

## Skin Deep News...

Before Gareth Pugh and Alexander McQueen, it was Jean Paul Gaultier who ruffled feathers as the *enfant terrible* of the fashion world. He put Madonna in the conical bra and men in skirts. Not content with pushing the boundaries of fashion, the couturier has set his sights on male grooming. April 1st sees the launch of Jean Paul Gaultier Monsieur, a comprehensive range of 17 products, comprising skincare, cosmetics and a new fragrance, Eau du Matin. Fear not; while Gaultier's former fragrance offering, Fleur du Male, bordered on feminine, with heady floral notes, Eau du Matin is reassuringly masculine. Top citrus notes of bergamot and petit-grain give way to base notes of cedar. It has an invigorating effect on the senses, particularly when sprayed on the body and rubbed into skin – perfect for a quick boost when you're feeling sluggish. Standout skincare products include the Face Wash, a rich cream that produces a luxurious lather on damp skin. Small grains of wood pulp in the Face Scrub slough off dead skin cells, allowing the grape

seed oil in the Moisturising Face Balm to work its magic. Grape seeds are packed with antioxidants. While glowing skin is attractive, oil slicks aren't, so control excessive shine with the Shine Stopper Gel.

With skin suitably prepped, it's time to talk cosmetics. Though the clear Lip Balm nourishes and protects lips, the jury is still out on the two lightly-tinted versions (fair and tawny skin). Leaving lipstick residue on your pint glass could be something of a passion killer. Unlike the tinted lip balms, the clear gel formula is discreet enough to go undetected. If it's an instant sun-kissed glow you're after, you'll love the Self-Tanning Gel. Unlike the Powder Bronzer and Fluid Bronzer, this wonder won't rub off on clothing – you can say you've been on holiday, and your friends would be none the wiser. The Brow Groomer tames unruly brow hairs. ■

Eau du Matin invigorating fragrance £29, Face Wash £16, Moisturising Face Balm £24, Shine Stopper Gel £17, Lip Balms £12, Self-Tanning Gel £18, Brow Groomer £14. Monsieur is available nationwide in selected department stores from April 1st 2008.



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### Top Three Fragrances for Spring

**Liquid Gold**  
Comme des Garçons 888 Eau de Parfum £61, 100ml, 020 7494 6220

**Ooh La La**  
Jean Paul Gaultier La Cologne Fleur du Male £40, 125ml, available nationwide

**Red Alert**  
Paco Rabanne Ultrared Men £28.50, 100ml, 020 7494 6220

