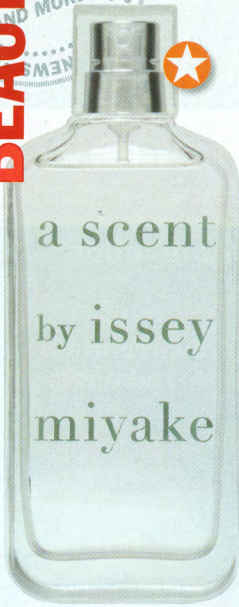


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SMELL THIS

NAME GAME

Japanese designer Issey Miyake loves a good pun. His first fragrance, L'Eau d'Issey, is "odyssey" with a French accent; his newest venture is A Scent, as in "ascent." We took the verbena-hyacinth A Scent to The Place, a restaurant in New York City, and asked women to give An Opinion. —KAYLEIGH DONAHUE



"It's summery. I think of the color pink."

—Kathleen Lucier, chef



"I could see someone young wearing this."

—Maura Rogers, intern



"It's fresh—like you just got out of the shower."

—Sara Molin, secretary



The Shining

The newest hair glossers are lighter and better than ever. We asked hairstylist David Evangelista to test them. —VICTORIA KIRBY

The Stuff	Pro's Report	Our Test
<p>Sebastian Professional Trilliant Thermal Protection and Shimmer Complex</p>	<p>"The formula is lightweight, so you can even use it on fine hair. I used it on a client and blew her hair dry, and it was shiny and bouncy."</p>	<p>Though the shimmer in the bottle alarmed us, the spray left us with obvious shine, not visible glitter. But the fruity-liqueur scent is strong.</p>
<p>Kronos Krystal High Gloss Shine Spray</p>	<p>"This added real shine to dry hair. It's not as effective when applied to wet hair, though."</p>	<p>After we misted it on damp hair, this produced some luster, but not enough. However, we loved the beachy scent.</p>
<p>Head & Shoulders Restoring Shine Shampoo & Conditioner</p>	<p>"The conditioner is great at smoothing and boosting shine, but the shampoo is a little drying—not ideal for dry or color-treated hair."</p>	<p>Our hair looked a bit shinier, but the difference wasn't dramatic. It felt incredibly soft and smelled fresh.</p>
<p>L'Oréal Paris Vive Pro Glossy Style Glossy Curis Spray Gel</p>	<p>"A lot of curl sprays are mostly alcohol, which dries the hair and leads to frizz. This one has moisturizers to make the curls shiny and smooth."</p>	<p>"Glossy" curl sprays make us think Michael Jackson circa 1985. But this wasn't greasy at all—our curls dried fast and looked springy.</p>

No Sweat?

We have wipes to remove makeup, apply self-tanner, and clean the sink. Now two antiperspirant wipes promise to control sweat better than sticks and sprays. DermaDoctor Med e Tate Hyperhidrosis Control Wipes claim to rival the effectiveness of underarm Botox injections with 19 percent aluminum zirconium tetrachlorohydrate glycine; SweatBlock towelettes promise to curb sweat for a full week after one application, thanks to 13 percent aluminum chloride hexahydrate—the strongest antiperspirant ingredient (but also a potential irritant). "These products have close to the maximum amounts allowed of these active ingredients, so they should be very effective at constricting sweat glands," says cosmetic chemist Jim Hammer. They also don't contain waxy residue, making them good for hands, feet—and black dresses. But don't expect the DermaDoctor wipes to duplicate Botox, says dermatologist Leslie Baumann: "Aluminum blocks sweat glands, but Botox blocks the nerves that activate the glands—and Botox lasts for up to six months."

Bottom Line: Both products kept us dry during our normal activities, but neither lasted through a workout.

—STEPHANIE TWEITO JACOB

FREE STUFF: We're giving away products from DermaDoctor, Issey Miyake, Kronos, Sebastian Professional, and SweatBlock. Turn to page 184 for details.

SHOPPING GUIDE: DermaDoctor, dermadocor.com. Head & Shoulders, headandshoulders.com. Issey Miyake, saks.com. Kronos, kronoshair.com. L'Oréal Paris, lorealparisusa.com. Sebastian Professional, sebastianprofessional.com. SweatBlock, sweatblock.com.

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