

Suggested Maintenance Tips to Increase the Life of Your Reclining Mechanism

Squeaking, grinding and difficulty extending your reclining mechanism are all signs that it is time for your recliner to be oiled. The wear and tear on an unlubricated recliner will cause the mechanism to fail prematurely. Add one drop of lubricant on a regular basis to each rivet joint to reduce friction for easier opening and closing of the footrest, and to reduce noise and significantly increase the life of the mechanism. This will keep your chair working like new for many years. It will reduce the need for future service calls related to wear, and excess force on the mechanism due to high friction.

The best lubricant for reducing friction and improving function is Tri-Flow Superior Lubricant with P.T.F.E., available from Amazon and at hardware stores. A good grade of machine oil or sewing machine oil can also be used. Excess oil must be avoided to prevent drips on floors. A non-staining lubricant is suggested with carpeted floors, or the use of a carpet protector.

It is also recommended to check mechanism screws every 12 to 18 months, as they may loosen over time with normal use. Simply open the mechanism to access the screws and tighten if necessary.