

The Margarita Guys



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Lubricating Silicone Hopper Gaskets

The silicone hopper gaskets (clear flexible ones) are designed to seal the product in the hopper. The big round one at the back of the hopper has several “ribs” or individual sealing surfaces that help insure a tight seal. The front “suction” gasket is a second line of defense in sealing the auger shaft, designed to help keep product away from the auger shaft seal.

Lubricant is applied to the hopper gaskets to help both in installation and in removal (easier to properly install and without lubricant almost impossible to remove). When applying lubricant to the large gasket at the back of the hopper, instead of applying the lube to the gasket try applying a fine film of lube about ¼” wide to the inside of the large hole at the back of the hopper. We use our clean finger and 2 pea-sized amounts of lubricant to do this. It is easier to apply lube here and allows you to use much less lubricant and still get the proper benefit for installation and removal of the hopper.

On the front suction gasket, apply a small amount of lube to the inside shaft hole in the gasket. This will help the gasket slide into place and will allow it to “suction” to the cooling drum while the auger turns inside it.

Always use a food-grade lubricant on all places on your Bunn machine where lubricant could come into contact with your product. Essentially, this means everywhere except at the back of the machine where the metal auger shaft connects to the metal auger motor shaft (use “Krytox” lubricant there). Remember to use the least amount of lubricant to do the job -- while food grade lubricant is edible (created from mineral oil), nobody wants to find a glob of mineral oil in their Margarita!

We include a 4 ounce tube of food grade lubricant and a supply of Krytox lubricant in each of our maintenance kits. If you need more of either lubricant, you can purchase these products from Margarita Guys at our regular low prices!

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