

# Sticky Clipper Hinges!?!

## CAUSE:

The build-up of foreign matter within the hinges.

- In the majority of cases this is remnants of cleaning detergent.
- With NEW clippers, this may also be remnants of the oils used in the manufacturing process.

## FIX:

Ultra-Sonic method:

- If possible, remove the barrel springs from any double-action clipper.
- Place the trouble-some clippers (and springs) into a HOT (>45°C) ultra-sonic bath for an extended cycle (20 mins).
- Do NOT use detergent - just clean, HOT water.
- Dry them immediately and lubricate all hinges using PREMIXSLIP.
- Open and close the clipper repeatedly to work the lubricant into the hinges.

Manual method:

- Same as above, however open and close the clipper whilst submerged in fresh HOT water.
- Ensure you wear the appropriate PPE.
- Dry them immediately and lubricate as above.

## PREVENTION:

### RINSE ! RINSE ! RINSE !

Rinse thoroughly - with warm to hot flowing water immediately after washing your instruments.  
(it is important to remove all remnants of the detergent)

Ensure that you follow the correct dilution rates when using medical-grade detergents.  
(more detergent does not result in better cleaning and makes it harder to rinse/flush post cleaning)

**New clippers - consider following the above procedure upon their commissioning.  
Lubricate the hinges on a regular basis or as required.**

If you have any questions regarding the processes outlined in this document, please don't hesitate to contact our Technical Service Department on 03 8586 7800 (option 3).



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