

Buyer's Impressions of Best and Worst Hair Products

Hair: the one thing you must deal with on a constant basis unless you're bald or carefree. Being that I have long, blonde hair, I often find there are many struggles because of it, whether it be trying different hair sprays to hold my curls in place for a long night or keeping it from turning orange with the wrong kind of color shampoo. We've all had some trouble to sort out with our hair at one point or another. As troublesome as it can be, in this article, I can be your "guinea pig" and share some of the best and worst products through trial and error, helping you make the right choice for your hair needs.

1) Batiste Dry Shampoo

I hate those days when you wake up and realize that your hair is a greasy mess! It's even worse when you must be somewhere but can't spare the hour it's going to take to wash, dry, and style your hair. Well, lucky for you... I have a solution for your greasiness. Batiste Dry Shampoo has been one of the best purchases I've made. It can really take your greasy, bedhead hair to the next level. The best part is, you don't have to use much. It has a strong aerosol that dispenses the product well, while not needing to spray heavy amounts to absorb the oils.

With that said, there is a slight con to this product. I can only emphasize to NOT be heavy handed when spraying this on your hair. What happens when I do is that I get white streaks on the parts I'm spraying it to. I recommend you hold your hair back away from your face, holding the spray can about 6 inches from your hair, and do small sprays until your shine is visibly gone.

Did I mention they have it in 13 different scents, including the "Original" (scentless)? That is a big selection for dry shampoo compared to others I've tried in the past.

Apart from its value and fragrance options, what I like most about this product is that it stays in your hair for DAYS. I have literally gone a week without washing my hair and not have that itchy sensation on my scalp. It truly is worth the price at **\$7.99!** So, I suggest you go out there and try it for yourself!

2) Pantene Pro-V Style Series Hair Spray

It's essential to have a good hairspray on hand for your styling needs. Choosing the right kind is often the trickiest part because you're not sure if it's going to be able to hold your hair in place without making it feel like a sticky mess, unless you like that feeling. Sometimes having the right hairspray doesn't always have to be so expensive either. There are many good, generic brands out there that everyone can use. Therefore, I recommend the Pantene Pro-V Hair Spray.

When I first bought this product, I didn't know much about it as I never used it before. I needed a hairspray before going to an event, so I just threw it in my cart. The bottle states that it has a "strong hold" with a "level 4" indicating its holding power. After the first use, I noticed that it does indeed keep your hair in place. I strongly recommend this product for those that like a soft, brushed-out curl without losing its shape.

This hairspray is very buildable, allowing you to either keep a strong hold on your style or a neat and moveable one. As for the price, it's sort of average at **\$10.24 (11.0 oz/311 grams)** a can. Granted, there are cheaper options, but overall I like how this feels on my hair and how it achieves the look I want every time I use it.

3) Shea Moisture Curl Creme

After following popular hair trends on Instagram and seeing how Kim Kardashian could achieve the "effortless wet curls" look, I decided to try it for myself. My hair is more on the wavy side than it is fully curly. I wanted to capture my hair when it was wet, without it being wet. That's when I found out about the Shea Moisture Curl Creme. You're supposed to apply the cream to damp hair; after that, you wait a few hours to let it dry or you can speed up the process by using a diffuser. It comes with a generous amount of product at **12 oz/340 grams**, and only takes a small scoop to coat semi-medium length hair.

Once my hair was completely dry, I noticed it did exactly what I wanted... BUT, the texture of my hair wasn't what I was expecting it to be. My hair felt very oily and I did not like that feeling. Was it the worst thing ever? Not exactly, but having the appearance of overly shiny hair was overall not a good look for me personally.

I did find that the product smelled good, having a tropical aroma. I would advise that if you're curious about achieving the look I wanted, maybe give it a shot and see how it works for you. If it flops, return it and try something else. My final thoughts on this product is that it's an okay product. Just because I wasn't a fan personally doesn't mean you would feel the same way. You get a generous amount of product, it doesn't take a lot to coat your hair, and the price is decent at **\$7.49**.

4) Designline Ultimate Radiance Leave-in Conditioner

This product was the one I was most excited to talk about. Over the years, I've always tried to find the right products that could keep my hair healthy, soft, smooth, and strong. This product has achieved all of that! Since finding out about this product at my local salon, I've not stopped buying it. It's a leave-in conditioner that you spray into your hair after its dampened. I always spray in a generous amount after washing, and then let it get soaked up like a sponge without blow-drying.

The next day, my hair is VERY soft and easily manageable. This is great for people that have very tangled hair, or even curly hair and just want something that can help keep it under control. I can't really find anything bad to say about it, other than I wish it came in a bigger bottle!

This product isn't sold in drugstores. I often see this online or at salon boutiques that I go to. I would advise you to look around in your area before buying online. You can likely find this product on sale or even discounted if you are a new customer. My bottle was only **\$12.99 (250 ML size)**. If you are lucky enough to snag or even try this product, hopefully you like it as much as I do!

5) Paul Mitchell Super Skinny Serum

Does your hair lack shine and smoothness? Do you find it hard to be manageable to the point you can't run your fingers through it? Well... This is a favorite of mine that I've been using for YEARS and might now be yours too! The Paul Mitchell Super Skinny Serum is one of the best products I've tried for helping to bring life back to my hair when it's looking dull or feeling dry and frizzy. It's a hair serum or oil that you apply throughout your hair to add in

shine and control frizz. I often found that when I use this to blow dry wet hair, it helps reduce drying time by speeding up the process.

Depending on how much frizz you have, you may need a few pumps to distribute the right amount to control it. What's interesting about this product is that you can get somewhat heavy-handed with it without it looking too greasy. It's lightweight and really does improve how your hair looks throughout the day.

The only negative thing I could say about using this product is that depending on your hair texture and type, you might find yourself having to reapply this more than once throughout the day. Being that my hair is unnaturally blonde, I often need to apply this throughout my scalp and ends to keep it from looking dried out (blonde problems).

This product retails for **\$21.00 (5.1 oz bottle)** and is easily found at most salon and cosmetic retailers.

6) TRESemme Thermal Spray

We love always taking the right steps in protecting our hair when it comes to heat styling. It's always important to use a heat protectant or thermal spray to ensure your hair isn't being damaged while heat is being applied to it. Over the last 10 years, I have tried maybe 5 different types of heat sprays in my styling routine. Recently, I was in the market to try a new one that I continue to see advertised a lot in stores. The TRESemme Thermal Spray was a BIG and MESSY mistake.

When I bought it, I was traveling around a lot and decided to bring it with me. I packed it in my suitcase and ensured the safe lock was active, so the product wouldn't spill. I got to my hotel and opened my suitcase to find EVERYTHING soaked and wet from the spray bottle. I was very annoyed that day, considering I had to lay out my clothes in a tiny bathroom to dry. Did I mention everything was sticky?

What happened was that the lock was still in place, but the bottle came unscrewed while I was traveling. At first glance, it wasn't obvious that it came undone as it still appeared to be together, until I picked it up and it fell apart. Despite that being one of the cons, the other is simply that the product is sticky. It doesn't feel good in your hair, and the smell isn't very appealing either.

I wouldn't suggest you buy this product because it's not well made, it feels gross in your hair, and the smell isn't very attractive. The price for this product is **\$8.99 (8 Fl oz/ 236 ML)**.

7) Organix Nourishing Coconut Milk Shampoo & Conditioner

Shampoo and conditioner are what we use on a routine basis. There's a lot of popular and reputable brands that make all sorts of different kinds. Organix shampoo and conditioner must be one of my top favorites! With each time I use Organix's shampoo and conditioner, I find that my hair is very soft and silky. The smell of their haircare products is AMAZING and not overly intoxicating with fragrance. I also really like the fact that they have many different fragrance options as well, not leaving you limited to just a few. Organix states that their products are highly enriched with ingredients that are good for your hair. This may sound like a claim often made by many companies, but I for one really have noticed an improvement in my hair as I continue to use Organix.

Besides hair silkiness and volume, it does seem ideal for those with over-processed hair. Since I often bleach my hair, it becomes dry. The conditioner really helps with this, adding back moisture and hydration to keep it from looking lifeless and brittle. You can find both products at your local drug stores in a **(Combo Pack)** for only **\$20.30 (25.4 OZ each)!**

8) Matrix Color Obsessed So Silver Shampoo

If you're blonde like me, then you know how important it is to have a toning shampoo on hand to keep your roots and ends from turning that unwanted brassy color. Over the last few years, I have been through countless bottles of toning shampoo from various brands. Some were able to achieve the result I wanted, but this shampoo by far has been the most promising!

The Matrix Color Obsessed Shampoo has really helped in keeping my hair toned without turning it too violet. It adds just enough tone without it fully changing your hair. I often let this set on my hair for 5 minutes while in the shower before washing it out. Once I blow-dry, my hair looks just as it did when I got it retouched in the salon.

This product is very good and worth the **\$13.00 (10.1 OZ)**. However, you can easily find this item on sale in store or online for only **\$9.75!** I suggest you try it if you really want to maintain your blonde needs!

9) Paul Mitchell Awapuhi Wild Ginger Texturizing Sea Spray

Over the summer, I wanted to try new hair trends that were popular on social media. Everyone was raving about beachy, wavy hair. The trick to achieving this style was simple: just dampen your hair and add in some sea salt spray or cream.

My stylist suggested that I try the Awapuhi Wild Ginger Sea Spray. A few spritzes, some air dry, and my hair was effortlessly wavy, achieving that beachy wavy hair trend. I really think this product is decent, and I appreciate that it doesn't leave my hair feeling like a sticky mess. Compared to other products that offer the same result, this one is a bit on the higher side of the price scale, selling at **\$21.00 (5.1 OZ)**.

I would suggest this product to people that want to have a good product for their hair, but also those who want to achieve the same look as I did. If the price isn't in your budget, there are many others on the market you could try!

10) T/Sal Scalp Build-Up Control Shampoo (Extra Strength)

We have finally reached our last product. This product was something I came across during the fall season when I began noticing dry patches and dandruff buildup on my scalp. Every night, my scalp was suffering, causing me to constantly itch and scratch various parts of my head to alleviate the irritation. It was very annoying to deal with and affected my sleep. That was until I found T/Sal scalp and dandruff treatment shampoo.

This product not only stopped the buildup and irritation but also cleared up all the dry patches in only one use! Since then, I haven't experienced any more excessive buildup or itchy irritation.

The only con I found about this product was that its smell is quite unpleasant, with a scent of chemicals that reeked throughout my hair for days even after adding in my own conditioner. Despite that, I really find this to be the most useful and promising product for dandruff needs!

This shampoo retails for **\$9.99 (6 FL OZ)** and can be found at local drug stores.

Final Thoughts

This concludes my brief review on the 10 different products I've tried for my hair. Hopefully, you have found the advantages and disadvantages of the different products mentioned helpful to you. I will continue to test and try newer products over the next year and carry out another Buyer's Impressions!
