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# Instructions for the AQQA® bag

## Foreword

The AQQA® bag is a water filter that can be used in emergency and crisis situations to remove turbidity, bacteria and pathogens from the water. It achieves a retention rate of 99.9999% for bacteria. In many areas of the world where people have no access to drinking water, bacteria (e.g. typhoid fever, cholera) and other water parasites (e.g. bilharzia) are an acute threat to health. The AQQA® bag is designed to significantly improve the hygienic quality of water in these cases.

## Operating instructions

- a) fill the bag up to the top with water and hang it up. Make sure that no thorns or sharp objects get into the filter. Do not place the filter on the ground in a full state, there is a risk of damage.
- b) Place a PET or glass bottle under the outlet hose, slightly open the top cap on the AQQA® bag to allow air to flow in and open the clamp on the outlet hose. At first use, it may take a few minutes for clean water to escape from the drain.
- c) The bag can be refilled as often as required. Empty the AQQA® bag once a day and rinse out as much dirt as possible.
- d) After 6 months of use, replace the AQQA® bag and return it to the sales partner for recycling.
- e) The AQQA® bag can dry out after use without damaging the membrane. If the AQQA® bag is stored for a longer period of time after use in a damp place, the hygienic quality of the filter can no longer be guaranteed and the AQQA® bag should be replaced.

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## Safety instructions and disclaimer

### Important to know

The filtered water has no drinking water quality, e.g. according to the German Drinking Water Ordinance. Substances dissolved in the water can pass through the filter membrane. Therefore, the filtrate may also contain substances that are harmful to health, e.g. pesticides. The AQQA® bag cannot remove salts from the water and is not suitable for seawater.

### What follows from this

The AQQA® bag should only be filled with water for which the origin is known. The water should not be used, if it is contaminated with industrial discharges. Possible freshwater sources include rivers, lakes, wells, rainwater, groundwater, dirty tap water.

**Caution:** Improper use may damage the bag. It should be replaced if:

- bubbles rise somewhere inside the bag
- no clear, but cloudy water emerges from the outlet

In case of doubt, ask us or your sales partner, we will be happy to advise you.

**Disclaimer:** Even though the AQQA® bag is an indispensable helper in an emergency, it cannot guarantee drinking water quality. 100% safety could only be achieved by continuous sampling of the filtrate.

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