

TECHNICAL PROCEDURE

TRAILER SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

SUBJECT: Reapplying Axle Sealant Procedure

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Before an integrated suspension system leaves our facility, Hendrickson Trailer Suspension Systems applies a sealant to the axle around the axle wrap and to the pilot hole at the bottom of the axle wrap (figure 1). The purpose of this sealant is to help prevent crevice corrosion between the axle and the axle wrap.

After leaving our facility, some suspensions may undergo a media blasting process in preparation for final painting by trailer manufacturers. During this practice, the factory-applied axle sealant inadvertently gets removed along with any dirt, grease, rust and other targets of the blasting process. **To help prevent crevice corrosion and to help avoid any potential situations that would affect the suspension warranty, Hendrickson strongly recommends that the axle sealant be reapplied before final priming and painting.** The following illustration outlines the proper procedure for reapplying axle sealant after media blasting.

Required sealant: Sikaflex-221

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NOTE: Suspension shown from the bottom.

Four places per axle. Apply $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch (5mm) fillet of Sikaflex-221, 360° coverage.

Sealant should be conditioned to 70° - 80°F before use.

Recommended application temperature: 40° to 110°F

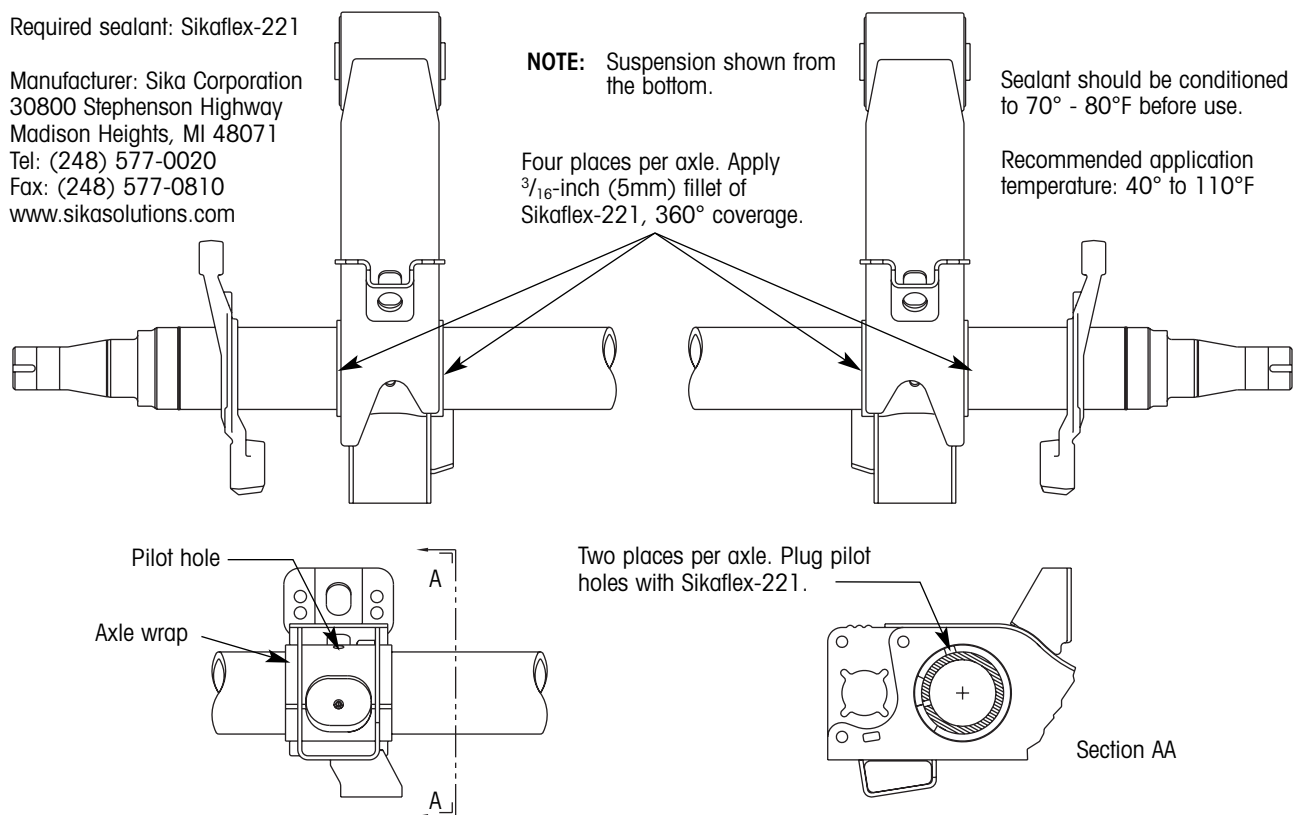


Figure 1. Axle sealant locations

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