Protective Boots for new Ball Joint Arms

Posted by TonyJ - 03 Oct 2012 04:20

I had been thinking of a cheap quick and effective means of protecting the ball joints of the new arms from filings etc. The disc over the joints did not seem to offer any real protection.

I came up with the idea of canabalising the fingers off a heavy duty rubber glove.

* remove the arms from the WE

* remove the arm from the arm bracket

* cut the finger off the glove at the base of the finger

* snip a small hole in the top of the finger and slide it down the arm so that the top of the finger sits above the arm lock nut

* when in place snip a small hole for the micro adjust threaded end

* slide the glove over the micro adjust threaded end

* reassemble the arm

* repeat for other arm

* reassemble WE

Tony

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Re: Protective Boots for new Ball Joint Arms

Posted by Geocyclist - 18 Dec 2012 22:38

Bumping this up.

I was thinking about protection for the upgrade arms joints. I have some rare earth magnets to catch the steel, but unfortunately they don't get the stone dust.

Anyone using glove fingers or have other ideas?

I used some 2" squares of bubble wrap. It is the right mix of stiffness and flexibility. But not a very permanent solution. (at least bubble wrap is readily available).

Billibong, I have seen your post with the replacement, sealed joints.

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Re: Protective Boots for new Ball Joint Arms
Posted by nudood - 20 Dec 2012 17:54

I'm using glove fingers. Mine are 14 mil latex, probably overkill but it's what I had on hand. I didn't cut the holes in the side of the finger, as TonyJ did, I just left them a bit too long so they bunch up at the bottom of the arm.

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Re: Protective Boots for new Ball Joint Arms
Posted by FredHermann - 26 Dec 2012 21:10

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this is a great simple idea. So when my wife asks where the thumbs to the dish gloves went....I have an excuse.

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Re: Protective Boots for new Ball Joint Arms
Posted by Mikedoh - 27 Dec 2012 19:08

Good idea. Simple. Effective .

Think I'll use it. Seal it with a little rubber cement. Punch a hole for the micro adjust.

It will look better than my plastic wrap and rubber bands

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