

Katadyn BeFree Hero FF
Art. No. 8020570

INSTRUCTIONS



1 INTENDED USE OF KATADYN BeFree HERO FF

When used properly in accordance with the instructions provided in this manual, this product is designed to reduce the levels of bacteria, protozoan cysts and viruses in fresh water sources when there is a doubt that the water was sufficiently treated against microbiological contamination. The Katadyn BeFree Hero FF is only to be used as a water filter.

2 WARNINGS

READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL instructions and warnings in this manual before using the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF. Failure to follow all warnings and instructions may result in exposure to harmful microorganisms and illness.

- Never use the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF to filter seawater or brackish water or chemically contaminated water, such as water from mine tailing ponds or near large agricultural operations. The Katadyn BeFree Hero FF does not make drinkable water from these sources and does not remove radioactive materials.
- Improper threading of cap to the Hydrapak® SoftFlask™ could cause fluid leakage and result in illness.
- Do not hold or squeeze the Filter Membrane with your hand while opening or closing the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF (see Normal Operation). Carefully hold the top part of the flask when opening or closing the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF allowing the Filter Membrane to rotate freely inside the flask. Holding or squeezing the Filter Membrane while opening or closing the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF could result in damage or breakage to the Filter Membrane, thus compromising/damaging the filter (which could allow harmful microorganisms to bypass the filter, leading to illness).
- If the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF has been dropped into a fresh water source, follow instructions for long term storage to completely disinfect filter before use. If the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF is damaged or contaminated, do not use.
- Do not allow fresh water to contaminate the output parts (drink nozzle, filter output).

2 WARNINGS (CONTINUED)

- To minimize risk, when filtering water, do not splash dirty or fresh water on the drink nozzle and do not share the drink nozzle with others. (Note: Illness can be spread by sharing drink nozzle with other people.)
- Do not filter any substance or liquid other than fresh water through your Katadyn BeFree Hero FF or the Filter Membrane may become damaged or contaminated.
- Before long term storage, disinfect the Filter Membrane thoroughly to prevent growth of mold, mildew and bacteria which could cause illness (see Long Term Storage).
- Do not use dishwasher or microwave to disinfect the Filter Membrane or the drink nozzle. Doing so will damage or melt the parts from high heat. The Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ can be put in the dishwasher on the top rack.
- Always seek the best fresh water source available.
- Always handle the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF carefully.

3 PRODUCT SETUP

Remove the two tamper evident closures of the drink nozzle (see figure 1):

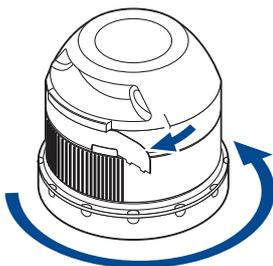


Figure (1) Removing tamper evident closures

Flush system by running 1 liter of filtered or treated water through the Filter Membrane to remove harmless particles and dust. See following section on Normal Operation on how to filter water.

4 NORMAL OPERATION

Open the system by holding the top of the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ and unscrew the Filter Membrane counter-clockwise. Close the system by screwing Filter Membrane clockwise onto the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ ensuring a proper thread seal and avoiding cross-threading which could lead to bypass, ensuring a tight seal (see figure 3)

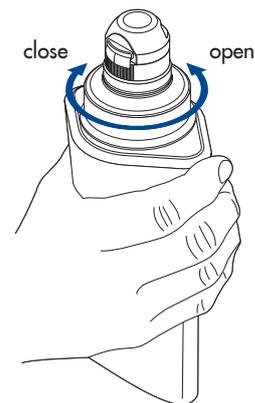


Figure (3) Opening and Closing



Do not hold or squeeze the Filter Membrane with your hand while opening or closing the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF.

4 NORMAL OPERATION (CONTINUED)

Note: Do not use turbid water. In case of turbidity, water must be pre-filtered.

Fill the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ with fresh water (not salt or brackish water) from the best water source available (preferably faucets or fountains) (see figure 2).

IMPORTANT: Wipe off the fresh water from the outside of the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ before drinking.



Figure (2) Filling

IMPORTANT: Always sanitize or wash your hands with soap thoroughly before you eat or prepare food.

6 LIMITED WARRANTY

2 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY on Katadyn BeFree Hero FF

A) What is covered

Your Katadyn BeFree Hero FF is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship.

B) How long warranty coverage lasts

This warranty lasts two years from the date of purchase of your Katadyn BeFree Hero FF.

C) What Katadyn will do

In the event of a defect in material or workmanship within the two-year warranty period, Katadyn will either repair or replace your Katadyn BeFree Hero FF, at Katadyn's sole discretion. Does not include transport costs.

D) What is not covered

This warranty does not cover any damage caused by product misuse, abuse or failure to follow instructions provided herein for proper use or storage. This warranty also does not cover, and expressly excludes coverage for, any incidental or consequential damages arising out of the purchase, use or performance of the product. Some state laws do not allow exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion or limitation may not apply to you.

E) How to get service

To receive coverage under this warranty, please return your Katadyn BeFree Hero FF to the organisation where you purchased the product for repair or replacement. If you are not completely satisfied with the service you receive from the organisation, or if you have any questions regarding this warranty, please contact Katadyn Customer Service by telephone, email or in writing at:

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F) How state law applies

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

4 NORMAL OPERATION (CONTINUED)

Open the flip cap and squeeze the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ to filter water (see figure 4)



Figure (4) Drinking

IMPORTANT: Always sanitize or wash your hands with soap thoroughly before you eat or prepare food.

5 LONG TERM STORAGE

Disinfect your Katadyn BeFree Hero FF before storage to prevent microbiological growth within the Filter Membrane.

- Fill the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ with 1 L filtered or treated water and add 4 drops of ordinary chlorine bleach.
- Close the system by screwing the cap (with Filter Membrane) clockwise.
- Squeeze the entire amount of water through the Filter Membrane.
- Separate the Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ from the Filter Membrane and allow the components to air dry completely (up to two weeks, depending on climate) before storing the system.
- Place components separately in a container that is NOT airtight for long-term storage.

Note: When removing the Katadyn BeFree Hero FF from long-term storage, flush the system with 2 liters of filtered or treated water to remove any stale tasting water.

7 PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Technology	1 liter Hydrapak® Soft Flask™ with integrated water filter
Effective Against	Bacteria 99.9999%, Cyst 99.9%, Virus 99.99%
Life-time filter element	Up to 500 liters, depending on water quality
Flow rate	Up to 1L / min (initial flow)
Weight	80 g / 2.8 oz
Dimensions	8.0 x 6.5 x 26.5 cm / 3.1 x 2.5 x 10.4 in
Material	Pleated glass fiber filter, Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU) Hydrapak® Soft Flask™, 100% BPA & PVC Free

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