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SUMMER SKIN

The safest way to glow

LACE UP

Lingerie we love

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Interview with a rock star

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VOGUE BEAUTY



Anti-Rides; American dermatological brands N.V. Perricone M.D., Dr. Brandt and RéVive by Dr. Gregory Bays Brown; and the excellent UltraCeuticals skincare range, which has been created locally by Dr. Geoffrey Heber.

Beside these ranges is a bewildering array of products containing ingredients that you need a science degree to interpret and which boast effects such as being "better than Botox" (in the case of KleinBecker's StriVectin-SD cream). It seems that every week someone comes out with a revolutionary new product to reduce our wrinkles (ModelCo.'s Erase Those Fine Lines) or lift our faces without surgery (FusionBeauty's LiftFusion Micro-Injected M-Tox Transdermal Face Lift).

Snake oil? I have been working my way steadily through most of these products and can't report anything sensational. (But, to be fair, the doctors make it clear miracles aren't on the agenda.) There's no doubt my skin looks better from all this attention and some products, such as Dr. Brandt's Crease Release, UltraCeuticals's Ultra C cream, ModelCo.'s Erase Those Fine Lines and the LiftFusion, do seem to work a charm on softening my lines. But then again, so too do good moisturisers like Crème de la Mer. None of these are cheap.

A dermatologist friend just laughs and says he sends his patients to the pharmacy for DermaDrate cream, which retails for around \$11 a tube. But it's not very glamorous, is it?
Lee Tulloch

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Famous for Balenciaga and bullfights, Spain is now firmly on the beauty map with Natura Bissé. The stars of its high-tech line are the Diamond skincare products, which include a marine extract that stimulates cell renewal and revitalises skin.

Natura Bissé
Diamond Cream
50ml, \$500.



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BOTTLE

Under the knife or cosmetic procedure companies out there decide not to spend hundreds of dollars on collagen, then there are thousands of dollars in punter products that just as good.

Known as cosmeceuticals, these creams and serums are cosmetic products with pharmaceutical effects. They are commonly developed by doctors to be used by their patients between procedures or by those who don't want the procedure but want the reassurance of products created by someone with hands-on expertise.

The leading products in the field are PreVage MD anti-ageing treatment, which contains the potent antioxidant idebenone; Payot Sérum

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DIAGNOSIS BEAUTY

Think you can handle the real truth about your skin? Luxury beauty brands have introduced high-tech diagnostic tools at their counters to take the guesswork out of buying the correct skincare products. The SK-II Beauty Imaging System uses a digital camera to capture below-the-surface images of your skin, analysing pore size, dark spots and wrinkles, while Chanel's Précision Diagnostic Tool is a portable computer that lets consultants to determine the health of your skin and recommend suitable solutions. Over at the Lancôme counter, a Diagnòs Expert machine (pictured left) allows beauty advisers to zoom in on the depth of lines, firmness, oil levels and hydration levels of skin. Try it if you dare!

