How to Grease Ball Joint with Zerk Fitting:
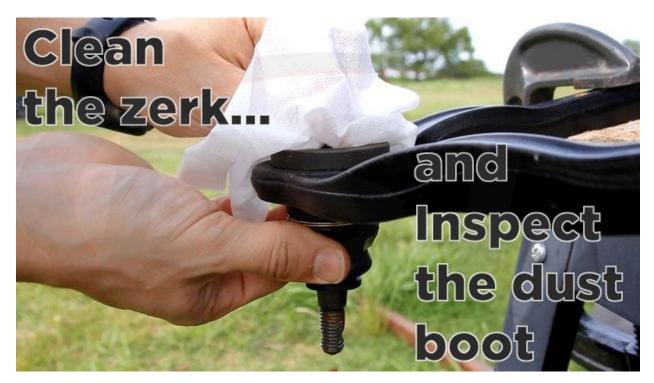
You need these tools:

- **A Grease Gun** – We suggest a manually powered grease gun that will put you in direct control of how much grease goes in and allow you to "feel" any resistance that the ball joint might be giving while you grease it.

- **Grease** – Use the OEM suggested grease or a Heavy Duty Lithium Synthetic or Marine grease. This will serve you better and longer and many brands will actively repel water.

- **Flexible Hose** – This is almost a universal requirement. The grease zerks on many vehicle's ball joints are almost impossible to connect to directly, even with a mini grease gun. Save the frustration and use a hose.

- **Rag** – To clean the zerk and wipe excess grease away. This will A) keep dirt and debris from collecting around the joint and B) allow any leakage to show up more quickly later down the road.

Instructions:

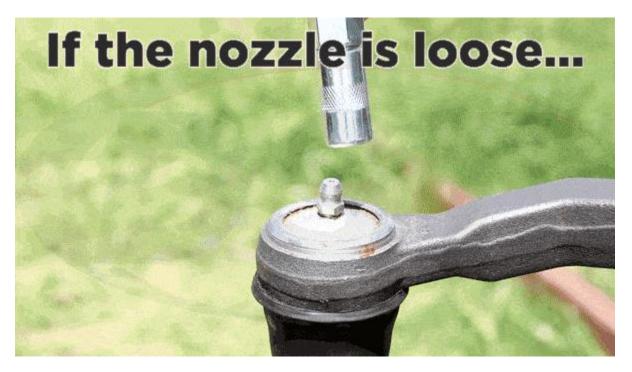1- First, you should inspect the dust boot for leaks.

2- Clean off the zerk to avoid any contaminates following the grease inside. You should see bright shiny metal before you attach the grease gun. If it's just too rusty or corroded, then you should remove the grease zerk and install a new one.

3- Next, attach the grease gun to the zerk fitting. Try to meet the fitting as squarely as possible and press down until you feel the "snap" of the adapter grabbing the zerk. If the coupler on your grease gun is adjustable you can twist and loosen the clamping mechanism for an easier application just remember to tighten it before pumping.

Attach grease gun to the zerk fitting

* If the nozzle of the grease gun hasn't connected to the zerk then grease will ooze from between the zerk and the grease gun.

If the nozzle is loose...

4- Then, slowly give the grease gun a few good pumps.

5- Detach the coupler from the fitting. If you tilt the coupler slightly and pull it should come away easily but be careful not to tilt it too much or you might break the zerk.

6- **Lastly, wipe any excess grease away from the zerk and dust boot.** Drive the car around the block and check the joints for leakage.