Swivel Binding Care and Maintenance

Keep it looking and working at its best!

Rinse it off

Whether you swivel in salt water or fresh water, you should thoroughly rinse down your binding periodically to remove any salt or impurities from your ski.

Let it dry

Allow your binding to dry out between uses. If you store your ski in a bag, unzip it to allow the binding to dry.

Keep it lubricated

Lubricate your binding no less than twice a year, more if you ski on a very regular basis. Use a penetrating lubricant such as WD-40 or similar. If your binding will not be in use for an extended period of time, it is even more important that you lubricate it before putting it into storage.



Note: On a FAUKS brand binding, you can use the two access points on the housing to introduce new lubricant to all layers of your swivel. There is no need to dis-assemble the binding to perform this routine maintenance.

Landings

Step out of your binding before you come into a sand beach or lake bottom. Allowing sand to get into your swivel binding will, over time, deteriorate the bearings in your swivel.



Example of a swivel that was not lubricated regularly and that accumulated sand within it.

Sun exposure

Whenever possible, keep your binding out of the sun. The binding's heel and toe pieces are durable, however, you can greatly prolong their life by keeping your binding out of direct sun exposure when not in use.

Dry land use

If you use your binding for dry land practice, you should lubricate it on a more frequent basis than usual. Dry land practice is a great thing for growing our skill set, but it can be hard on our bindings.

Handling

When picking up your swivel ski, do not pick it up by the heel or toe piece of the binding. These pieces are built to be durable, but not to take on the entire weight of your swivel ski.

Beyond the Basics

If you need assistance that is beyond the basics discussed above, contact the fabricator of your swivel binding for further assistance. We encourage you to be proactive with your maintenance so you have less down time and fewer components to replace.

Ski 3 Swivel offers maintenance assistance for any FAUKS brand swivel binding and complimentary lubrication service at all major show ski events.

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