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12 Best Sunscreen Sticks for All-Day Protection (Tested and Reviewed in 2024)

Sry, but you have no excuse to not reapply sunscreen now!

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If there's one thing you need to know in this world, it's that sunscreen is the most important part of your skincare routine (ya know, if you want to prevent skin cancer and fine lines—AKA everyone on Earth). But reapplying midday is a frickin hassle, especially if you're out and about. My secret weapon? Sunscreen sticks: An efficient, compact, and portable option that makes sun protection so damn easy. Just glide the stick across your face, and boom, you're protected.

But is it as effective as slathering on your go-to facial sunscreen? Eh, it depends. Ahead, I chatted with top dermatologists and skincare experts about how sunscreen sticks work, their benefits and disadvantages, and how to choose the best one for you. I also shared my 12 favorites below, so no matter your budget, preference for mineral or chemical formulas, or desired finish, there's one that you're sure to love.

Our top picks for sunscreen sticks in 2024:

BEST SUNSCREEN STICK OVERALL

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Colorescience Sunforgettable Total Protection Sport Stick SPF 50

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BEST GLOWY SUNSCREEN STICK

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Kopari Beauty Sun Shield On-The-Glow Sheer Stick Sunscreen SPF 40

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Cetaphil Sheer Mineral Sunscreen Stick for Face & Body

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Bare Republic Mineral SPF 50 Sunscreen and Sunblock SoftStick

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Neutrogena Ultra Sheer SPF 50 Zinc Mineral Sunscreen Stick

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Keep scrolling for all of the best sunscreen sticks of 2024, including Shiseido, Coola, CeraVe, Colorescience, and more. Then, read expert-led tips on applying your stick sunscreen for the best coverage and protection.

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1

Best Sunscreen Stick Overall

Colorescience Sunforgettable Total Protection Sport Stick SPF 50



\$39 AT AMAZON**PROS**

- ⊕ Goes on completely clear with no whitecast
- ⊕ Doesn't slip and slide during hot, sweaty days

CONS

- ⊗ Can melt if left outside in v hot temperatures, in my experience

If you're someone who spends a lot of time outside breaking a sweat or even swimming, this water-resistant option is our top pick. With an SPF of 50, you're protected no matter your activity level. Aesthetician Elizabeth Hand also praises this sunscreen stick for containing 13 percent zinc oxide, leaving zero white cast behind. "Super smooth and easy to use, this formula doesn't feel greasy whatsoever," she says. "This stick is great for all skin tones seeking maximum coverage with a sheer application."

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: "Super easy to use, it glides onto the face! I have combination skin (normal/oily). The formula doesn't feel greasy whatsoever and doesn't leave a white cast. It offers maximum coverage with a sheer application."

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Best Glowy Sunscreen Stick

Kopari Beauty Sun Shield On-The-Glow Sheer Stick Sunscreen SPF 40



\$29 AT ULTA BEAUTY

PROS

- ⊕ Smells like coconut milk, which I *loved*
 - ⊕ Adds a dewy, shimmery look without feeling greasy or heavy
- I love using it on my entire body for a shiny glow

CONS

- ⊗ Some testers didn't love the shimmer particles in the formula



My vibe is wet, glossy, glowy skin à la Hailey Bieber, which is why I stan this sunscreen stick from Kopari. It mimics a highlighter stick, thanks to the shimmery sheen it leaves on my skin without making my face greasy. It goes on completely clear otherwise, though, so it's ideal for all skin tones. Plus, it's loaded with aloe vera, so it hydrates and soothes my skin a lil bit, mitigating some of the redness I'm prone to. But it also contains some coconut oil to help add a dewy look to my skin, as well as majorly moisturize when my skin gets dry.

- **Type:** Chemical
- **SPF level:** SPF 40
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “I love how well the Sun Shield On-The-Glow Sheer Stick absorbs into my skin. It also leaves a shimmer, which sparkles against my skin. It has a similar smell to the un Shield Body Glow, but prefer this item because it doesn't make my hands feel greasy. I highly recommend.”

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Best Sunscreen Stick for Sensitive Skin

Cetaphil Sheer Mineral Sunscreen Stick for Face & Body



\$8 AT AMAZON

PROS

- ⊕ Hypoallergenic, so great for sensitive skin types

CONS

- ⊗ Some reviewers complain of a white cast

Sensitive-skin bbs, rise: If every sunscreen leaves your face burning, itching, and irritated, try this mineral stick from Cetaphil. It's actually formulated specifically for sensitive skin, so it uses super gentle and hypoallergenic ingredients, like zinc oxide, beeswax, and vitamin E. And if you're also a sensitive-skin queen who burns easily (relatable), this itty-bitsy stick is easy to stash in your bag for on-the-go touch-ups.

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “Easy to apply on face and neck. Easy to blend out. No bad white cast on medium dark summer skin. Also helped prevent sunburn with easy application to hands behind the wheel of my car in the summer sun on long drives. Great on sensitive dry skin. Plan on buying more for vacation in the sun for easy applications while out.”

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Easiest to Use Sunscreen Stick

Bare Republic Mineral SPF 50 Sunscreen and Sunblock SoftStick

on sale



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PROS

- ⊕ Sponge tip applicator makes it easier to apply
- ⊕ Made with clean ingredients

CONS

- ⊗ I wish it came with more product

Applying sunscreen on the go can be a messy experience. First, you've gotta make sure your hands are squeaky clean, then there's the sticky residue afterward. Thankfully, sunscreen sticks like this one from Bare Republic make life hella easier. It actually features a soft, sponge top that glides easily and doesn't require you to use your hands to rub it in. And if you're all into clean beauty, rest assured Bare Republic is free of synthetic fragrances and parabens. Plus, it's Hawaii Reef Compliant, so you can take care of yourself without worrying about harming yourself or the environment in the process.

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing editor review: The sponge tip of this sunscreen stick is so comfortable to apply and actually makes me look forward to putting on my sunscreen!

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Best Broad-Spectrum Sunscreen Stick

Neutrogena Ultra Sheer SPF 50 Zinc Mineral Sunscreen Stick



\$17 AT ULTA BEAUTY

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| <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Fragrance free⊕ Offers UVA and UVB broad-spectrum coverage | <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Some reviewers complain of white-cast |
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This affordable, mineral sunscreen stick is not only one of my favorites, but loved by aesthetic nurse practitioner Jodi Logerfo, too. “I like this because it is made with zinc, so it's mineral-based,” she says. “It provides broad-spectrum protection—UVA and UVB—and spreads easily on the skin in my experience,” says Dr. Logerfo, adding that it's also quite moisturizing. FYI: Mineral sunscreens often get a bad rep due to the white cast they leave behind (a result of the zinc oxide in the formula), and this one does go on white. But not to worry—it's nothing a little rubbing in won't fix.

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “It's embarrassing how excited I got for this sunscreen stick. It is so convenient! I walk outside but hate the smell of spray sunscreen. This stick makes it so easy to reach those awkward, hard-to-reach places. It does apply white but once rubbed in, it disappears. I love being able to throw this in my bag for reapplying and on-the-go activities.”

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Best Sunscreen Stick for Under Makeup

Supergoop! Glow Stick SPF 50 PA++++ Dry Oil Sunscreen Stick



\$30 AT AMAZON

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| <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Doesn't cause a white cast on my medium to tan skin⊕ Leaves a *major* dewy finish that I love | <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Might be too heavy for some oily skin types |
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Now that I've experienced the magic and ease that is a sunscreen stick, I honestly often prefer it to my other go-to liquid sunscreens. But they're not all super great under foundation and concealer—except Supergoop's Glow Stick. It gives my skin a radiant, glowy finish before blending creams and powders on top. Hand loves it too: “The glow it leaves is really unmatched,” she says. “It's perfect for dry to normal skin types, but even oily skin types who want to be mistaken for a glazed Krispy Kreme might love it too,” she adds.

- **Type:** Chemical
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “As someone who has extremely dry and acne-prone skin, this is amazing!! My skin was hydrated throughout the day and it is acne friendly. Highly recommend!!”

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Best Hydrating Sunscreen Stick

Coola Refreshing Water Sunscreen Stick SPF 50



\$30 AT SEPHORA

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| <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Majorly moisturizing with hyaluronic acid⊕ Has blue and infrared light protection | <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Runs out quickly, per testing |
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Sticks can sometimes translate to sticky, but not this one from Coola. It glides on easily and also works to moisturize your skin, thanks to niacinamide and hyaluronic acid, some of the best skincare ingredients for hydration.

Cosmo's beauty editor Beth Gillette swears by this for reapplying her sunscreen in the summer: "When I'm at the beach, or on a boat—you know, just ~summer things~—the last thing I wanna do is cover my face with a goopy sunscreen," she says. "But this Coola stick feels so lightweight while still being super hydrating, making me look dewy but not greasy at all."

- **Type:** Chemical
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** No

Glowing customer review: "After using this product for over a week every single day- I am very pleased with the results. I am on my vacation in Florida- so the sun is pretty intense here now. Not sticky- hydrating- and very easy and convenient to apply"

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Best Sunscreen Stick for All Skin Tones

Live Tinted Hueguard Invisible Sunscreen Stick SPF 50



\$28 AT AMAZON

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| <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Goes on completely clear⊕ Doesn't pill or get sticky as I reapply throughout the day | <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Some reviewers complain that the stick crumbles a lil as you apply it |
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Live Tinted is all about making products for tan to deep skin tones, so trust when I say this sunscreen stick goes on completely clear—no white cast in sight. I can swipe it on a few times throughout the day, and I never notice that it starts to pill or get sticky either. Instead, the stick just hydrates my skin, leaving behind a dewy finish that works with your makeup rather than against it. For those who spend a lot of time outside or sweat easily, it's also water and sweat-resistant for up to 80 minutes, so you don't have to worry.

- **Type:** Chemical
- **SPF level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “I got this not knowing what to expect and I love it!! No more putting sunscreen on my face and not having it soak in my skin! No more white marks. Love how this doesn't make my skin dry either.”

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Best Tinted Sunscreen Stick

MDSolarSciences Tinted Solar Stick SPF 40



\$24 AT AMAZON

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| <p>PROS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ Tinted sunscreen helps reduce white cast from mineral formula⊕ Adds a lil bit of coverage | <p>CONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Only comes in one medium-tone shade that might be a bit chalky on deep skin tones |
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I'm a huge fan of MDSolarSciences tinted sunscreens, so when I found this stick formula, I was v intrigued. Now, it's become one of my go-tos when I want a tiny bit of extra coverage with my sunscreen stick. It has a very lightweight tint that helps counteract any potential white cast (since it's a mineral, zinc-based formula), all the while ever-so-slightly evening out my skin tone and reducing a lil redness.

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF Level:** SPF 40
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “This sun stick is easy to apply, glides on smoothly, blends instantly onto the skin, and feels great. It is gentle enough for kids 6 months and older. It is so light and doesn't feel greasy and it doesn't leave a white cast.”

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Best Dermatologist-Approved Sunscreen Stick

EltaMD UV Stick Face and Body Sunscreen SPF 50+



\$38 AT AMAZON

| <u>PROS</u> | <u>CONS</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊕ One of the most loved sunscreen brands by dermatologists⊕ Isn't greasy or heavy on my skin | <ul style="list-style-type: none">⊗ Can be slightly stiff, so a lil hard to roll on |

Nearly every derm I speak to sings the praises of EltaMD's sunscreens. Board-certified dermatologist Ellen Marmur describes this UV stick as one of her go-tos. “It has a clean, all-mineral formula, non-greasy texture, and can be used everywhere,” she says. It’s also TSA-friendly, so you can get through security without worrying about having to throw it away and getting burned on your beach trip.

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF Level:** SPF 50+
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “I love it. Perfect for flight. Get to your destination, sun exposure ready. Goes on clear. The only way to go in my book. Highly recommended!”

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Best Mineral Sunscreen Stick

CeraVe Mineral Sunscreen Stick

on sale

**\$10 AT AMAZON****PROS**

- ⊕ Suitable for sensitive skin types
- ⊕ Helps moisturize with hyaluronic acid and ceramides

CONS

- ⊗ Comes in a v small size

Another Dr. Marmur approved pick, this stick goes on smoothly and is “water-resistant, with a clean formulation infused with hyaluronic acid and three essential ceramides.” TBH, it's actually formulated with kids in mind, so it's excellent for very sensitive, delicate skin, people with dermatitis, or even for those with rosacea. And because it's safe, don't forget to apply it to your lips, nose, earlobes, and around the eyes.

- **Type:** Mineral
- **SPF Level:** SPF 50
- **Waterproof or sweatproof?** Yes

Glowing customer review: “Great sunscreen to leave in your purse, so when you forget to put on some sunscreen on your face and arms you always have one at the ready. It goes on nicely, and is not too oily.”

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