

# TECHNICAL FAQs

## What does WD-40 contain?

While the ingredients in WD-40 are secret, we can tell you what WD-40 does NOT contain. WD-40 does not contain silicone, kerosene, water, wax, graphite, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), or any known cancer-causing agents.

## What is the shelf-life of WD-40?

Indefinite. While some products may have an expiration date, WD-40 lasts so long that a "use by" date isn't necessary.

## How long does WD-40 last after application?

While this may vary depending on the application, WD-40 remains effective even after it appears to dry. The corrosion and rust protection ingredients will remain adhered to the surface. For external or extreme conditions you may need to apply more WD-40 to ensure maximum protection.

## What surfaces or materials are OK to use WD-40 on?

WD-40 can be used on just about everything. It is safe for metal, rubber, wood and plastic. WD-40 can be applied to painted metal surfaces without harming the paint. Polycarbonate and clear polystyrene plastic are among the few surfaces on which to avoid using a petroleum-based product like WD-40.



## What happens if I get WD-40 on my skin or in my eyes?

If you accidentally spray WD-40 onto your skin, wash copiously with soap and water. If any gets into your eyes, irrigate thoroughly with water as soon as possible for at least 15 minutes. For more information, download our [Material Safety Data Sheet](#) for WD-40.

## What is the propellant in WD-40?

The propellant helps pump WD-40 out of the can effectively. The propellant used in WD-40 is carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). CO<sub>2</sub> is an inert gas which helps empty the can. Plus, the addition of CO<sub>2</sub> reduces the number of VOCs, which helps towards preserving the environment. Be sure to point the spray nozzle toward the blue dot marked on the top of the can, this will ensure that the can empties more effectively.

## Is WD-40 carcinogenic?

WD-40 does not contain any known cancer-causing ingredients

## How do I get all of the liquid out of the can?

When using a can of WD-40 always ensure the arrow on the top of the nozzle is lined up with the blue dot on the can. Also for best results spray can upright or upside down, do not spray on its side. By following both of these tips all of the WD-40 liquid will come out of the can.