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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Subject: Grease or Sealant Visible on Steering Gear – Should Not Be Interpreted as Leak

Models: 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500

2014 GMC Sierra 1500

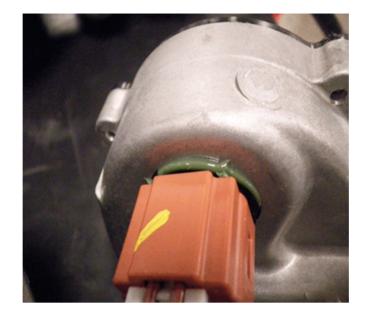
Condition/Concern

Some customers or technicians may comment on seeing grease or sealant on certain locations of the steering gear. The graphics below are examples showing some of the common areas where grease can be found.



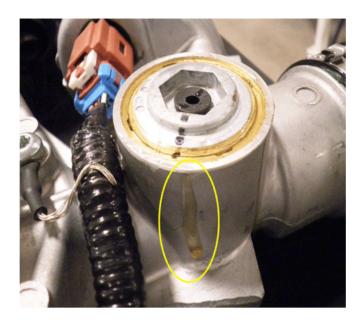
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The graphic below shows a specific area where Loctite is used. The excess cured Loctite should also not be mistaken for an oil leak.



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During the manufacturing process, sufficient grease is used for lubrication and sealing of components of the steering gear. Also, sealant is added to areas of the steering gear to keep water and environmental contaminants from getting into the steering gear.

Recommendation/Instructions

If upon inspection, the steering gear assembly clamps, boots, and fasteners are all in place, the visual evidence of grease/sealant on the exterior of the steering gear is considered normal, and **no correction** is necessary. If excess grease is noted, it should be wiped off the exterior of the gear , **however**, sealant should be left in place as a barrier to water and contamination, and no cleaning is required.

Customer Information

Please communicate to the customer this is a normal condition of their vehicle. Please share this information with the customer, including a copy of this message.