EXTERIOR COMPONENTS

Lubricants designed to protect components in extreme temperature conditions, while resisting the environmental elements.
EXTerior Components

EXTENDING OPERATING LIFE WITH SYNTHETIC LUBRICANTS

Sunroof

Sunroof systems are controlled by a motor and cable. Unlike window regulators, these components often are not exposed to the elements. A transparent synthetic grease with low oil separation that resists water, withstands temperatures of -40°C, and offers vibration and noise reduction is recommended.

Sunroof Mechanisms - NyoGel® 774L
Sunroof Seal - UniFlor™ 8170
EPDM BSR Itching - UniFlor™ 8470

Windows

Window Regulator Assembly - Fluorocarbon Gel II80
Switches - NyoGel® 774 Series
Window Rails - UniFlor™ 8170
Window Seal - UniFlor™ 8170

Windshield

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Windshield Seal - UniFlor™ 8170
Wiper Motor Gears - Rheolube® 362HB

Doors

Connectors - NyoGel® 760G
Switches - Instrument Grease 732C
Latch Mechanisms - Rheolube® 362HB
Door Handles - UniFlor™ 8172
EPDM BSR Itching - UniFlor™ 8470
Key Cylinder - UniFlor™ 8512

Mirrors

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Power Folding Mirrors - NyoGel® 774VLF
Power Mirror Gears - Rheolube® 362HB

Electrical

Contact lubricants are used to prevent wear, environmental corrosion and “fretting corrosion,” micro-motion caused by vibration and thermal changes within the connector housing. By reducing the formation of metal oxide at the mated interface, synthetic lubricants extend contact life and keep resistance low.

Head & Taillight Connectors - NyoGel® 760G
Trailer Tow Connectors - NyoGel® 760G

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Door Lock Actuators

Door lock actuators are essentially plastic gearboxes with small motors. They are often expected to survive 50,000 cycles, operate at temperatures as low as -40°C and resist rain, car wash detergents and other environmental stressors. A synthetic hydrocarbon, lithium-soap grease is a cost-effective solution for this application.

Some OEMs require door actuators to operate in virtual silence; others want audible feedback when the door is locked or unlocked. Synthetic damping greases offer economical sound control.

Key Cylinders

Key cylinders are installed after cars are painted. If any defects are found in the paint job, a Xenon light is used to cure paint touch-ups rapidly. The light also radiates sufficient heat to cause some cylinder greases to leak, discoloring the paint. Perfluoropolyether lubricants can “take the heat,” to prevent these grease-based paint blemishes.

Key Cylinder - UniFlor™ 8512

Gas Door

Hinge Area - UniFlor™ 8472

Trunk

Trunk Latch - UniFlor™ 8132

Tires

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