A fine liner brush is used to correct the cuticle line – the clean 1–2 mm margin at the proximal fold confirms that the wet floor boundary was respected throughout application. The structural thickness at the free edge is preserved for excavation.

Table 11. **The herringbone algorithm and its procedural rationale [93, 96, 97]**

<i>Operational Step</i>	<i>Practitioner Action</i>	<i>Process Explanation</i>
Creation of the wet floor	Application of a microscopic gel layer across the entire nail plate.	Establishes flow boundaries. The gel travels solely along the wet layer, avoiding skin contact.
Zigzag distribution	Oscillating the droplet with a fine brush from the margins toward the center and downwards.	Distributes the viscous mass evenly, preventing gel accumulation at the cuticle.
Reinforcement of growth points	Directing the material into the lateral points of growth.	These serve as primary support anchors. Insufficient material here results in lateral nail fractures.

<i>Operational Step</i>	<i>Practitioner Action</i>	<i>Process Explanation</i>
Omission of hand inversion	Prohibition against turning the hand palm-upwards prior to curing.	Preserves the necessary gel thickness (1.5 millimeters) at the nail tip for the subsequent internal excavation.

4.3. ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION

In clinical practice, structurally flawless nails are a rarity. The practitioner routinely encounters convoluted or downward-curving nails, compromised corners, and absent lateral walls. Liquid gel is ineffective in these scenarios, as it will simply run off. Expedited structural repairs necessitate materials of higher viscosity, specifically jelly gels and polygels.



Fig. 31. Architectural restoration in three stages: natural nail with absent lateral wall (left) → polygel deposited and shaped (centre) → final square geometry after filing and top coat (right).

Restoration of Lateral Walls Using Jelly Gel

Jelly gel possesses a critical property known as thixotropy [67]. This characteristic dictates that the material becomes pliable and yielding under the mechanical stress of a brush, yet instantaneously arrests movement and regains viscosity the moment the brush is withdrawn [98, 99]. It exhibits zero flow.

Such a property renders jelly gel optimal for the aerial reconstruction of a fractured wall, bypassing the need for underlying paper forms. The practitioner collects a droplet of jelly on a resilient, short-bristled brush, as a longer brush would compromise control [93]. The droplet is deposited onto the damaged corner and extruded forward. Upon removal of the brush, the jelly solidifies in mid-air, forming a precise line. This restorative action takes mere seconds and does not require intermediate curing prior to addressing other sections.

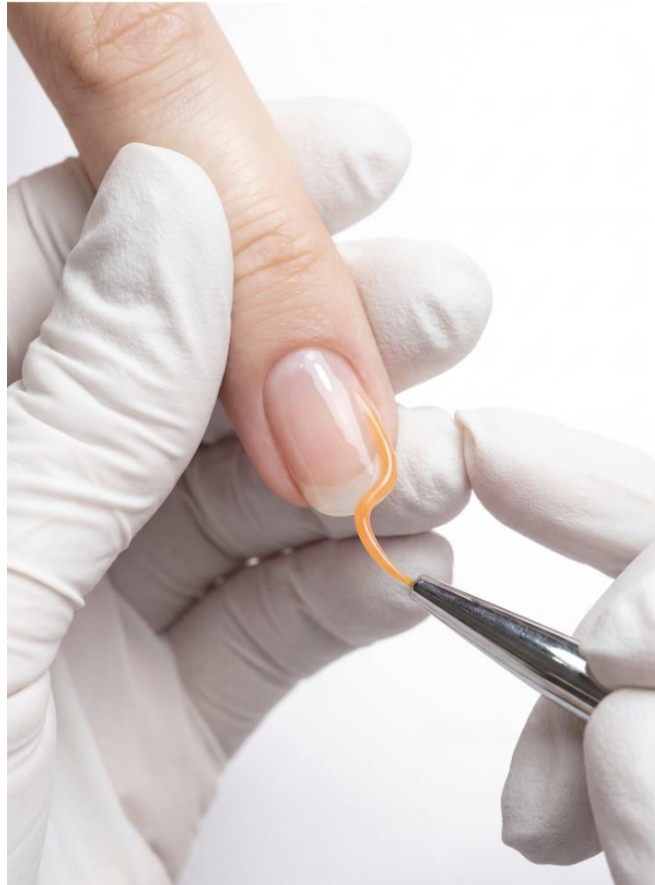


Fig. 32. Jelly gel in action: the material stretches elastically under brush pressure but holds its shape the instant the brush is lifted – a direct demonstration of thixotropic behaviour. This zero-flow property allows aerial wall reconstruction without paper forms.

Rapid Conversion of Oval Shapes to Squares Using Polygel

Should a client request a morphological shift from an oval to a defined square, jelly gel proves insufficient due to the extensive volumetric requirements. In this context, polygel (also known as acrylic gel) provides the necessary structural capacity.

Polygel is a highly viscous compound that synthesizes the properties of gel and acrylic powder [83, 100]. It remains completely stationary, does not trail the brush, and resists air-drying, thereby affording the practitioner unlimited working time.

The algorithm for rapid corner restoration proceeds as follows:

- Standard preparation is executed. A paramount condition is that during the removal of the previous coating, the free edge of the natural nail is not filed down. Eliminating the underlying structure prior to polygel application deprives the new material of a foundational grip.
- A spherical node of polygel is deposited onto the distal tip of the nail; this can be done concurrently across four to five fingers.

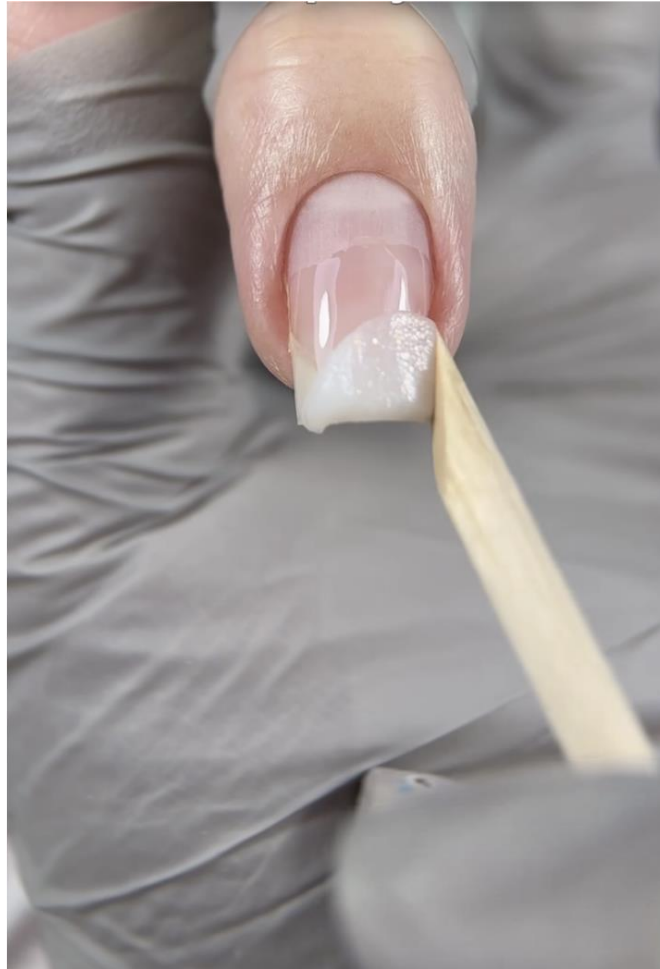


Fig. 33. Polygel deposition: a bevelled orange stick, moistened with slip solution, presses a node of polygel onto the distal tip of the nail. The wooden tool compacts the material without introducing internal voids – critical for corner durability.

- The polygel is manipulated using a wooden orange stick treated with a specialized slip solution. The wooden tool outperforms a synthetic brush, as it prevents adhesion and firmly compacts the material without introducing internal voids.
- The mass is routed first into the left growth point, then into the right. Once the lateral walls are securely established, the remaining material is drawn longitudinally to construct acute corners. [94].

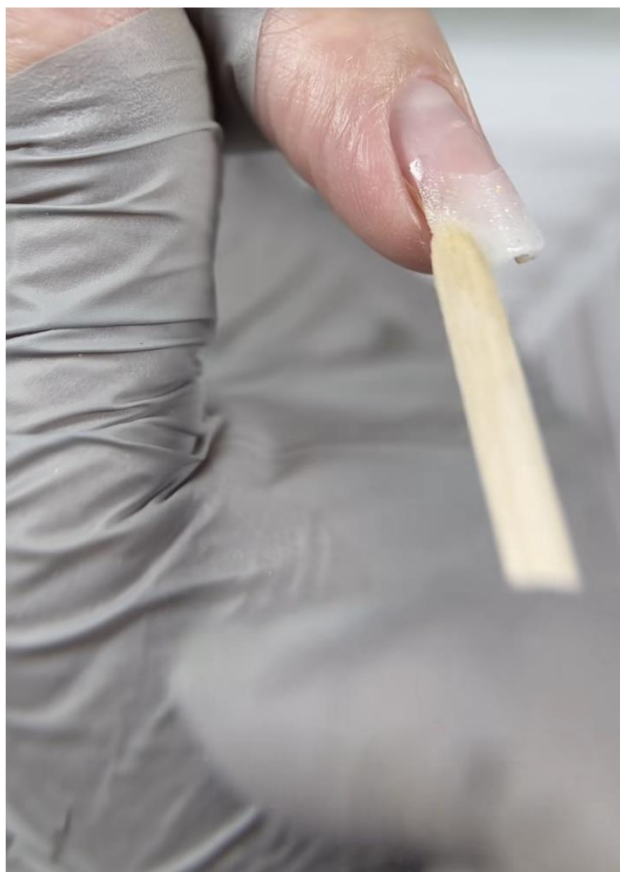


Fig. 34. Corner formation: the orange stick draws the polygel mass longitudinally from the growth point toward the tip, building a precise square corner. The slip solution prevents adhesion to the tool while maintaining full structural compaction.

The Rationale Against Substituting Specialized Liquids with Alcohol

The utilization of standard degreasers or pure alcohol when manipulating polygel is strictly forbidden. The specialized slip solution serves the singular purpose of mitigating friction between the wooden tool and the polygel, leaving the chemical integrity of the material intact.

Aggressive alcoholic solvents infiltrate the polygel matrix and degrade its structural composition. During the photoinitiated curing process, the entrapped alcohol reaches its boiling point within the polymer, generating microscopic cavities that render the architecture sponge-like [83, 101]. Consequently, the newly constructed square geometry loses its mechanical durability, leading to corner fragmentation within the initial days of wear.

Table 12. Polygel operational algorithm for oval-to-square conversion [83, 101]

<i>Operational Phase</i>	<i>Practitioner Action</i>	<i>Process Explanation</i>
Material deposition	Placement of a polygel node on the nail tip, executed across multiple fingers simultaneously.	The high viscosity prevents flow, facilitating a sequential workflow and time conservation.
Tool selection	Utilization of a beveled wooden orange stick.	Wood minimizes liquid absorption and enables dense material compaction without void formation.
Tool lubrication	Exclusive use of a designated slip solution.	Precludes the formation of pores and cavities typically induced by alcohol-based solvents.
Directional workflow	Initial sealing of the lateral growth points, followed by the longitudinal extension of the mass.	Ensures sufficient material volume at the lateral margins to support corner durability.

4.4. FORMATION OF THE FINAL GEOMETRY

Even after the gel has been applied and fully polymerized, the nail cannot remain in this state. The juxtaposition of a vital, flexible natural nail against a rigid artificial polymer induces a mechanical conflict that inevitably results in delamination.

Material Conflict and Moisture-Induced Deformation

Cured hard gel exhibits a dense matrix that is impermeable to aqueous fluids [57]. It remains static, exhibiting no volumetric fluctuations. Conversely, the natural nail substrate is highly hydroscopic [102].

During routine aqueous exposure, such as handwashing or bathing, the natural nail absorbs water, undergoes volumetric expansion, and flattens [103]. As the moisture evaporates, the nail regains its natural curvature. This cyclical pattern of expansion and contraction generates severe mechanical stress beneath the artificial coating [104]. Because the gel maintains rigid immobility, the curling natural nail forcibly shears itself away from the polymer at the distal edge. This phenomenon constitutes the primary etiology of marginal delamination at the nail tip [70, 105].



Fig. 35. The excavation zone (left nail, red dotted line): the natural nail must be fully removed from the ventral surface of the free edge – this is precisely the area that undergoes moisture-driven expansion and contraction, causing distal delamination. The right nail shows the correctly excavated result: only monolithic gel remains at the tip.

Protocol for the Internal Excavation of the Natural Nail

The sole reliable methodology for eradicating distal delamination involves the complete removal of the natural nail from the conflict zone. The ventral surface is mechanically excavated to ensure that only a monolithic, immobile gel structure remains at the free edge.

The operational algorithm proceeds as follows:

- Superficial shaping is performed using a 100/180 grit file to equalize the geometry and establish a defined free edge.
- The client's hand is inverted palm-upwards to grant the practitioner a clear line of sight to the ventral aspect of the nail.
- A carbide rotary bur with a green indicating band, typically a fine cylinder or cone morphology, is mounted into the micromotor.
- The rotational velocity is calibrated between 25,000 and 30,000 revolutions per minute. Operating at insufficient velocities causes the bur to catch within the polymer, resulting in percussive trauma to the nail bed and inducing pain.
- The trajectory of the bur is strictly horizontal, progressing from left to right in forward mode. The biological nail is abraded until a marginal step is formed between the vital nail bed and the artificial gel.
- A critical constraint mandates that a gel thickness of no less than 1 to 1.5 millimeters is preserved at the free edge. Excessive thinning of the distal tip will precipitate rapid structural failure.



Fig. 36. Internal excavation in progress: the client's hand is inverted palm-upward, and the carbide bur (green band, 25,000–30,000 rpm) sweeps horizontally from left to right across the ventral surface. The visible dust confirms active natural nail removal. The left hand firmly immobilises the finger throughout. A minimum gel thickness of 1–1.5 mm must be preserved at the tip.

Hermetic Sealing of the Free Edge

Following the excision of the natural nail, the cross-sectional morphology of the milled gel remains porous. To inhibit the ingress of water, particulate matter, and dietary pigments, the free edge requires hermetic sealing.

After particulate debris is cleared using a brush and alcohol solvent, a microscopic layer of non-wipe top coat is applied to the ventral surface. The sealant is delivered via a semi-dry brush to bridge the structural step between the biological tissue and the polymer. The client's hand undergoes photopolymerization in a palm-up orientation. This protocol establishes a protective barrier that arrests material degradation and ensures optimal structural integrity until the subsequent maintenance cycle.

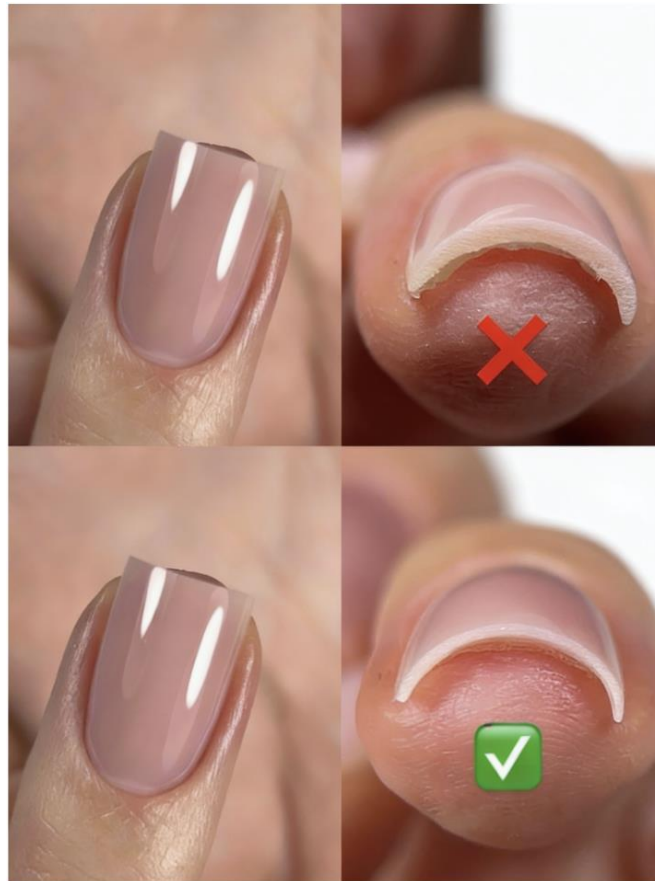


Fig. 37. Quality control – correct vs. incorrect outcomes. Top row: the external view appears identical in both cases (✗ and ✓), demonstrating why the internal excavation step is invisible yet critical. Bottom row: ✗ the natural nail was not excavated – a visible ledge remains on the ventral surface, creating a moisture trap and inevitable distal delamination; ✓ full excavation performed – the ventral surface is flush, sealed, and free of natural nail tissue at the free edge.

Table 13. Procedural errors during reinforcement and their physiological consequences [84, 87]

<i>Practitioner Error</i>	<i>Underlying Physical Rationale</i>	<i>Clinical Outcome for the Client</i>
Thick-layer leveling with rubber base	Substantial material volume triggers an acute thermal spike (up to 70–80°C) during polymerization.	Severe thermal burns, separation of the nail plate from the bed (onycholysis), and structural fissuring.
Inverting the hand palm-upwards	Gravitational forces draw the gel centrally to the apex, leaving the distal edge critically thin.	The thinned tip fractures upon internal excavation, and square corners suffer fragmentation.
Omission of internal nail excavation	The natural nail undergoes moisture-driven deformation, mechanically shearing from the rigid gel matrix.	Chronic distal delamination, subungual debris accumulation, and elevated risk of microbial infection.

<i>Practitioner Error</i>	<i>Underlying Physical Rationale</i>	<i>Clinical Outcome for the Client</i>
Failure to seal the ventral surface	The porous, milled gel interface acts as a sponge, absorbing aqueous solutions and chemical agents.	Discoloration of the ventral aspect and progressive degradation of the distal gel matrix.

4.5. COLOR APPLICATION TECHNIQUES

The application of pigmented layers represents the final procedural phase, which serves as the primary metric of client evaluation. Within a 60-minute framework, the expenditure of time on three to four successive coats of gel polish to obscure uneven pigmentation is structurally prohibitive. Superfluous layering compromises the refined architecture, artificially widens the nail plate, and generates a pronounced, unaesthetic step near the proximal fold.

The Edge-to-Edge Cuticle Painting Algorithm

Deep and flawless pigment application is contingent upon the pristine execution of the mechanical manicuring phase. If the proximal fold retains residual pterygium, inserting the pigmented gel beneath the cuticle without inducing lateral flooding becomes technically impossible.

The planar surface of an orange stick is utilized to gently elevate the posterior fold, thereby expanding the visual field. A primary ultra-thin layer is then deposited centrally using the bottle brush, terminating 1 to 2 millimeters short of the cuticle and lateral folds. This minimal volume prevents material migration and establishes the wet floor boundary for the pigment.



Fig. 38. Correct first step of colour application: the bottle brush deposits a small primary drop centrally on the nail surface (green marker), directed downward toward the free edge (white arrow). Stopping 1–2 mm short of the cuticle prevents flooding. This central placement – not at the cuticle – is the foundational rule of the edge-to-edge algorithm.

The primary drop is then distributed across the nail surface using the bottle brush in smooth longitudinal strokes, building an even first coat that reaches the growth points but maintains the 1–2 mm margin at the cuticle and sinuses. For highly pigmented dark variants such as black or burgundy, this first coat must be applied in an ultra-thin layer and each finger cured individually – dense pigmentation impedes the penetration of ultraviolet wavelengths, leaving the basal layer uncured if applied in excess.



Fig. 39. Distribution of neon pigment using the bottle brush: the wide flat brush spreads the gel polish across the full nail surface in smooth longitudinal strokes. Note the even, bubble-free coverage and the clean margin maintained at the lateral walls. Neon pigments of this saturation require a milky base substrate beneath to achieve full opacity in a single coat.

A fine liner brush, equipped with 7 to 11 millimeter bristles, is then loaded with a micro-droplet of gel polish. Initiating from the left sinus, a continuous, fluid stroke guides the pigment along the cuticle perimeter toward the right sinus. The elongated bristles dampen mechanical hand tremors, yielding a perfectly linear boundary. This edge-to-edge movement is the defining step of the algorithm – it fills the 1–2 mm gap left by the bottle brush while maintaining absolute precision at the skin boundary.

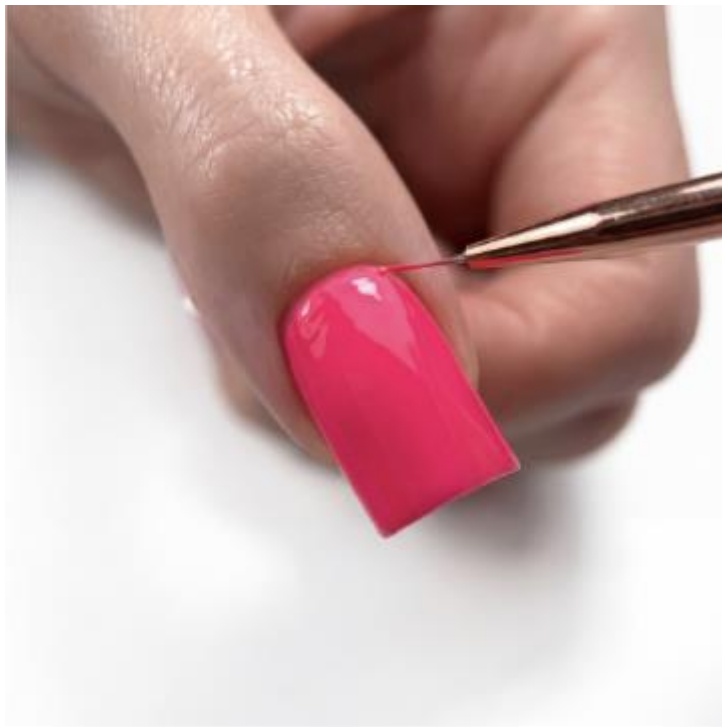


Fig. 40. Edge-to-edge cuticle painting with a liner brush: a single continuous stroke of the fine liner brush (7–11 mm bristles) travels from the left sinus to the right, following the cuticle contour precisely. The elongated bristles absorb hand micro-tremors, producing a clean, sharp pigment boundary. This step is only possible when all pterygium has been removed in the hardware phase.

The Utilization of Milky Bases Beneath Pale and Neon Pigments

Pastel, pale, and neon pigments present the highest operational volatility. They frequently exhibit uneven coverage or brush striations. Attempts to rectify these optical deficits via supplementary layering transform a structurally refined nail into a dense, amorphous mass.

To accelerate the application of such challenging pigments, a strategic intervention is deployed: a milky base or milky top coat is utilized as an underlying substrate.

The efficacy of this method relies on a fundamental optical mechanism. Milky bases incorporate titanium dioxide, a white pigment characterized by its robust light-scattering capabilities [106, 107].

As ambient photons interact with the milky layer, they undergo intense omnidirectional reflection [108, 109]. The milky substrate functions as an opaque matte screen. When a volatile neon or pale pigment is overlaid onto this optical barrier, two distinct phenomena occur:

- The white particulates reflect photons back through the pigment matrix, compelling the neon material to seemingly luminesce from within, projecting high visual intensity even via a single coat [110, 111].
- This reflective screen optically neutralizes microscopic brush striations, rendering the chromatic field visually homogenous.
- Procedural time is dramatically curtailed, as the pigment achieves optimal saturation in one, or maximally two, thin layers, fully preserving the intended architectural geometry.

A parallel strategy involves the use of milky top coats. Should minor chromatic imperfections persist following the application of delicate pigments, the practitioner can overlay the structure with a milky top coat. This sealant functions

as a translucent veil, optically smoothing any pigment irregularities and circumventing the time-intensive necessity of material removal and reapplication.

Table 14. Managing volatile pigments within high-speed manicuring protocols [84, 106, 109]

<i>Gel Polish Classification</i>	<i>Primary Operational Deficit</i>	<i>Methodological Resolution</i>
Dark pigments (Black, burgundy)	Dense particle concentration blocks photon penetration, leaving the basal layer uncured.	Deposition in ultra-thin layers with strict single-finger curing. Contour equalization using a fine liner brush.
Neon pigments (High saturation)	Insufficient opacity, chromatic fading, and visibility of the underlying free edge.	Exclusive application over a milky base substrate. The screen effect maximizes chromatic intensity in a single coat.
Pastel pigments (Pale, muted)	Generation of brush striations and visually uneven coverage.	Implementation of a milky underlying substrate. Eradication of residual striations via a milky top coat overlay.
Shimmer pigments (Particulate inclusions)	Particulate protrusion generates a textured surface and distorts light reflection.	Direct bottle brush application bypassing fine liners. Sealing with a high-viscosity top coat to fully submerge particulate matter.

The phase encompassing rigid reinforcement and pigment application serves as the definitive metric of a practitioner's clinical proficiency. The calculated integration of an elastic substrate with a high-tensile gel, a rigorous understanding of material rheology, the mandatory internal excavation of the natural nail to arrest delamination, and strategic chromatic management collectively transition the manicuring procedure into a highly predictable and reliable science. It is precisely this structural and physical comprehension that facilitates the 60-minute temporal constraint without compromising the flawless aesthetic and mechanical longevity of the final architecture.

CHAPTER 5. QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND PROCESS OPTIMIZATION (TIME MANAGEMENT)

Transitioning to a 60-minute protocol requires the complete elimination of disorganized practices and the implementation of rigorous control over each procedural stage. Once the correct nail architecture has been established and foundational preparation is complete, the quality of the final outcome relies entirely on the technician's ability to manage both the materials and their own kinesthetic movements. At this stage, the manicure fundamentally transitions from an intuitive procedure into a highly precise system. The durability of the coating, the safety of the client, and the occupational health of the specialist depend upon strict adherence to timing, the elimination of extraneous movements, and a profound understanding of the processes governing the adhesion between the natural nail and the artificial material.

5.1. ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF ADHESION FAILURE

The primary issue underlying adhesion failure (delamination) stems from a continuous physical conflict between the mobile, living nail and the rigid artificial material. The natural nail plate is elastic, readily absorbs moisture, and is highly flexible. Conversely, hard gel or polygel constitutes an extremely dense and static material [57, 58]. Any torsional stress or pressure exerted at the interface of these two distinct materials generates substantial mechanical tension. If the preparatory phase was executed improperly, this tension instantaneously results in the detachment of the material from the nail bed.

Every routine flexion of the nail during daily activities compromises the bond, generating micro-gaps that facilitate the ingress of moisture and lipids.

The principal mechanical barrier preventing the material from adequately bonding to the nail is the pterygium. This represents a thin layer of cuticle tissue that firmly adheres to the nail surface and exhibits absolutely no adhesive properties with gel materials. Pterygium that is left behind and not thoroughly excised from the sinuses and the cuticle zone serves as an absolute cause of hard coating delamination. The gel is physically incapable of anchoring to keratinized skin, and the slightest movement subsequently induces the formation of an air pocket.

An equally critical error involves incorrect degreasing and the improper application of primer. Residual moisture and cutaneous lipids impede the material's ability to anchor effectively. Furthermore, the excessive application of acid primer (characterized by pooling) does not enhance adhesion but rather acts as an aggressive solvent. An overabundance of acid severely desiccates the nail, disrupts its internal structural bonds, and prevents the base coat from achieving full polymerization within the curing lamp [112].

Polymerization issues and thermal burns

Inadequate polymerization of materials is frequently associated with atmospheric oxygen inhibiting the gel's curing process, thereby leaving a sticky inhibition layer on the surface [54]. If this layer between incompatible materials is not removed or accounted for during the procedure, the artificial coating will begin to delaminate.

Complete material rejection is frequently precipitated by a thermal burn to the nail bed. The application of a highly acidic rubber base in a thick, leveling layer induces intense, uncontrolled exothermic heating within the lamp. Temperatures can reach 70-80 degrees Celsius, which leads to thermal burns, tissue necrosis, and the accumulation of exudate beneath the nail plate. This ultimately results in traumatic onycholysis, defined as a complete detachment of the nail from the nail bed, which rapidly becomes susceptible to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection [113, 114].

The destructive impact of fine particulate dust

Residual dust generated from material removal and structural filing acts as a physical barrier, obstructing the material from contacting the nail.

1. Particulate dust embedded within the nail's micropores and lateral folds absorbs the primer and base coat, preventing their penetration into the nail plate itself.
2. Should the gel polymerize alongside this dust, its structural integrity becomes porous and sponge-like, crumbling upon the initial application of mechanical load.
3. Dust accumulating on the skin of the lateral nail folds absorbs the pigment of the gel polish, creating unwanted flooding and an untidy contour, which inevitably serves as the initiation point for subsequent delamination [114].

Table 15. Causes of artificial material delamination

<i>Localization of delamination</i>	<i>Technician error</i>	<i>Mechanism of detachment</i>	<i>Correct algorithm</i>
Cuticle zone	Incompletely removed pterygium; use of oil-containing liquids prior to application.	The gel fails to adhere to the skin. A lipid film obstructs the chemical bond.	Dry machine manicure without maceration. Thorough mechanical debridement using a flame bur.
Lateral walls	Residual dust left in the folds; gel overflowing onto the surrounding skin.	Dust absorbs the base coat; the overflow acts as a rigid lever, prying the coating off during movement.	Meticulous dust removal using a moist wipe. Application of the gel with a 1 mm clearance margin.
Free edge (distal end)	Failure to file the natural nail from the underside; over-filing growth points.	The natural nail curls due to moisture absorption and mechanically separates from the rigid gel.	Filing the natural nail away from the internal underside. Sealing the distal edge with a top coat.
Center of the nail	Thermal burn of the bed; application of hard gel without an elastic base layer.	Intense exothermic heating causes a burn. Lack of shock absorption leads to stress fractures from impact.	Base coat applied in a thin, rubbing layer for shock absorption. Hard gel used strictly for architecture.

External factors and client health

The degradation of the coating is frequently induced by variables beyond the technician's control, which must nevertheless be communicated to the client. Aggressive detergents (for instance, those containing sodium lauryl sulfate) are capable of penetrating micro-fissures within the coating. These agents disrupt the skin's protective barrier, strip away natural lipids, and mechanically degrade the adhesive bond between the gel and the nail [115, 116].

Continuous exposure to hot water and household chemicals without protective gloves during the initial 24 hours post-procedure drastically escalates the risk of delamination. Animal fats and household acids can soften gel that has not yet achieved maximal cross-linking.

Particular attention must be directed toward the client's internal physiological health. Thyroid gland pathologies directly impact nail growth. In the presence of hormonal deficiency, the nails become thin and brittle. Conversely, excessive hormonal activity frequently manifests as spoon-shaped deformities or spontaneous onycholysis in the absence of trauma [117, 118]. Applying rigid materials to such compromised nails without the incorporation of elastic underlayments is strictly contraindicated, as this will result in the complete avulsion of the coating along with the dorsal layer of the natural nail.

5.2. IDENTIFICATION AND ELIMINATION OF TIME LOSSES (CHRONOPHAGES)

The transition from a two-hour manicure protocol to a one-hour standard is not achieved through the hazardous acceleration of bur rotation speeds or frantic pacing. Haste during the manipulation of living tissues invariably leads to over-filing, physical trauma, and a precipitous decline in overall quality. Authentic speed is the byproduct of a strictly defined algorithmic sequence, competent workstation ergonomics, and the rigorous eradication of superfluous actions.

In industrial manufacturing, time-normalization methodologies (such as the MTM system) are deployed to accelerate workflows by deconstructing labor into micro-movements: grasp instrument, transport, apply. The integration of this methodological approach into a nail technician's practice facilitates the elimination of invisible time losses by 54 to 62 percent, doing so without introducing additional physical strain [119].

Elimination of primary time losses:

- Frequent switching of instruments and operational modes The technician loses up to 15 minutes per procedure merely toggling reverse settings, exchanging burs, or locating a specific brush or file. Solution: Implementation of a conveyor-belt methodology. The removal of the previous coating is executed utilizing a straight-cut bur at high rotational speeds (30,000 to 35,000 rpm) exclusively in the Forward mode (clockwise). The kinetic trajectory proceeds from left to right. Material removal and length reduction are sequentially performed on all ten digits using a single bur without requiring attachment changes. This protocol conserves up to 7 minutes.
- Redundant nail buffing The application of manual files or buffers to smooth the nail plate following machine removal constitutes a superfluous action that actually compromises surface smoothness. Solution: Finalized machine removal. A carbide bur (designated by a black or green band), when applied with fluid passes, avoids material clogging and renders the nail plate completely smooth [120]. The nail is immediately prepared for the degreasing phase. The elimination of manual buffing conserves up to 8 minutes.
- Waiting for self-leveling (hand inversion) Numerous technicians invert the client's hand, palm facing upward, to facilitate the gravitational pooling of liquid gel toward the apex. Within the context of high-speed manicures, this represents a fundamental procedural error. Solution: Hand inversion forces the gel to flow toward the center, subsequently leaving the distal edge of the nail overly thin and devoid of structural protection. During the final internal filing process, such a compromised edge will inevitably fracture. Proper architecture is established immediately during gel application via the herringbone technique without requiring hand inversion. This preserves the requisite structural thickness at the free edge (1 to 1.5 mm) and saves up to 10 minutes previously lost to waiting.

- Incompatibility between brush type and material viscosity Soft, elongated brushes become bogged down in high-viscosity materials (such as polygel or jelly gels), compelling the technician to execute dozens of extraneous strokes. Solution: Jelly gels necessitate a resilient brush with abbreviated bristles, capable of pulling the material into position with a single, precise motion. For polygel applications, a wooden orangewood stick, appropriately saturated in a specialized slip solution, serves as the optimal tool. It resists material adhesion and permits immediate structural shaping [121].

Table 16. Optimization of time losses

<i>Time loss</i>	<i>Underlying cause</i>	<i>Correct algorithm</i>	<i>Time conserved</i>
Material removal utilizing short, repetitive strokes with frequent bur exchanges.	Burs become obstructed with particulate dust.	Employing a straight-cut bur with elongated, continuous passes in a conveyor sequence without changing attachments.	8-10 minutes
Surface buffing subsequent to machine removal.	Redundant labor. Uncertainty regarding the quality of the bur's cut.	Finalized machine removal directly to the basal layer. The surface remains optimally smooth.	5-7 minutes
Hand inversion to facilitate gel self-leveling.	Gel migrates away from the distal edge, elevating the probability of structural chipping.	Implementation of the herringbone application technique without hand inversion. The gel intrinsically self-levels.	6-8 minutes
Utilization of a soft brush for high-viscosity gel.	The brush becomes mired in the material. Isopropyl alcohol degrades the structural integrity.	Utilization of a high-tension brush or a wooden stick combined with a specialized slip solution.	3-5 minutes
Application of light-pigmented polishes in 3-4 coats.	Pigment distributes unevenly, resulting in patchy coverage.	Utilization of a milky base or top coat to establish an opaque foundational background prior to color application.	10-15 minutes

Workstation organization (The 5S System)

The operational workstation must harbor strictly the materials necessitated for the immediate procedure. Extraneous base coats and brushes are to be relegated to closed storage compartments [122]. Essential equipment (the micromotor unit, polymerization lamp, and dust extractor) must be positioned such that the technician is not compelled to overextend or excessively rotate, thereby preserving spinal ergonomics and conserving fractional seconds on every micro-movement.

5.3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGH-SPEED ALGORITHM

Transitioning from a conventional two-hour manicure to a one-hour paradigm imposes substantial cognitive and physiological demands on the technician's musculoskeletal and nervous systems. If a practitioner merely attempts to artificially accelerate their pace while disregarding established protocols, overall quality will precipitously decline and the incidence of occupational injury will rise.

The successful integration of high-speed techniques mandates a fundamental restructuring of habitual behaviors. The technician must refine all kinetic movements to a state of automaticity to eliminate the need for conscious deliberation at each procedural step (a phenomenon termed cognitive offloading). When the bur consistently follows a predetermined trajectory, and materials are applied in a rigidly codified sequence, the cognitive load is reduced, enabling the hands to operate with mechanized precision [123, 124].

Kinesthetic safety and spinal protection for the technician

High-speed operations demand strict compliance with ergonomic safety protocols to circumvent occupational pathologies affecting the spine and articular joints:

Article I. Rigid manual stabilization: Operating a micromotor at 35,000 rpm generates substantial kinetic vibration. To prevent the bur from deviating off course, establishing a physical fulcrum using the little finger of the operating hand is strictly mandatory. This digit functions as a stabilizing lever, dissipating mechanical stress away from the wrist. The contralateral hand must firmly secure the client's digit.

Article II. Elimination of vertical downward pressure: Rotary burs excise material purely via rotational velocity. Applying excessive downward pressure upon the nail plate not only inflicts thermal trauma on the client but also induces severe muscular strain in the technician [125]. The instrument must glide effortlessly, sweeping the material away.

Article III. Optimal ergonomic positioning during excision: Excising the cuticle with scissors or nippers requires the technician's elbow to be flexed at a 90-degree angle. During the cutting stroke, the instrument should pivot smoothly, rather than forcing the wrist to contort into non-anatomical angles. This biomechanical approach precludes the formation of hangnails.

Article IV. Particulate dust mitigation: Standard desktop fans merely disperse respirable dust across the operational environment. Integrated downdraft extraction units vacuum the particulate matter downward, thereby safeguarding the technician's respiratory system against allergen exposure and occupational asthma [59, 126].

Time-gated operations

The paramount instrument for operational self-regulation is the procedural timer. The manicure is segmented into rigorously defined phases. The compulsive desire to achieve a cleaner result in an area that is already sufficiently prepared expends critical time required for constructing a durable structural gel architecture.

Table 17. Standardized timing framework for a 60-minute manicure

<i>Technological phase</i>	<i>Technician actions</i>	<i>Allocated time (Maximum)</i>	<i>Quality control parameters</i>
Phase 1: Material removal and structural shaping	Excision of residual gel via straight-cut bur. Structural shaping using a 100/180 grit file.	7-10 min.	Forward operational mode. Little finger fulcrum established. Surface topography is entirely smooth.
Phase 2: Sinus debridement	Opening the proximal fold with a stick. Mechanical debridement utilizing a flame bur.	10-12 min.	Operation devoid of vertical pressure. The bur's kinetic vector glides strictly upward against the epidermal tissue.
Phase 3: Excision and dermal polishing	Continuous unified excision utilizing scissors/nippers. Polishing of the lateral folds.	5-7 min.	Elbow flexed at 90 degrees. The polishing instrument contacts only dermal tissue, entirely avoiding the nail plate.
Phase 4: Degreasing and base application	Application of degreaser, chemical primer, and a micro-layer of rubber base.	4-5 min.	Base is applied with minimal thickness (for shock absorption), strictly avoiding pooling.
Phase 5: Structural gel application	Gel application utilizing the herringbone technique sequentially across 4 to 5 digits.	10-12 min.	Operation executed without hand inversion. Required structural thickness at the distal edge is preserved.
Phase 6: Internal excision	Distal edge filing. Mechanical excision of the natural nail from the internal underside utilizing the micromotor.	6-8 min.	Preservation of orthogonal architecture. The internal structural arch is entirely cleared of natural nail tissue.
Phase 7: Pigmentation and top coat	Application of pigmented polish, followed by top coat sealing.	6-8 min.	Utilization of a milky base for light-pigmented hues. Top coat effectively seals the distal margin.

Prophylaxis of occupational burnout

The high-speed operational framework facilitates increased client throughput; however, this concurrently elevates the risk of profound emotional exhaustion [127, 128]. Clients frequently utilize the technician as a de facto psychological counselor, articulating personal grievances. Chronic exposure to this negative external stimuli diminishes the technician's cognitive focus, representing a severe occupational hazard when operating sharp instrumentation at high rotational velocities.

To preserve physiological health and professional longevity, the following imperatives must be instituted:

- Establishment of communicative boundaries: The technician must diplomatically redirect conversational vectors toward the procedure itself or aesthetic design choices, deliberately avoiding engagement with the client's personal psychological burdens.
- Implementation of micro-recoveries: Brief, interstitial rest periods dedicated to musculoskeletal stretching of the wrists and cervical spine between appointments alleviate muscular spasms and restore optimal hemodynamic circulation [129, 130].
- Strategic revenue management: The temporal surplus generated by process optimization should not be allocated toward working to the point of physiological collapse, but rather leveraged to justify an escalated pricing structure predicated upon flawless quality and temporal efficiency. This strategy safeguards against occupational burnout while concurrently elevating actual financial yield.

Table 18. Checklist for the prophylaxis of occupational burnout

<i>Risk factor</i>	<i>Clinical manifestation of the problem</i>	<i>Remedial action (solution)</i>
Physiological strain	Musculoskeletal pain in the wrists and cervical spine; localized muscular spasms.	Implementation of a rigid little finger fulcrum; elbows maintained at 90 degrees; client's hands elevated to the technician's thoracic level.
Particulate dust and chemical exposure	Allergic responses, chronic coughing.	Mandatory utilization of protective gloves; deployment of a high-velocity integrated downdraft extraction unit.
Operational fatigue	Procedural errors, degradation of cognitive focus.	Refinement of kinesthetic movements to automaticity; strict elimination of superfluous procedural phases.
Client interaction	Emotional irritability, profound reluctance to initiate the workday.	Establishment of strict conversational boundaries; mandatory implementation of interstitial recovery periods in silence.

CONCLUSION

The methodology underpinning the high-speed, 60-minute manicure represents a paradigm shift from intuitive manual labor to a rigorously calibrated and systematized operational framework. Within a highly competitive environment, the professional success of the technician and the overarching profitability of the salon are contingent upon the capacity to operate devoid of extraneous kinesthetic movements and temporal expenditures.

The foundational premise of this system dictates that genuine operational velocity is never attained at the detriment of procedural quality or client safety. Rather, speed is the logical consequence of meticulous precision: the elimination of redundant manual buffing, the continuous operation of the micromotor without bidirectional toggling, the correct structural application of gel without hand inversion, and the strategic utilization of appropriate materials (such as jelly gels, polygels, and optical bases).

A profound comprehension of the physio-chemical interaction between the gel and the natural nail plate enables the technician to circumvent severe procedural errors, ranging from exothermic chemical burns induced by excessive base coat application to complete structural delamination resulting from inadequate pterygium debridement or subsequent exposure to household chemicals. The strategic application of an elastic rubber base as a foundational underlayment, coupled with the mechanical excision of the natural nail from the internal underside, permanently resolves the biomechanical conflict between the flexible living nail and the rigid structural gel.

For the practitioner, the algorithmic implementation of the 60-minute manicure translates not solely into augmented revenue and elevated client satisfaction, but also ensures the preservation of their own physiological health. Optimal ergonomic posture, the mandatory establishment of a little finger fulcrum, strict adherence to time-gated operations, and the maintenance of healthy communicative boundaries collectively establish a robust foundation for a prolonged, lucrative, and comfortable career trajectory, unencumbered by spinal pathology or emotional burnout. This ideal equilibrium of operational velocity, reliable material chemistry, and uncompromised quality represents the new definitive standard for the modern professional.

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