

Lubrication of the Wahl 5-N-1 blade, and the mini version

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Oiling

You need to oil this blade, or it could rust and the cutter can cut a groove into the bottom blade. When a groove is present, the blade may snag or drag.

Here are some photos that show how to oil the front, and if you want to, the rear of the cutter blade. Take the blade off the clipper to oil the rear of the blade as shown. Just a tiny drop in both places, the rear needs oil probably only once.



Grease

There is a notch on top of the cutter on this blade. This notch fits into the drive mechanism of the clipper, as it spins it moves the cutter back and forth. In the picture of the clipper head, you see the the silver bar that fits in this notch, there are no bearings. This bar pushes against the side of the notch until it gets the cutter to one side, then pushes the other way. If this notch doesn't have lubrication (grease), it will bind and slow down the action of the blade causing noise, vibration, snagging, and even dragging during the cut.

The pictures show how to grease this notch. Take a little on the end of a screwdriver and rub it in the notch. You can use any brown grease, axle grease, and even Vaseline. No Lithium grease because its too thin and will coat the inside of your trimmer. Wahl grease is white, but it was designed that way.

