



Towing and Suspension Solutions

Tow bar cleaning and lubrication

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Because different models of ROADMASTER tow bars have different components, cleaning and lubricating them vary slightly from model to model. But there are far more similarities than differences. (Read the “Care and cleaning” section in your owner’s manual for more specific information; the most current version is available at www.roadmasterinc.com.)

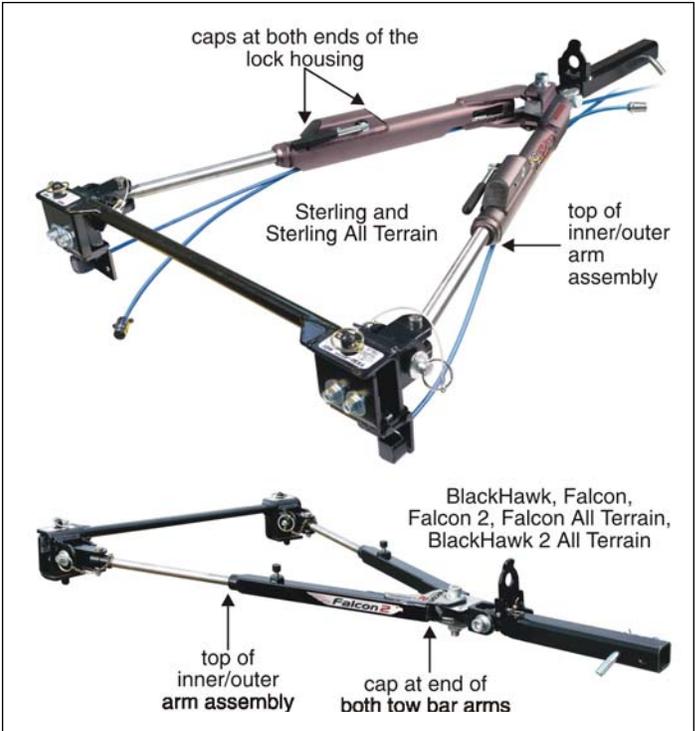
- **Always clean the tow bar before lubricating.** Clean completely, removing all residual dirt and old lubricant. Use a water-soluble cleaner such as Voom RV (shown below) – it does an exceptional job of breaking down road film and dirt.
- **Whatever cleaner you use, make certain it is completely removed and that the tow bar is clean and dry before lubricating.**
- **Never use petroleum-based products** to clean or lubricate the tow bar. Petroleum will attract dirt and dust, which will impede the operation of the sliding arms or other components. Certain petroleum products may also corrode the bushings and other non-metallic components.
- **We do not recommend WD-40** as a cleaner or lubricant. It is difficult to remove, and it attracts dirt and dust.

Cleaning

Clean all moving parts, paying special attention to the tow bar arms and the locking mechanisms.

No matter what part you’re cleaning, the method is the same – 1) spray a liberal amount of cleaner over it; 2) work the component(s) back and forth to flush out any accumulated dirt; 3) wipe it down; and 4) repeat until clean.

Depending on the model of tow bar (see the photo above), there may be a plastic cap at the end of the tow bar arm or



on the lock housing. If this is so, remove the cap before cleaning the tow bar arms and the locking mechanisms.

To clean one of the arms, spray the cleaner at the top of one of the inner/outer arm assemblies (shown above).

Raise the tow bar arm and work the arm up and down to flush out dirt from the bottom of the assembly. Wipe the dirt off and repeat until the arm is clean.

To clean one of the locking mechanisms, first spray cleaner into the mechanism, then raise the tow bar arm. Move the release handle (or the Autowlok button) up and down to flush out dirt from the bottom of the assembly.

Lubricating

When the tow bar is clean and dry, use a dry silicone aerosol, such as LubeMaster (shown to the left), to lubricate the tow bar – spray a liberal amount of the silicone into all moving parts. LubeMaster sprays on wet, then dries in seconds. After the lubricant has dried, flex the tow bar components to work the lubricant in.

Note: to remove scratches and restore luster on the stainless steel arms, we suggest extra fine (0000) steel wool, 3M “Scotch Brite” (fine pad) or a similar product.



Voom RV cleaner (part number 9911)



LubeMaster silicone spray (part number 747) – meets Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) standards