

Thanks Brushpup!

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Hi Brushpup :o)

Paula here in Phoenix. I think you are right. Too late for me to try the soap and water wash, now. No way to get the oil out except to send the watch in for a cleaning. I wish Rolex had gone into a little more detail in the instructions and had given a warning about not using anything except soap. Of course I would have used dishwashing detergent, instead of soap. That would have done a better job of cleaning. If I get another Rolex sometime, I will hold off on the oil and see how soap, only, will work. Anyhow, I don't think I hurt anything with the lube, as the band and bezel are buttery smooth, now. Especially since I found another lube that's much better than what I was using. If I can't go back to the dry bearings in the bezel, at least I can go forward with the lube. The lube I was using before was "Super-Lube multi-purpose synthetic oil with Syncolon (PTFE)", and a water rinse tended to wash it out or displace it. Come to think of it, those ceramic (Not metal.) ball bearings in the bezel may even repel the oil and attract the water, spoiling the lubricating action of the oil. Just dripping it on the crack between the bezel and the crystal didn't seem to make it flow in far enough to get to all the parts that rub. So, I switched to another product of Synco Chemical Corporation called, again, "Super Lube Multi-Purpose Synthetic Lubricant with Syncolon (PTFE)". You can get it online at www.super-lube.com. This stuff makes the band and bezel "buttery" smooth after it cures (The harmless solvent that thins it has to evaporate.), and doesn't wash off in a water rinse. The lube is actually Super Lube Synthetic GREASE, a heavy duty lubricant, and it comes in a spray can with a little extender tube. The stuff is very penetrating, and I kind of inject it into the bezel by placing the end of the plastic extender tube on the crack between the bezel and the crystal and give it a squirt in 4 or 5 places. I also spray the entire band with it, too, and I move the bezel and the band around a bit to work it in. It takes overnite for the solvent to evaporate so the bezel feels smooth when you click the detents. I blot off the excess with a paper towel. Make sure the crown is snugged down all the way so nothing gets into the movement. I use thin neoprene gloves to protect my skin, and I do the spraying over a large trash can, as the spray goes all over the place when you do it. This thin solvent diluted grease actually acts like the soap and water wash when you spray the entire watch with it and wiggle it around a bit. The solvent acts kind of like a cleaner. This synthetic grease lasts a long time, in my experience so far, and no apparent harm. And I think grit will get into the bezel and stay, no matter what is in there. The grease may even catch it before it falls into the sliding parts. Anyhow, for those who want to try the lube method of care for their Rolexes, this is my experience, and you are welcome to try it. Maybe do this four times a year or so, and don't put too much into the bezel, after the first time. And just to be thorough, maybe spray a tiny bit of the lube on to a toothpick, and put a very small amount on to the O-ring and threads of the unscrewed crown and let it dry before you screw the crown back down again. That lube is rated as a good O-ring lube, too. Try the dry method, first, and let me know how it works so I will know next time.

See Ya,

Paula