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8 Powder Sunscreens That Make Reapplying Easy, According to Dermatologists

These formulas protect the skin from environmental stressors, like harmful UVA and UVB rays.

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Ask any dermatologist and they will tell you that reapplying sunscreen throughout the day is key to effectively protecting your skin against harmful UVA and UVB rays. But on days you're on the go, or wearing a full face of makeup, reapplying sunscreen isn't always in the cards. The solution? Powder SPF, which is typically made of physical UV filters, zinc oxide, and titanium dioxide.

In addition to shielding your complexion from sun damage, powder sunscreens are great for mattifying oily skin—especially during the summer months—and work well for those who are acne-prone. What's more, SPF powders are designed to create an invisible layer of protection without disturbing your makeup or leaving a white cast. The only caveat? This formula type doesn't provide as much coverage as lotion-based iterations and should *always* be used in combination with cream or spray sunscreens.

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Isdin Mineral Brush SPF 50

\$55, [AMAZON.COM](#)

Protect your skin from free radicals and environmental damage with this mineral brush. "This powder sunscreen is great because it contains zinc oxide and mica to protect your skin from sun damage and doubles as a mattifying powder foundation, leaving you with a natural finish," says [Dendy Engelman](#), MD, board-certified dermatologist. Plus, the compact packaging makes for easy on-the-go use."



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Supergoop! (Re)setting 100 Percent Mineral Powder SPF 35

\$35, [SEPHORA.COM](https://www.sephora.com)

Formulated with SPF 35, this product not only shields skin from sun damage, but goes on seamlessly over makeup. Plus, its lightweight formula is packed with ceramides and olive glycerides that work to seal in moisture.



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Jane Iredale Powder-Me SPF 30 Dry Sunscreen

\$55, [DERMSTORE.COM](https://www.dermstore.com)

If you're looking for an option that holds up against UV rays, salt water, and sweat, you can't go wrong with this formula from Jane Iredale. The lightweight powder is water-resistant for up to 40 minutes and contains titanium dioxide and natural clay minerals to soothe sensitive, acne-prone, and even sunburned skin.



Luminess SPF 30 Sunscreen Setting Powder

\$20, [LUMINESSCOSMETICS.COM](https://www.luminesscosmetics.com)

Are you on the oiler side? If so, try using this setting powder from Luminess. "These single-use packets pull double duty as oil blotters and SPF protection, and are perfect for stashing in a bag to bring with you on the go," says Dr. Engelman.



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ZO Skin Health Sunsceen + Powder Broad-Spectrum

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This powder sunscreen is lauded for two main reasons: First, it simultaneously hydrates and reduces oil, and second, it comes in three color-enhancing pigments for a luminous glow.



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Colorescience Sunforgettable Total Protection Brush-On Shield SPF 50

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Your skin will feel great all day long when you apply this powder sunscreen—it's formulated with hyaluronic acid for added hydration. "I carry this in my purse at all times," says Rachel Westbay, MD, board-certified dermatologist of [Marmur Medical](https://www.marmurmedical.com). "It's a pure mineral sunscreen powder that has broad spectrum coverage and contains iron oxide for blue light protection. What's more, it has a very subtle shimmer that helps give that enviable glow—yet still manages to mattify on a hot summer day."



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Brush on Block Mineral Sunscreen SPF 30

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If you're looking for a powder sunscreen that's safe for sensitive skin, this option from Brush on Block is a smart choice. It's formulated with nonirritating ingredients and can be worn under or over makeup.



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iS Clinical PerfecTint Powder SPF 40

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A luxuriously hydrating formula that provides full coverage, this powder sunscreen contains zinc oxide, glycerin, and other ingredients that rejuvenate the skin's barrier and offer UVA and UVB protection.

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