



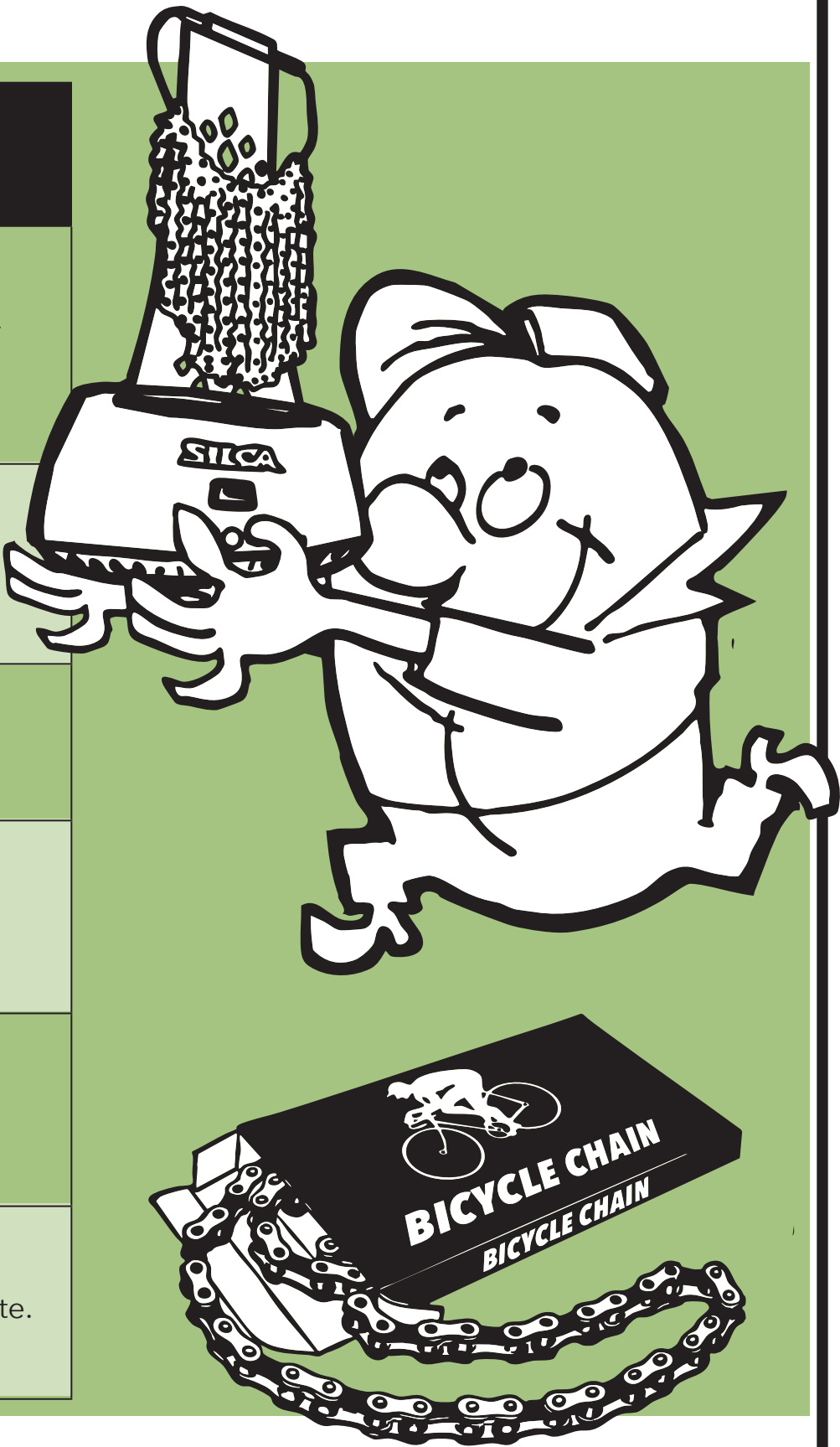
Chain Lube & Drivetrain MAINTENANCE

Clean, quiet, and efficient starts here.

Whether you wax or oil, proper chain care extends the life of your drivetrain, improves efficiency, and keeps your ride smooth. This guide outlines time-based maintenance routines for both systems – including advanced care and pro-level performance tuning.

SILCA's Chain Wax System offers the cleanest, most efficient setup possible – especially when paired with our drip maintenance and additive options. But oil-based lubes like Synergetic remain a powerful option for wet conditions and riders looking for fast, reliable performance without a dedicated waxing setup.

Time Period	WAX Drivetrain Maintenance	OIL-based Drivetrain Maintenance
After Every Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wipe chain with Gear Wipes if dusty or dirty in dry conditionsInspect for dryness or noiseApply Super Secret Drip if getting noisy or after a wet ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wipe chain with Gear WipesInspect for grime or noiseApply Synergetic if chain is dry or noisy
Weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clean chain with Drivetrain CleanerReapply Super Secret Drip as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clean drivetrain with Ultimate Chain StripperDegrease before reapplying Synergetic Drip Lube
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check chain wearClean chainPrep for hot wax if needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check chain wear/stretchDegrease and re-lube thoroughly
Pre-Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Degrease with StripChipHot wax with Secret Chain BlendAdd EnduranceChip or SpeedChip based on expected conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full drivetrain degreaseReapply SynergeticGrease contact points (e.g., derailleur pivots, bolts)
Post-Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deep clean chainInspect for buildupRefresh hot wax treatment if storing bike or prepping for indoor riding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deep clean drivetrainInspect for buildupRefresh lube before storage
Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace chain if stretchedInspect cassette, chainrings, and derailleur pulley wheelsRefresh Chain Wax System setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replace worn chainInspect and replace high-wear drivetrain parts as needed (cassette, chainrings, pulley wheels)



Usage Guidelines & Pro Tips

Re-lube intervals (under normal conditions):

- Super Secret Drip Coating:** 100-150 mi / 160-240 km
- Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax:** 300-400 mi / 480-640 km
- Synergetic Drip Lube:** 125-175 mi / 200-280 km

Monthly chain wear checks help to catch and prevent any undue cassette and chainring damage

WAX systems are ideal for riders who prioritize cleanliness, silence, and long-term drivetrain efficiency

Additive products like **StripChip**, **EnduranceChip**, and **SpeedChip** help maintain waxed chains and fine-tune them for long range riding or hi-performance racing

SILCA Products Referenced

Super Secret Drip Wax – Wax-based drip lube for maintaining a waxed chain

Secret Chain Blend Hot Wax – Immersive hot wax for max drivetrain life

EnduranceChip / SpeedChip – Wax additives to tune for mileage or maximum efficiency

Synergetic / Synerg-E – Advanced type-5 synthetic oil-based lubes for wet or extreme conditions

StripChip – Wax-prep degreaser hot wax additive designed for degreasing new factory chains while waxing in 1 step

Ultimate Chain Stripper – powerful chain degreaser and wax prep for new or used chains

Gear Wipes – Chain-safe wipes for quick post-ride cleanups



Trusted at the Highest Levels

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.