HOW TO USE WAX this is also available on our website in the download section

**Short Version**: Breaking in Wax/ New Chain or Old Chain

Apply / Ride 5 miles / Apply / Ride 5 miles / Apply / Ride 5 miles / Ready for regular use

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**Long Version:** Breaking in Chains/ Establishing wax

Full explanation of the break in instructions for our product on a new chain

Our testing shows is takes about 15 miles (MTB) of pedaling to break in a new chain. A recent Velonews article states 2 hours of pedaling to do. Factory grease hides this process, the polishing that takes place inside the chain, and muffles the sound while this is happening. Wax is not quite the same, but will become quiet after the chain is broken in and wax and lubrication particles are established.

If you have done crockpot chains you may already know this. Once a chain is broken in and wax established, you will appreciate the ease associated with a wax chain for the duration of the chainlife

Article: <https://www.velonews.com/2020/01/technical-faq/technical-faq-how-derailleur-position-impacts-drivetrain-friction_503939?fbclid=IwAR2i_5ZZ7L-nJuZp1-5VrGW2l_l9RANkKjBoZae3VdOYpEuv3F9DJB9-4Mc>

**Scenario #1: New clean chain all - factory grease removed**

▪Apply 1st coat of Smoothe Lube1.2, 53/11, or Lübenschlidən

▪Let dry completely

▪Apply 2nd coat

▪Let dry for several hours

▪Ride 5-8 miles

▪Apply 3rd coat

▪Let dry 15 minutes

▪Ride 5-8 miles

▪Your chain is now properly prepared and ready for regular use

▪Apply before each ride and let dry 15 mins. Do this for the next 3-4 rides. You will not need as many applications after the wax and lubrication particles have become burnished into the chain.

**Scenario #2: New Chain - with factory grease**

Method #1

▪Apply original Smoothe Lube and ride up to 25 miles. (break in period)

▪Clean chain completely using Degreaser and apply 2 coats of product before first wax-only ride

▪Apply Smoothe Lube1.2, 53/11 or Lubenschliden before each ride for next 3-4 rides.

▪Product is now established in your chain and ready for regular use

▪Apply as needed.

Method #2:

▪Apply Smoothe Lube (original) before first ride up to 25 miles. (break in period)

▪Afterwards, apply Smoothe Lube and cycle chain for 2 minutes. Wipe clean with alcohol rag.

▪Repeat for next 3-4 rides until all factory grease is replaced with wax

▪Apply Smoothe Lube 1.2, 53/11 or Lubenschliden as needed.

**CLEANING A DIRTY CHAIN:** water is all that is needed. Alcohol will remove product. A toothbrush will polish things back to a shine if desired

Easy maintenance:

▪Rinse with water, let dry. Do not let a waxed chain sit wet overnight.

▪Wipe with alcohol rag to help displace water and for clean appearance.

▪Or, Let dry and apply 1 coat to protect chain for bike storage.