

Re: Safe to use WD40 as switch or potentiometer cleaner?

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Woody wrote:

> "Ken G." <goodguyy@webtv.net> wrote in message
> news:18920-41234F7B-2@storefull-3258.bay.webtv.net...
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>>There is a large ``cult`` against wd40 because someone chose to start it
>>then the rest have not tried it and are hell bent that it wont work .
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>>For ordinary pot , switch , control cleaning wd40 works fine . More is
>>not better . It does not leave gunk behind .
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> The old favourite was carbon tetrachloride (if you can still get it) with a
> drop if machine oil in it – usually one drop of 3-in-1 in a teaspoonful of
> CTC.

Yikes! Scary scary stuff!

Carbon tet has been banned here since I was a young fellow, and that was back about the time they invented dirt :) Or dirty controls, anyway :)

Don't even think about buying it. And if you should happen to have some, please get rid of it. Safely. Call your hazardous waste folks.

Ken