O-Ring Coatings

Advanced coating methods for all of your application needs

Surface treatments

Parker offers a variety of O-ring surface treatments for various application needs. These external treatments can be in the form of dry or wet coatings or dips. Surface treatments are used for numerous reasons, the most common are friction reduction, ease of installation and contrasting color (for easier identification).

Application specifics and O-ring polymer type dictate which of the coatings/treatments are best suited for you. For help determining which treatment to use in your application, contact the Parker O-Ring Division and speak with an applications engineer.



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Advantages:

- Reduces installation
 force
- Color identification
- Wear life can be increased
- Can reduce and/ or prevent damage from automated equipment

O-Ring Coating Descriptions

| Coating | Definition |
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| PTFE | Thin, dry thermoplastic coating. |
| ParkerSlick | Non-PTFE dry thermoplastic coating. |
| Silicone Dip | Clear, shiny, dry coating. |
| McLube | Clear, shiny, dry coating providing extra low friction. |
| Mineral Oil | Clear, shiny, wet coating. (limited compound availability). |
| Molykote | Silvery, semi-dry coating providing low friction (messy). |
| Silicone Oil | Clear, shiny, wet coating. (limited applications). |

O-Ring Coating Matrix¹

| Coating | Dry or Wet | Adhesion | Colorable | Automated Feeding Performance | Installation Force Reduction | Longevity of Use |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| PTFE | Dry | Good | Yes | Very Good | Very Good | Fair |
| ParkerSlick | Dry | Very Good | Yes | Very Good | Very Good | Good |
| Silicone Dip | Dry | N/A | No | Good | Fair | Poor |
| McLube | Dry | N/A | No | Very Good | Very Good | Poor |
| Mineral Oil | Wet | N/A | No | Poor | Good | Poor |
| Molykote | Dry | N/A | No | Fair ² | Good | Poor |
| Silicone Oil | Wet | N/A | No | Poor | Good | Poor |

1. To ensure polymer and coating compatibility as well as performance in specific applications, please contact an applications engineer for more information.

2. Not recommended for vibrating tracks.



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