Hair Pick Emoji Proposal for Unicode 15.0
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I. Identification

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<th>Possible CLDR English keywords</th>
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<td><img src="image1.png" alt="Hair Pick" /></td>
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<td>Afro, hair, afro pick, comb</td>
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II. Images

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License

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III. Sort location

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IV. Selection factors — Inclusion

A. Compatibility
n/a

B. Expected use

1. Frequency
HAIR-PICK is expected to have high usage given it’s literal and abstract applications. Frequency data indicates it is well over the median search threshold.

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2. Multiple usages
Hair-picks are not just emblematic of grooming; they are also a sign of solidarity for equality, and a cultural statement. In English, “combing” can also mean “looking” for something.

🔍 Afro Culture
🔍 Grooming
🔍 Search carefully and systematically

3. Use in sequences
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C. Image distinctiveness

Beyond its use as a styling tool for all hair types, it is an artifact of art and history. The hair-pick dates to about 6000 years in Egypt before they made appearances in Britain, the Americas, and the Caribbean.¹ Hair picks emerged during the 70s as a symbol of Black pride,² as the “Black is Beautiful” natural hair movement grew in popularity to counteract Eurocentric norms and reconnect to Afro-centric roots. Now, with the global surge of Black solidarity, the Hair pick has become a visual icon for allies and Black people alike as an unapologetic indicator of the culture.

D. Completeness

With no existing brush emoji the addition of a hair pick affords us the addition of an object emoji that is not singular in use as indicated in Section IV 2: Multiple Uses and completes the set of “self-care” emoji.

VI. Selection factors — Exclusion

F. Overly specific

No, a hair pick is representative of all types of hair brushing as well as being emblematic of things beyond its literal representation.

G. Open-ended

No, this is not part of a set of similar items.

H. Already representable

No.

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

Not applicable. There are no logos, brands, signage or otherwise among the proposed characters.

J. Transient

Not applicable.

K. Faulty comparison

Justification for encoding the proposed emoji does not depend on analogy with other emoji that were encoded only for compatibility reasons.

L. Exact Images

An exact image is not required.