

The installed drive gear is lubricated and cooled by engine oil. The oil flows thru an oil hole in the gear to lube the splines.

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If the oil hole is plugged up by grease, tho, you'll get excessive wear. The result will be spline failure, followed by engine flameout.

So leave the gear dry, as indicated in the CAUTION on Page 6-17 of TM 55-2840-229-23.