

AVOIDING DUST'S MAINTENANCE MESS



OH NO, SAND AND DUST ARE HERE TO WREAK HAVOC UPON US!

OUR VEHICLES' PARTS ARE FINISHED!

IF YOU TOOK BETTER CARE OF YOUR PARTS, YOU MIGHT HAVE AVOIDED THIS MAINTENANCE MESS...

MWHA HA-HA!

Grease and oil attract dust and sand like magnets attract metal! The resulting mixture of grease, oil, sand and dust leaves you with a gritty maintenance mess. And that mess can damage metal surfaces and rubber seals.

SMART MECHANICS TRY TO AVOID THIS MESS!

THEY CAN'T SHUT OUT SAND AND DUST COMPLETELY, BUT THEY CAN DO THE FOLLOWING TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEIR VEHICLES...

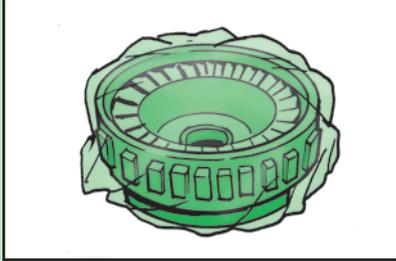
- Keep sand and dust off parts while making repairs by wrapping greased parts with waxed paper or newspaper



- Keep the lids on grease cans.



- Use plastic wrap to keep dust and sand out of open components. NSN 8135-00-043-5331 gets an 11½-in by 100-ft roll of self-clinging plastic film.



- Use plastic bags to hold bearings and small parts like nuts and bolts that might get lost or dirty before you need them again. Also, tag the bags to make sure everything goes back where it came from.



HERE ARE SOME STANDARD-SIZE, SELF-SEALING PLASTIC BAGS...

Size (inches)	NSN 8105-00-837-
4 x 4	7753
6 x 6	7754
8 x 8	7755
11 x 10 1/2	7756
12 x 12	7757

Zipper Lubricant

Sand and grit in a zipper can cause it to stick, but it doesn't have to stay that way. Just clean off the zipper with a toothbrush and apply zipper lubricant, NSN 9150-00-999-7548. Rub the lubricant on each side of the track and slide the zipper up and down a few times to get it working smoothly.