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TOPIC -----

The lubricant on my ImageWriter II carriage shaft has dried up. What steps do I need to take to replace it?

DISCUSSION -----

As ImageWriter and ImageWriter II printers age the lubricants used on the carriage shaft accumulate dust and other contaminants. Instead of adding additional lubricants on top of the old ones it is recommended that the old lubricants and contaminants first be removed.

A small amount of WD-40 lubricant or other de-greasing solution applied to a lint free cloth can be used to remove the old lubricants. Be sure to clean the carriage shaft(s) completely to minimize carriage friction. Never spray the lubricant or de-greaser directly into the printer.

Once all of the old lubricant has been removed apply four drops of telous oil or Floil G-488 lubricant to a clean lint-free cloth and wipe it onto the carriage shaft(s). Another method is to apply four drops of oil to the felt wipers which are located under the carriage assembly.

Many hardware stores and home centers have a good selection of compatible lubricants. Local stores specializing in lubricants can be found in the phone book under lubricants.

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