



Wheel Head Maintenance

Your Skutt Wheel comes with an innovative Removable Wheel Head design that allows you to remove the wheel head with a simple twist and lift motion. This unique feature gives you complete access to your splash pan for cleaning.

It is important to occasionally re-grease the wheel head shaft with the anti-seize grease included with your wheel. If you fail to do so, your wheel head could stick to the shaft making it difficult to remove.

How often do I need to apply the anti-seize?

The regularity required will vary on a number of factors such as use, cleaning practices, humidity levels, etc. Some people may never have to reapply the anti-seize where as others may need to apply it every couple months. A good rule of thumb is if you notice it is beginning to stick, reapply the anti-seize.

Where can I get more if I need it?

Anti-seize may be purchased at any auto supply store. If you prefer the type that is used at the Skutt factory you can purchase it through Skutt or Skutt Distributor. The part number is #4134.

How do I apply it?

Remove the wheel head to expose the shaft.

- Clean the shaft and underside of the wheel head where the shaft fits in with a rag and alcohol. Make sure you remove all the debris to make sure you get a snug fit when it is replaced. Debris between the wheel head and the shaft can cause the wheel head to wobble.
- Tear off the end of the packet of anti-seize
- Start the wheel and spread it using the packet as an applicator while the shaft is spinning. More is not better. What you want is a thin even coat.
- Replace the wheel head and turn it both ways using your hands to smooth out any excess anti-seize.
- Test the application by removing the wheel head. It should lift up just as it did when you received it from the factory.

What happens if my wheel head does stick? How do I remove it?

Don't worry, it is not that difficult. Here is what you do:

- Unplug the wheel.
- Set the wheel on it's side.
- Remove two screws that secure the belt guard and set it to the side.
- Tie a rope from the wheel head pulley to the right rear leg.
- Set the wheel upright.
- Turn the wheel head in the same direction it was last set to spin. All the wheels are set to spin counter clockwise in the factory however most of our wheels have a reversing switch, so it is possible it was changed to spin the other way.
- With the wheel head removed, set the wheel on it's side again and untie the rope.
- Replace the belt guard.
- Stand upright and follow the instructions for cleaning and applying anti-seize.

