

Arbonne foundation and tinted moisturizer

– reviewed and recommended



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As mentioned in Marta's review of [Arbonne's new RE9 line](#), the company also launched their brand new, full-range cosmetics line last week. They say that it uses "optilight technology", which works to diffuse light to create a soft-touch effect while still letting the skin breathe. Their Perfecting Liquid Foundation (\$40) and Sheer Finish Tinted Moisturizer with SPF 15 (\$36) were my introduction to the line, and wow – I don't even know where to begin singing their praises!

First a quick look at some of the ingredients. The active ingredient in both is sun-protecting [zinc oxide](#). They also have a slew of anti-aging forces including polypeptides, buddleja davidii extract (which we noted in an [earlier review](#), has wound healing phenylethanoids, antioxidant flavenoids like the powerful quercetin, and anti-inflammatory saponins) and marrubium vulgare extract, or white horehound, which also protects against UV damage. Additionally, they hold bragging rights to the anti-wrinkling sugar molecule ribose which prevents skin tissue breakdown. The tinted moisturizer also contains [sodium PCA](#), a naturally occurring humectant which absorbs and locks in moisture from the air, and [ethyl macadamiate](#), a plant based alternative to silicone from the fatty acid of macadamia oil. All great anti-aging and moisturizing ingredients expected from the botanically-based ethos of Arbonne.

Furthermore, tests were conducted to measure moisture and breathability, and they found that the moisture content increased 30% with the foundation and 57% with the tinted moisturizer and both were found to be as breathable as naked skin.

Now for starters, I'm not much of a tinted moisturizer OR liquid foundation gal...and that's totally not because I have perfect skin (boy, I wish!). Rather, tinted moisturizers end up being not

enough coverage, and on the other end of the spectrum, liquid foundation feels too cakey and heavy to me for everyday wear. That's partly due to the mineral makeup craze when I switched over to powders. After finding that the powders really weren't a great color match for my tan skin though, I was already too adapted to the light coverage to go back to liquid. Instead, I had relied on a small balmy concealer and not much else.

So, when I received both full sized products, I was a little skeptical. I decided to start off testing the tinted moisturizer. I was pleasantly surprised to find that it was a perfect mix of a light moisturizer without skimping on the coverage. The ones I've used in the past just felt like they wouldn't stay in place throughout the day – not this one. It not only felt like it gave me a smoother canvas (goodbye visible pores), but it was sheer enough to give me a brighter, dewy look. Incredible.

Now with way more confidence in the products, I moved on to trying out the foundation on days when I felt I needed a little more. The foundation spread easily and didn't feel heavy at all. In fact, it really felt as 'light-as-air' as the company touts. Also, happy to report that I had no breakouts from either products as I've experienced in the past – including the one time I broke out so bad from a drugstore liquid foundation, I had to make my very first appointment with the dermatologist. Not fun.

I can honestly say I never felt so comfortable in liquid makeup as I have with these two products from Arbonne. They have found a long term home in my makeup cabinet!

Sheer Finish Tinted Moisturizer Ingredients

Water, cyclopentasiloxane, zinc oxide, isododecane, hydrogenated polydecene, polyglyceryl-3 diisostearate, polymethylsilsesquioxane, glycerin, HDI/trimethylol hexylactone crosspolymer, popanediol, dimethicone, hydrogenated castor oil, magnesium sulfate, ribose, avena sativa (oat) kernel extract, camellia sinesis leaf extract, alaria esculenta extract, buddleja davidii extract, thymus vulgaris (thyme) extract, marrubium vulgare extract, hexapeptide-10, tocopheryl acetate, retinyl palmitate, tetrahexyldecyl ascorbate, aminobutyric acid, caprylic/capric triglyceride, sodium hyaluronate, sodium chloride, ethylhexylglycerin, caprylyl glycol, phenoxyethanol, sodium benzoate, potassium sorbate, titanium dioxide, iron oxides.

Perfecting Liquid Foundation Ingredients

Water, cyclopentasiloxane, zinc oxide, ethyl macadamiate, glycerin, polyglyceryl-3 diisostearate, oleyl oleate, propanediol, ricinus communis (castor) seed oil, polyglycerol-3 polyricinoleate, magnesium sulfate, zinc stearate, ribose, hydrogenated castor oil, camellia sinesis leaf extract, buddleja davidii extract, thymus vulgaris (thyme) extract, marrubium vulgare extract, hexapeptide-10, glyceryl dibehenate, tribehenin, glyceryl behenate, tocopheryl acetate, retinyl palmitate, tetrahexyldecyl ascorbate, bisabolol, sodium PCA, sodium chloride, ethylhexylglycerin, caprylyl glycol, phenoxyethanol, sodium benzoate, potassium sorbate, titanium dioxide, iron oxides