

# FAQs

## Oils, Lubricants and Hand Cleaners



**Q Why can't Hercules hand cleaner (#45304) be sold in California?**

**A** This product is no longer available, because VOC levels were too high.

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**Q What type of lubricant should be used on O-rings and other rubber parts?**

**A** Silicone grease should be used on rubber parts, because petroleum based lubricants could potentially affect the integrity and lead to product failure.

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**Q What are the uses for Hercules Lube Oil?**

**A** This product is intended for general lubrication and is safe to use on most circulating pumps as well as bushings, bearings, linkages and sliding parts. This product should not be used on light electric motors.

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**Q What is the weight of Hercules Lube Oil?**

**A** Weight = 20 or ISO 68 viscosity oil.

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**Q Is Hercules Plumbers Silicone Grease safe to use on rubber products?**

**A** Yes. This product can safely be used on rubber and synthetic O-rings, and plastic parts. This product does not contain any petroleum products.

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**Q What materials can I use Hercules 300° Plumber's Grease on?**

**A** This product should only be used on turning or sliding metal products. It is petroleum based, and could affect the integrity of plastic and rubber parts.

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**Q What are the benefits of Hercules Hand Towels?**

**A** Hercules Hand Towels are antibacterial. They will not irritate your hands and have Aloe Vera, vitamin E and lanolin moisturizers which leave hands soft and smooth. While safe for many finished surfaces, they soften and remove plastic cements.

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**Q** What is Oatey Pipe/Gasket Lube used for?

**A** Pipe/Gasket Lube is a non-toxic soft paste like material used to lubricate bell joint pipe gaskets before assembly. It will not deteriorate natural or synthetic rubbers, and does not support bacteria. It will dissolve in hot water.

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**Q** What are the differences between light and dark cutting oils?

**A** Clear cutting oil is a blend of high quality mineral oils with sulfur base, and is used during manual or low rpm threading on small sizes of steel or brass piping. Clear cutting oil will not stain copper or brass materials either. Dark cutting oil is a blend of high quality mineral oils with sulfur-lard base, and is used when using high speed threading machines on all sizes of pipe.

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**Q** Can you use Hercules 300° Plumber's Grease where it may come in contact with potable (drinking) water?

**A** No. This product is not NSF listed.