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BA–Brewers Association Recommendations

https://www.brewersassociation.org/association-news/importance-draught-beer-line-cleaning/

This article was written by the market development committee as part of the BA Insider—a free email publication sent quarterly by the Brewers Association. Each issue covers topics relevant to craft beer distributors.

The Importance of Draught Beer Line Cleaning

Clean beer lines are integral to maintaining the quality of craft beer.

Small and independent craft brewers devote a lot of time, effort, and resources to make the best possible beer for consumers. Ingredients are handpicked, the latest technological advances in brewing are used and batches of beer are tested throughout the process to ensure superior quality. That hard work can be ruined in the time it takes the beer to travel from the keg to the glass if the draught system/lines have not been properly cleaned and maintained.

The enemies of draught beer may include the following:

Yeast

White or grey-colored surface growth found on beer system components (faucets, keg couplers and drains) that are exposed to air.

Mold

Brown or black-colored surface growth found on beer system components (faucets, keg couplers and drains) that are exposed.

Beer stone

Grey or brown in color, (calcium oxalate) builds up and eventually flakes off if the system is not properly maintained, potentially ending up in the pint and having a negative effect on taste.

Bacteria

Beer-spoiling bacteria will ruin a beer's flavor and aroma. While these micro-organisms are not health risks, they will cause buttery off-flavors called diacetyl, or sour, vinegary off-flavors called acetic acid. All these enemies of beer are easily preventable by regular line cleaning, but if left unattended will inevitably lead to dissatisfied customers and lost sales.

Cleaning Lines and General Maintenance

Here are BA-defined minimum standards for draught cleanliness:

- At a minimum, you should clean your draught line every two weeks with an alkaline detergent cleaner to remove protein and films that build up quickly.
- The cleaning chemical should be recirculated through the product line for a minimum of 15 minutes at a velocity up to two gallons per minute.
- <u>Soaking product lines is not recommended</u>, but the cleaning solution should be left in-line for at least 20 minutes if recirculation is not an option.
- All faucets should be completely disassembled and cleaned every two weeks. Make sure to replace any damaged seals or gaskets.
- Acid cleaning should be performed quarterly to remove inorganic compounds such as "beer stone," which are mineral deposits.
- All vinyl jumpers and vinyl direct draw lines should be replaced annually.
- Couplers should be replaced based on condition. Inspect the coupler bottom seal and Orings, to make sure they are properly lubricated with a food-grade lubricant.
- Good quality, well-maintained couplers, faucets, and shanks can last a lifetime. Parts that are 100 percent stainless steel are the most reliable and will provide the best quality experience for your staff and customers.
- Always make sure to rinse lines with clean water after cleaning!
- Draught lines may need to be replaced after pouring root beer, fruit or pepper-flavored beers, sour beers, margaritas, or ciders to avoid permanent flavor influence.

Safety First

- Use of personal protective equipment (eye/face protection and gloves) should be required while handling line-cleaning chemicals.
- Properly cleaned lines will ensure that the appearance, aroma, and flavor experience is delivered pint after pint—and your customers will keep coming back.

There is no reason to use EPA Class 8 Corrosives with all the risk, hazards and liabilities that come with them. These cleaners build up in the system and contribute to the scale, yeast build up, bad taste and unfortunately for a few, the violent reactions from consumption. pH³ Ocean Mist is your safe, clean, effective, and efficient alternative.