

## Re: Keyboard lubricant?

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On Wed, 18 Aug 2004 22:33:54 GMT Bill Harris  
<[bill\\_harris@facilitatedsystems.com](mailto:bill_harris@facilitatedsystems.com)> wrote:

>*I have a Microsoft Natural Keyboard Elite that I disassembled, washed,  
>and reassembled.*

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>*Now it seems as if the keys are harder to press. Is there a lubricant I  
>should have used on the keys?*

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>*A bit of research by Google in s.e.r turned up silicon spray (perhaps  
>left out for a while so the propellant evaporates) and engine (or  
>machine?) oil as two solutions people have tried.*

Silicones are excellent lubricants for plastics. Mineral oils are not nearly as good. I've seen many examples of plastic products that work well because the parts are lubricated by the silicone mold release that they apparently acquire in manufacture.

It take an extremely small amount of silicone to do the job. If you can see it, you've used way too much. A quick spray over a large area might well be perfect.

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