



**The Trick! Use silicone spray** November 9, 2009

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I agreed with most of the previous "horrible" reviews on my new elite mega... then I tried something.

Here's the trick: if you use it as it comes out of the box, without treating, it will be a piece of junk and clog on every use by even a small cat. You will be angry, and rightfully so.

HOWEVER, do this and it will go for weeks without a single clog:

- 1) CLEAN the pan. REALLY CLEAN. If you have a pressure washer, use it. You must get it down to the base plastic.
- 2) DRY thouroughly. Two days of air drying will do it. Toweling won't. You must remove all moisture from the surface of the bottom pan.
- 3) Then spray the pan with a heavy-duty silicone spray. I used CRC Heavy Duty Silicone Spray (which Amazon doesn't stock but most auto parts stores will). It's a high-viscosity silicone spray. Spray it on liberally- you want to fully wet the entire inside of the pan and the comb with the silicone. Any surface that isn't wet with silicone isn't sprayed enough. Yes, it will appear slimy even when dry. That's OK- cat litter does not "absorb" silicone spray.
- 4) Use a gel lubricant on the sliding rails (where the comb slides up and down), as well as a little on the gears and rollers. I used **Synco Super Lube** (which Amazon does sell)- five bucks will get you a good supply. Apply liberally; the gel is what keeps the grit out of the slides.

I did this and as I said, I can now go for a week plus without any manual cleaning and without any clogging whatsoever. Thus, a rating of 5/5. (Yes, I had a previous version of the littermaid Mega, and silicone spray helps that one, too.)