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Katadyn BeFree 3.0L Water Filter Instruction Manual

Model: 8019640

Product Overview

The Katadyn BeFree 3.0L Water Filtration System provides a reliable solution for filtering water in outdoor and emergency situations. Featuring a 0.1 micron EZ-Clean Membrane, it effectively removes harmful organisms such as bacteria and protozoa, exceeding EPA standards. The system includes a durable Hydrapak Soft Flask, designed for portability and ease of use. Its fast flow rate allows for quick hydration, and the filter is easily maintained through simple cleaning methods.

Components

The Katadyn BeFree 3.0L Water Filter system includes the following:

- BeFree Microfilter with 0.1 micron EZ-Clean Membrane
- Hydrapak 3.0L Soft Flask (collapsible reservoir)



Image: The Katadyn BeFree Microfilter, showing the blue EZ-Clean Membrane housing and the white filter element.

Setup Instructions

1. **Unpack Components:** Remove the BeFree Microfilter and Hydrapak 3.0L Soft Flask from its packaging.
2. **Initial Rinse:** Before first use, fill the soft flask with water and attach the filter. Squeeze a small amount of water through the filter to rinse it. Discard this water.
3. **Attach Filter:** Ensure the EZ-Clean Membrane filter is securely screwed into the neck of the Hydrapak Soft Flask. The blue ring should be tightened to prevent leaks.

Operating Instructions

1. **Fill Flask:** Open the wide mouth of the Hydrapak Soft Flask and fill it with untreated water from a reliable source (e.g., lake, river, stream). Avoid collecting water with excessive debris if possible.
2. **Filter Water:**
    - **Squeeze Method:** Hold the flask upside down and gently squeeze it to force water through the filter and out the spout.

- **Gravity Method:** Hang the filled flask upside down from a tree branch or other elevated point. Gravity will draw water through the filter. Open the spout to dispense water into a container.

3. **Drink:** Drink the filtered water directly from the spout or dispense it into a clean bottle or container. The filter provides a fast flow rate of up to 2 liters per minute.



Image: The Katadyn BeFree 3.0L Soft Flask hanging from a tree branch, demonstrating the gravity filtration method into a water bottle.



Image: A person squeezing the Katadyn BeFree 3.0L Soft Flask to filter water into a camping cup.

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Video: Official Katadyn BeFree 3.0L Water Filter demonstration, showing how to fill the flask from a water source and use it for direct drinking or gravity filtration.

Maintenance

Regular cleaning of the EZ-Clean Membrane is crucial for maintaining optimal flow rate and extending the filter's lifespan. The filter is rated for up to 1,000 liters, depending on water quality.

1. **EZ-Clean Method:**
    - Fill the soft flask with clean water.
    - Attach the filter and shake the flask vigorously to dislodge debris from the membrane.
    - Alternatively, remove the filter from the flask and swish it in a lake, river, or stream to clean the membrane.
2. **Drying and Storage:** After each trip, ensure the filter is thoroughly cleaned and completely dry before long-term storage to prevent mold or bacterial growth. Do not use in freezing conditions.

Troubleshooting

- **Reduced Flow Rate:** If the water flow becomes slow, perform the EZ-Clean method described in the Maintenance section. This usually indicates a clogged filter.
- **Leaks from Flask:** Inspect the Hydrapak Soft Flask for any punctures or tears. Small holes can sometimes be temporarily repaired with waterproof tape in the field. Ensure the filter is securely tightened to the flask.
- **No Water Flow:** Ensure the filter is not frozen. If the filter has frozen, it may be damaged and should be replaced.

Specifications

Brand	Katadyn
Model Name	8019640
Special Feature	Portable
Product Dimensions	9.1"L x 3.5"W x 15.2"H
Item Weight	3.53 Ounces (100g)
Material	Synthetic
Capacity	Filters up to 1000 Liters
Purification Method	Hollow Fiber Membrane (0.1 micron)
Maximum Flow Rate	2 Liters Per Minute
Removes	99.9999% of bacteria, 99.9% of protozoa
Lower Temperature Rating	32 Degrees Fahrenheit (0 Degrees Celsius)

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