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BIKE MEDICINE CHAIN SERVICE REGIMEN

A two part chain treatment that includes Golden Degreaser and Purple Extreme lubricant. A four-ounce bottle of Purple Extreme runs \$11.99, and Golden Degreaser is \$10 for an eight-ounce bottle.

Features: Purple Extreme was originally formulated as a severe condition synthetic lubricant for chain driven mining and offshore oil rig equipment. Golden Degreaser is a citrus-base cleaner that is ultra harsh on grease yet still nonpoisonous and safe for the environment. Give Bike Medicine a call at (713) 773-0477.

MBA rating: ★★★★★ A flip-up cap tip on the bottle naturally applied Golden Degreaser on the chain while backpedaling. Shift the chain up and down the range of the cassette and chain wheel to saturate the gear teeth. Use a stiff bristle brush to scrub the cogs, chain rings, guide pulleys and chain. Rinse off with plain water, followed by a quick Simple Green and water rinse to wash overspray off painted surfaces. Allow the drivetrain to dry in the sun or overnight.

A cap with a fine tip carefully flows Purple Extreme into the chain as the cranks are rotated. Treat both sides of the rollers. (Or one drop can be applied across each roller, pin by pin.) Cycle through the gears for a minute, and then wipe off the chain. Purple Extreme uses a solvent carrier that quickly evaporates after it moves the lube and extreme pressure components deep into the chain. It's possible to ride immediately, but it's best to let Purple Extreme fully set up overnight.

Both the cleaner and lube contain 16 applications. Golden Degreaser does a fantastic job of restoring the condition of the drivetrain. Once the thixotropic carrier evaporates, Purple Extreme coats the chain parts with a tough, wax-like film. As long as you don't do too many extended water submersions, Purple Extreme will protect the chain for a week's worth of off-road riding. It doesn't attract dirt, and after a ride it's easy to feel how much of the waxy synthetic is remaining on the chain.

