

Good Chemistry

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Treat your skin to an acid trip. From redness-reducing azelaic to exfoliating glycolic, these powerful ingredients will get you glowing.

HYALURONIC ACID

Best for moisturizing, plumping and strengthening the skin's barrier

Try Neutrogena Hydro Boost Water Gel with Hyaluronic Acid, \$19

GLYCOLIC ACID

Best for exfoliating and brightening skin

Try Jouviance Glyco | Laser Soft Peel Mask with 5% Glycolic Acid, \$35

LACTIC ACID

Best for smoothing sensitive skin with minimal irritation

Try Amlactin Ultra Hydrating Body Cream, \$16

FERULIC ACID

Best for protecting against sun damage and pollution

Try Paula's Choice Resist c15 Super Booster, \$49

AZELAIC ACID

Best for reducing redness and inflammation from acne and rosacea

Try Glō Therapeutics Brightening Serum with Azelaic Acid, \$48

SALICYLIC ACID

Best for banishing breakouts by unclogging pores and removing excess oil

Try Kiehl's Breakout Control Acne Treatment Facial Lotion, \$48

RETINOIC ACID

Best for preventing wrinkles by boosting collagen production

Try SkinCeuticals Retinol 0.5 Refining Night Cream, \$60

KOJIC ACID

Best for treating discoloration by inhibiting production of pigment under skin's surface

Try La Roche-Posay Mela-D Pigment Control Concentrated Dark-Spot Correcting Serum, \$53



*Pro tip
If skin is sensitive,
apply retinol every
other night. Mix
with moisturizer to
lessen its intensity.*

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See Buyer's Guide, page 226.