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The Root of the Problem

I've never been the girl with the cool hair. Ask anyone who's done my hair and they'll tell you I'm not really into curls or any sort of bells and whistles. When I go to the hair salon, I get it done straight. No bump. No curl under. Just bone straight.

And ever since I burned my face really badly with a curling iron back in 2001, I vowed never to pick one up again. (We're talking aloe, ice, Neosporin. You can't see the scar anymore.) It probably had something to do with the fact that I was on the phone as I tried to bump the front, but I clearly have no hair styling skills to begin with. Best to keep it simple. So the flat iron and straightening comb became my hot tools of choice. Until Kevin Ryan introduced me to his Root Control straightener last year on a shoot for Rocawear.



I love that it safely straightens my roots. It gets really good heat—you can control it based on four different settings. (Fine, Normal, Thick and Course.) The hot rod's encased in a comb so the chances of burning yourself seem next to minimal. For someone who wears hair extensions, sometimes I just need the exposed roots to be straightened. And for a klutz like me, I need all the help I can get.



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Wow, I have to tell my sister about this! She is a licensed stylist (but works in a bank). I am trying to get her back in a salon because she is awesome and promotes healthy hair no matter if it is chemically treated or natural.

Posted by: Felicia | 07/25/2009 at 02:01 PM

The Tyra Banks Show featured this product on an episode last year. The stylist tried it on a girl with natural hair and it seemed to work.

BTW, I love that you have a blog on essence, Joy. I am a fan of your style because you always look so natural and exude that effortless type of beauty. It never looks like you try too hard but you still always look on point.

Congrats on all the success thus far, keep up the good work Joy, and I'm still expecting even bigger things from you!

Posted by: Li | 07/25/2009 at 03:28 PM

Joy you are so beautiful and I can say to anyone reading this, I met you once at a black tie function and not only did you stop to chat you were so genuine, that when Beyonce and Jay Z were next to you - you never took your focus off of me as I was finishing my sentence. You are so well mannered and in person, absolutely beautiful inside and out that I just had to drop this quick note and say thank you for being you. Whomever raised you girl should be very proud. And I love love love your hair just out and flowing looking natural and that you do not wear a whole lot of make up. You are a natural black beauty.

Posted by: NYGIRL | 07/26/2009 at 05:56 PM

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