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Prior to assembly, inspect the pipes and ensure they are in good condition. The white protective strip in the socket helps to keep the sealing area free from dirt, mud and gravel etc.

Prior to assembly clean the socket and spigot. Water and mud does not seriously affect the joint, but should be avoided. It is recommended that only a FP McCann approved lubricant is used. Apply lubricant to the spigot end. Take care that lubricant is evenly applied all around the spigot. It is important to lubricate the radius area, as shown by the arrow in the picture. Lubrication is easier with the pipe suspended. Dry jointing can result in severe damage to the seal and pipe.

The protective strip is removed prior to jointing. Grip the tab of blue tape and pull towards the pipe centre- not towards the inside or outside. Small parts of the strip can remain in the pipe without affecting the joint performance.

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