

## **Hair Relaxers and Ethnic Hair**

Hair relaxer is an important part of maintaining your beauty. Ethnic hair is generally harder to manage in its natural state and using a relaxer can make this easier. It can create that silky straight or yaki straight look people love. There are many products to choose from on the market today. However, one should pay attention to the ingredients in these products because they make a big difference in terms of maintainability. The first type of relaxer product is comprised of alkaline and lye. This combination penetrates the hair and breaks down the internal bonds, thereby making the hair workable. These types of relaxers are often combined with soap in order to counter the effects of the lye. Relaxer products can also come in the forms of base or no-base. Base relaxers require a preliminary application of petroleum jelly to the scalp in order to prevent irritation from the lye. No-base relaxers use a lesser concentration of lye, but can still be irritating to the scalp. In recent days no-lye relaxers are becoming more popular. Many of these no-lye relaxers operate in the same way as typical lye relaxers but use different chemicals. Other no-lye relaxers can sometimes use various chemical combinations in order to create a chemical reaction that will make ethnic hair easier to work with. Choosing the right relaxer can make all the difference in protecting your scalp. So make an informed decision can help you maintain the beauty of your hair.