



butyl-paraben). Most are listed as moderate to high hazards by the EWG. Another concern is that ingredients, such as the detergent sodium laureth sulphate (SLS), another "penetration enhancer", may carry contaminants that are themselves carcinogenic or hormone disruptors.<sup>4</sup> Remember that ingredients may vary across a brand's products. For example, the Body Shop's olive soap does not contain parabens, but many of its other soaps do.

Under EU legislation a number of fragrance ingredients with high potential to cause allergic reactions must now be listed separately.

All our best buys, as well as Suma and Little Satsuma, have ranges free of synthetic ingredients.

## Company profiles

**Estee Lauder, PZ Cussons, Beiersdorf, Colgate-Palmolive, Unilever, Reckitt Benckiser** all have boycott calls from the Uncaged Campaign for animal testing. Uncaged also has a dedicated campaign to boycott Proctor and Gamble (see Boycott News). Beiersdorf is no longer listed on BUAV's boycott list and is on PETA's list of companies that don't test on animals.

**Accantia**, which makes Simple, is owned by Duke Street Capital. Although the company is not subject to a boycott call it still receives the worst rating for animal testing policy. No policy was available on the company website and it failed to respond to a written request.

**Body Shop** is in a controversial position since its takeover by L'Oréal (with 25% Nestlé ownership). BUAV's [www.gocrueltyfree.org](http://www.gocrueltyfree.org) lists it as approved under the Humane Cosmetics Standard. Others, such as Uncaged, and Naturewatch call for its boycott to send a strong message to L'Oréal to stop animal testing for cosmetics. There is also a boycott call from Baby Milk Action due to the Nestlé ownership. L'Oréal in addition has also just

become the first major company prosecuted in France for racist recruitment practices.<sup>5</sup>

The **Pears** brand is made by Hindustan Unilever Ltd (52% owned by Unilever) and is distributed in the UK by Cert Brands. Honesty Cosmetics receives a half mark for 'Pollution and Toxics' due to its sunscreen containing PABA, an ingredient criticised for its potentially toxic nature.

**Zaytoun** is a not-for-profit company which supports marginalised farming communities in Palestine where it helps establish olive growing co-ops. It is a member of the International Fair Trade Association.

**Yaoh** organises the Bristol Vegan Fayre, the largest vegan event in the world.

**Caurnie, Natural Organic, Little Satsuma and Cornwall Soap Box** are sole proprietors.

Despite its commitment to environmental principles **Lush** did not meet Ethical Consumer's criteria for environmental reporting and received a worst rating.

Following advice from Ethical Consumer the company has begun working with the Green Mark environmental auditing scheme ([www.green-mark.co.uk](http://www.green-mark.co.uk)), through which the company could achieve our best rating in about a year.

BRAND	Ethiscore (out of 20)	Environmental Reporting	Nuclear Power	Climate Change	Pollution & Toxics	Habitats & Resources	Animal Testing	Factory Farming	Other Animal Rights	Human Rights	Workers' Rights	Supply Chain Policy	Irresponsible Marketing	Arms	Genetic Engineering	Boycott Call	Political Activity	Anti-Social Finance	Company Ethics	Product Sustainability	COMPANY GROUP		
Natural Organic Soap	17.5	●																	★	2.5	Natural Organic Soap Company		
Faith in Nature Organic	17	●																		★	2	Faith Products Ltd	
Soap Box	16	●																		★	1	Cornwall Soap Box	
Zaytoun Olive	16	●																		★		Zaytoun	
Caurnie	16	●																			1	Caurnie Soap Company	
Honesty	15.5	●			○																★	2	Honesty Cosmetics
Palmoil-free	15.5	●																			★	0.5	Little Satsuma
Suma	13.5	●																			★	0.5	Triangle Wholefoods Collective
Lush Vegan	11.5	●			○					○		○										2	Lush Cosmetics Ltd
Dettol Antibacterial	8	●								●												○	Reckitt Benckiser Plc
Imperial Leather	7	●			○					●												○	PZ Cussons Plc
Simple	7	●			○					●												○	Duke Street Capital
Body Shop Olive	5.5	●			○					●											★	1	L'Oréal/Nestlé
Origins Cream Bar	5.5	●			○					●												●	Estee Lauder Companies Inc
Palmolive	5	●			○					●												○	Colgate-Palmolive Company
Nivea	4	●			○					●												○	Beiersdorf AG, Tchibo Holding
Pears	2	●			○					●												○	Unilever (CERT Group Plc)
Dove	0.5	●			○					●												○	Unilever
Camay Soap	0.5	●			○					●												○	Proctor & Gamble Company
Lux	0.5	●			○					●												○	Unilever

KEY ● bottom rating ○ middle rating □ top rating (no criticisms found) Company Sustainability: ● full mark ○ half mark

Product Sustainability: companies can receive a maximum of five positive marks for this category. Ethiscore: the higher the score, the better the company across the criticism categories (see [www.ethicalconsumer.org/magazine/buyers/categories.htm](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/magazine/buyers/categories.htm) or "Introduction to Ethical Consumer" booklet for more details).

Each brand's highest scoring products are shown. For example, while all Lush's soaps are vegetarian not all are vegan.