



O-ring and O-ring Lube, frequently asked questions?

Question: "How quickly do Orings wear out?"

Answer: It really varies depending on use. The dip tube can last for a very long time if you don't remove them. They never get any light. The post orings have the disconnects sliding on and off constantly so they need to be replaced much more often. Keeping these lubed with food grade Oring lube will prolong their life a great deal. When they are dry they can tear and wear. The lid oring usually will last for several years as well if kept lubricated. The biggest killer of the post orings is when they are exposed to UV light. It is always a good idea to have extra orings on hand. If you rip one you may not be able to use your keg.

Question: "How much Oring lube should I use?"

Answer: A little goes a long way. Put some on your finger and rub it into orings. The lube should not be on too thick. A light coating will go a long way! The most important thing is to apply after each use to the posts and lid. You do not need to disassemble the keg and lube the poppet orings. They do not have contact with beer, are not exposed to light and typically will not dry out for several years.

Question: "Can I use the standard O-rings on Pin Lock and Ball Lock kegs?"

Answer: The answer is yes, but you see a lot of argument on this. The reason is that Coke sometimes used a flat o-rings on the keg posts and lids. The round o-ring works great on either style. We have used them for years on tens of thousands of kegs and we have never had an issue replacing a flat o-ring with a round one.