## CARGO PROTECTORS, INC.

# **Padlock Maintenance**

## **Cleaning Padlock**

• Use compressed air to blow particles out of the shackle recess and keyway





• In particularly filthy areas it may be necessary to also flush dirt and grease from the padlock with WD-40 or Brake Parts Cleaner. When clean, the ball bearing you can see inside the shackle hole should move back and forth easily.





## **Lubricating Padlock**

- After the padlock has been cleaned apply a short shot of Dry Lubricant to the shackle holes and the key way.
- You should hear a "psst" NOT a "psssssssssst"
  - o It should only be a 1/10 second shot.





- Insert key, then open and close the padlock several times to distribute the lubrication.
- Wipe excess lubricant off padlock, shackle and key.
- Let air dry; Padlock is then ready to be put back into use.





### **Cleaning and Lubricating Fluids**

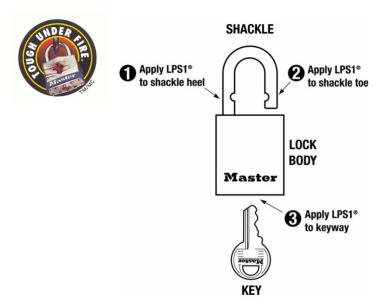
#### **Suitable Cleaners**

#### **Suitable Dry Lubricants**

- WD40™
- Brake Parts Cleaner
- Master Lock (Lock Lubricant 2305)
- Poxylube CP-200
- Keep the padlock clean, lubricate it 4 times a year, and it will last for many years.
- Dust, particles, and chemicals in the air settle on and inside the padlock. They will then create friction inside the padlock and impede the opening and closing of the padlock.

#### **Padlock Maintenance Schedule**

- Annual cleaning is recommended.
  - Exception: Clean every 3 months where there are particularly dusty or corrosive environments.
- Clean the padlock. Use pressurized air to blow out all dust from the keyway and shackle openings or flush with WD-40.
- Apply a greaseless "DRY" lubricant (Master Lock Lubricant 2305 or Poxylube CP-200 dry lubricant) to the keyway and shackle.
- A very light spray of lubricant is perfect. Do not apply a heavy coat; Less is better.
- **NEVER** use an oil or dry graphite lubricant.
- Oil attracts dust and can also interfere with the movement of the pins in the locking mechanism. Graphite is often applied in excess, which then interferes with part movement.
- Regular cleaning and lubrication of your safety padlock will ensure years of long life.



Average number of times opened per day	Dry Lubricant Application Schedule (Normal Environment)
1 to 20	Twice per year
21 to 50	Four Times per year
51 to 100	Six Times per year