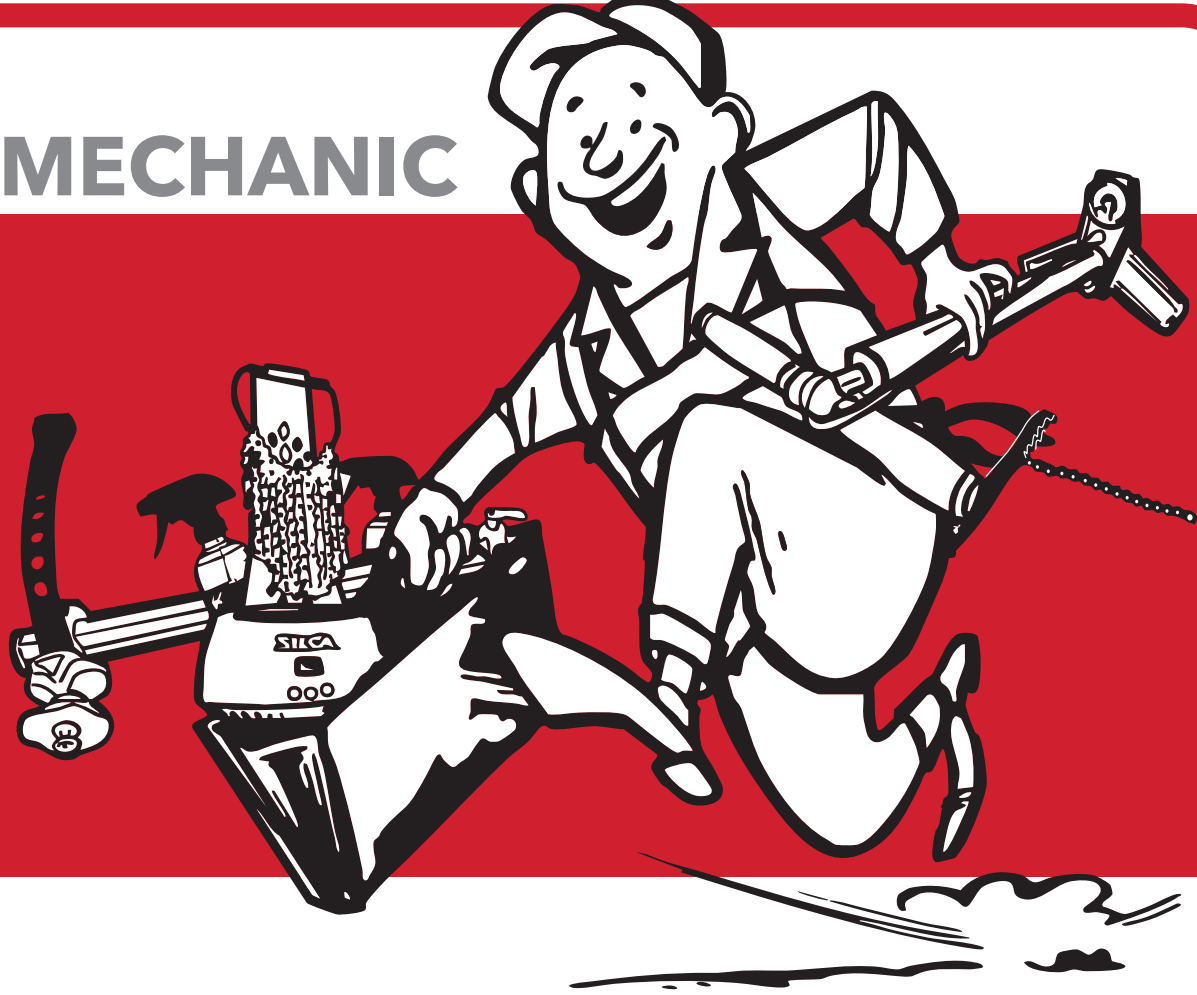


THE HOME MECHANIC

# Bicycle Maintenance Schedule



### What This Schedule Is - and Isn't

This schedule is based upon **normal riding conditions, mileage/kms, and performance expectations**—intended for cyclists covering 50-150mi / 80-240 km per week in mix of dry conditions. Your needs may vary.

- **Gravel / off-road riders** will require more frequent care.
- Riders in **rainy or coastal areas** face road salt, grit, and corrosion risks - clean more often.

- **Commuters** typically prioritize durability and low maintenance over hi-performance
- **Racers & competition minded** may service more often in pursuit of performance gains.

Below is a baseline to guide you and your care. Always adjust based on how your bike is looking, sounding, and performing to get your best results.

## Maintenance Schedule by Time Period

Time Period	Tasks	WAX Drivetrain Care	OIL-based Drivetrain Care
After Every Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wipe frame, chain, and drivetrain components (Gear Wipe)</li><li>- Wipe mositure from disc brake rotors (only with microfiber towel)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Gear Wipes</b></li><li>- <b>Microfiber towel</b></li><li>- Apply <b>Super Secret Drip Lube</b> if noisy or post-wet ride</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Gear Wipes</b></li><li>- <b>Microfiber towel</b></li><li>- Apply <b>Synergetic drip lube</b> if noisy</li></ul>
Weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clean drivetrain</li><li>- Re-apply drip wax or do an immersive hot wax</li><li>- Clean rotors</li><li>- Check braking and shifting - adjust as needed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ultimate Brake+ Drivetrain Cleaner</b> to disc brake rotors &amp; pads</li><li>- Apply <b>Super Secret Drip Wax</b> - or</li><li>- <b>Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax</b> immersion (especially if any wet rides)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ultimate Brake+ Drivetrain Cleaner</b> to disc brake pads</li><li>- Degrease with <b>Ultimate Chain Stripper</b></li><li>- Re-apply <b>Synergetic Drip Lube</b></li></ul>
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Strip chain &amp; re-wax (250 mi/400 km)</li><li>- Full bike wash &amp; check <b>Tubeless Tire Sealant</b> (feel/hear liquid inside tire)</li><li>- Apply wax to frame &amp; components</li><li>- Chain wear check</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ultimate Bike Wash</b></li><li>- <b>Ultimate Brake + Drivetrain Cleaner</b></li><li>- <b>Ultimate Graphene Spray Wax</b></li><li>- Inspect chain</li><li>- Rewax hot melt immersion or re-apply <b>Super Secret Drip Wax</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ultimate Brake+ Drivetrain Cleaner</b> to disc brake pads</li><li>- <b>Ultimate Chain Stripper</b> - deep clean chain and re-apply <b>Synergetic Drip Lube</b></li><li>- <b>Ultimate Bike Wash</b></li></ul>
Pre-Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deep clean &amp; prep drivetrain</li><li>- Refresh sealant</li><li>- Safety handlebar check (corrosion from indoor training)</li><li>- Replace bar tape if degraded</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hot water (<b>Ultimate Chain Stripper</b>, <b>StripChip</b> for new chains) + <b>Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax</b></li><li>- Add <b>EnduranceChip</b> and/or <b>SpeedChip</b> to customize hot wax formula</li><li>- Top off <b>Ultimate Sealant</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deep degrease</li><li>- Fresh <b>Synergetic Drip Lube</b></li><li>- Top off <b>Ultimate Sealant</b></li></ul>
Post-Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Inspect brake pads, tires, &amp; drivetrain for wear</li><li>- Deep clean drivetrain</li><li>- Refresh grease/paste (separate chart)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax</b></li><li>- <b>StripChip</b> for any new chains</li><li>- <b>EnduranceChip</b> and/or <b>SpeedChip</b> for longevity &amp;/or efficiency</li><li>- Top-up with <b>Super Secret Drip Wax</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ultimate Brake + Drivetrain Cleaner</b></li><li>- Deep clean chain + fresh <b>Synergetic Drip Lube</b></li><li>- Re-apply <b>Synergetic Race Grease</b></li></ul>
Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Full tear down</li><li>- Replace worn items (bar tape, chain, brake cables, tires, etc..)</li><li>- Re-grease all contact points</li><li>- Check / replace <b>Tubeless Tire Sealant</b> as needed</li><li>- Inspect full drivetrain</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deep clean with <b>Bike Spa Collection</b></li><li>- Rewax all chains</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deep clean with <b>Bike Spa Kit</b></li><li>- Deep clean chain + fresh <b>Synergetic Drip Lube</b></li></ul>

### SILCA Products Referenced

- **Gear Wipes** - daily post-ride wipe-down cleaning cloth
- **Ultimte Brake+Drivetrain Cleaner** - disc brake rotors, (cassette/ chainring/pulley degreasing for oil based system)
- **Ultimate Bike Wash** - full-bike clean (safe on all surfaces)
- **Bike Spa Collection** -bundle of Wipes, Cleaner, Wash
- **Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax** - immersive hot wax
- **StripChip** - chain degreaser for wax prep

- **Super Secret Drip Wax** - drip wax top-up between hot melts
- **EnduranceChip** - endurance wax performance additive
- **SpeedChip** - efficiency wax performance additive
- **Synergetic Drip Lube** - oil-based drip lube
- **Synerg-E Drip Lube** - oil-based drip lube for high torque (e-bikes)
- **Synergetic Race Grease** - long-wearing hi-performance grease for bearings, threads, and seals

### Pro-level Credibility

These exact products- from **Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax** to the **Bike Spa Collection** - are trusted by **VISMA | Lease a Bike** pro cycling teams. From early-season classics to mountain stages, SILCA is an **official Bike Care & Chain Waxing partner** at the highest levels of the sport. What you ride is what they ride.