

9 Tips to make your Eyeglasses last longer

You invest a lot of time in finding the right pair of spectacles. You look for the right frame shape and colour that perfectly suits you. Don't you want to do everything you can to make these spectacles last as long as possible? Here are some great tips on how to take proper care of your eyeglasses that will help make them last.

Remove carefully

Take them off using two hands, instead of one. This keeps the sides straight and in the right alignment. Taking them off one-handed stretches them out and makes them loose. **Don't put your glasses on the top of your head.** This can distort the shape, and there's a greater chance of them falling off and getting damaged.

Rinse

Always rinse your glasses off with water cold before wiping or cleaning them. Even tiny particles of dust or dirt can settle on your lens, and if you wipe those around on a dry lens, it can be abrasive.

Spray Carefully

If you're going to use a chemical, **use sprays or cleansers that are specifically made to clean eyeglass lenses.** Never use household cleaners like Windex, because these chemicals contain ammonia, which will actually tear off the any coating that is on the lens. Mackereth sell a variety of excellent cleaning sprays for spectacle lenses.

Air Dry

If you can, **allow your glasses to air dry.** This is another great way to keep any materials from getting on to your lens. If you can't set them down to air dry, wipe them down with the microfiber cloth supplied with your glasses.

Use the Right Cloth

NEVER use paper towels, or napkins to dry your lenses. All of these materials, regardless of how soft they are on your skin, have a textured surface and can easily scratch your lenses.

Also, refrain from using the tail of your shirt. If the clothing is not 100% cotton, the fibres in the fabric will scratch the lens of your eyeglasses over time. The clothing can also have dirt on it, which means the residue ends up transferred to your lenses.

Grip Firmly

Hold your frames by gripping the piece that crosses the bridge of the nose. This will keep you from accidentally bending the frame while you clean. Bent glasses can negatively affect the way you see out of your glasses. Plus, if your frames are bent out of shape, they're more likely to feel uncomfortable.

Store Properly

Store your glasses when you're not wearing them. This isn't just a great way to keep dust and dirt away from your eyeglasses, but it also protects your specs. When you take your glasses off, put them in the case to keep them from getting scratched, bent or broken. Any particles, scratches, or tiny hairline fissures will make it harder for you to see perfectly through your glasses, especially at night or in darkened rooms (light will travel along those scratches, creating halos and prisms).

Place Carefully

Don't lay your glasses lens down. This is just asking for scratched lenses.

Wash Often

Washing your glasses at least once a day will keep your lenses in their optimal state. The cleaner your glasses, the less your eyes have to strain to see through smudges, dirt and dust. Washing-up liquid diluted in warm water works well. Don't use harsh cleaning fluids, cream cleaners or hot water as this may damage the coating on your lenses.

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