LifeStrawEvidence Dossier

For:
LifeStraw Go
LifeStraw Play
LifeStraw Universal
LifeStraw Steel

CONTAMINANT REMOVAL BY PRODUCT

		Water filters (membrane pore size: 0.2 microns)			Water purifiers (membrane pore size: 0.02 microns)		
		LifeStraw	LifeStraw Go, Play, Universal, Steel	LifeStraw Flex	LifeStraw Mission	LifeStraw Family	LifeStraw Community
	Brucella melitensis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Campylobacter jejuni	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	pasteurella tularensis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Shigella	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Staphylococcus Aureus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Vibrio Cholera	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BACTERIA	Vibrio parahaemolyticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(Removes	Yersinia enterocolitica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99.999999%)	Yersinia pestis	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓
	Enteropathogenic E.coli	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Haemophilus influenzae	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Klebsielia pneumoniae	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Legionella pneumophia	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Mycoplasma pneumoniae	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Pseudomonas pseudomallei	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Salmonella hirschefeldii	√	✓	✓	✓	√	√
	Salmonella typhimurium	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Salmonella typhosa	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
	Shigella dysenteriae	√	√	√	√	√	√
	Streptococcus pneumoniae	√	√	√	√	√	√
	Streptococcus pyogenes	√	✓	√	√	√	√
	Leptospirosis				√	√	√
	Ascario lumbricoides	√	√	√	√	√	√
	Cryptosporidium	√	√	√	√	√	√
PARASITES	Entamoeba	·	·	√	√	<u> </u>	√
(Removes 99.999%)	Giadia Lamblia	√	√	√	√	√	√
99.999%)	naegleria gruberi	√	√	√	√	√	√
	schistosoma mansoni	√	√	√	√	√	√
		√	√	√	√	√	√
	taenis saginata Adenoviridae virus	•	•	•	√	✓	√
	Astrovirus				√		√
	Calicivirus virus				·		√
	Enterovirus				· ✓		√
VIRUS	Hepatitis A virus				√ ·	<u> </u>	√
(Removes	Hepatovirus				√ ·	√	√
99.999%)	Influenza				√	<u> </u>	√
	Norovirus				√	✓	√
	Parainfluenza				√	<u> </u>	√
	Paramyxovirus				√	✓	√
	Paramyxovirus Parvovirus B19				✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓
	Rhinorvirus				✓ ✓	✓	√
	Rotavirus				✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓
					✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓
	Togavirus Chlorine		✓	√	V	V	· ·
	Organic chemical matter		✓ ✓	✓ ✓			
CHEMICALS	Pesticides and herbicides		√	√			
	Lead			√			
	Heavy metals			✓			

This list is intended as complementary information. All LifeStraw products are tested under standard laboratory conditions using ISO / IEC 17025 accredited methods. For specific laboratory results, please refer to the Certificate of Analysis document, provided at www.lifestraw.com

LifeStraw Internal Lab Reports

Performance on Longevity, Microbial Removal and Chlorine Removal of LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage

Study Number: LSP.17.2004.2.2

Issued by: Nguyen Quang Chung	Approved by: Cao Thu Le
Date of issuance: 14/08/2017	

Overview

Performance of LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage product was tested following US EPA (1) and NSF P231 (2) protocols for microbiological water purifiers, and NSF42 for chlorine removal efficacy.

LifeStraw® Go 2 stage product work well until more than 4000L (test ongoing till clogging): E.coli bacteria removal was higher than log 8.1, protozoan cyst removal was higher than log 5.2, and average turbidity of filtered water of LifeStraw® Go 2 stage was 0.3 NTU. The quality of the filtered water exceeded requirements of WHO (4)/ US EPA/NSF P231 on bacteria removal (≥log6), protozoan cysts removal (≥log4), and turbidity removal (≤0.5 NTU).

LifeStraw® Go 2 stage with carbon capsule could remove chlorine well up to more than 110L as under NSF42 testing conditions. This capacity exceeded Vestergaard's requirement and claim of 100L.

References

- 1) US EPA Guide Standard and Protocol for Testing Microbiological Water Purifiers. April 1987.
- 2) NSF Protocol P231, Microbiological Water Purifiers. February 2003.
- 3) WL.SOP.119.v1. SOP Normal Aging procedure of LifeStraw® Go 2 stage. (Water Laboratory's internal standard operating procedure).
- 4) WHO (2011). Evaluating household water treatment options: Health-based targets and microbiological performance standards, Geneva, World Health Organization.
- 5) NSF/ ANSI 42, Drinking water treatment units Aesthetic effects, 2015.





Testing principles

Following US EPA/ NSF P231 protocols, two replicates of LS® Go 2 stage were being aged with general test water. Every 500L along the aging process, microbial removal efficacy of the product was evaluated by being subjected to a challenging test with challenge test water.

Following NSF42 protocol, three replications of LifeStraw® Go 2 stage were tested. Chlorine concentration of influent water was controlled at 2±0.2mg/L. Chlorine concentration of effluent water was checked frequently to evaluate chlorine removal efficacy.

Test waters were prepared and controlled following US EPA (1), NSF P231 (2) and NSF42 (5). Operating the product during testing was done following WL.SOP.119.v1.

Results and discussions

1. Longevity performance

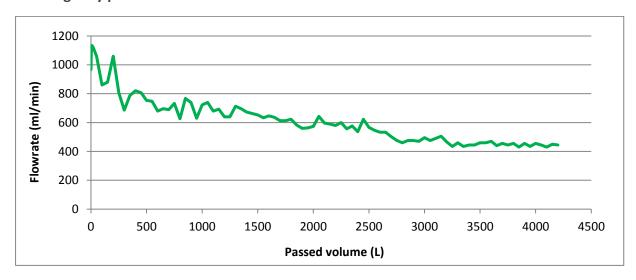


Figure 1. Average flow-rate of LS Go 2 stage up to more than 4000L (test ongoing)

LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage product worked well until more than 4000L (test ongoing). At 4000L point, average filtration rate was around 450ml/min - means that it is easy to get a cup of high quality filtrated water through LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage in about a haft of minute. The average turbidity of filtrated water up to 4000L point was ca. 0.3 NTU and thus meets requirement of NSF International Standard/American National Standard.

2. Microbial removal efficacy

LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage uses hollow fiber microfiltration technology which can remove microorganisms bigger than its pore size of $0.2\mu m$, thus, it can remove *E.coli* bacteria (ca. $0.5x2\mu m$) and protozoa cysts (minimum $3\mu m$). Although the removal of protozoan cysts was only tested at random testing points, removal of *E.coli* (the smaller tested organisms) guaranteed removal of protozoan cysts.



Results showed that LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage product exceeded requirements of US EPA, NSF P231 and WHO for microbiological water purifiers on removal of bacteria and protozoa cysts up to 4000L (test ongoing).

Table 1.	Bacteria	removal	efficacy	/
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Replicates	E.coli removal (log ₁₀ reduction) (*)							
	10L	500L	1000L	1500L	2000L	2500L	3000L	4000L
1	>8.5	>8.7	>8.8	>8.5	>8.1	>8.7	>8.7	>8.8
2	>8.5	>8.7	>8.8	>8.5	>8.7	>8.7	>8.7	>8.8

(*) *E.coli* in water was analyzed following SMEWW-9222G (Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater)

Table 2. Protozoan removal efficacy

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Replicates	Protozoa removal (log	g ₁₀ reduction) (**)		
	2500L	4000L		
1	>5.2	-		
2	>5.2	>5.2		

(**) Protozoa cysts were tested with $3\mu m$ spheres surrogate as alternative. Sphere concentration in water was analyzed following US EPA 05/9205/EPADWCTR

3. Chlorine removal efficacy

LifeStraw® Go 2 stage with its carbon capsule could remove chlorine very well (higher 60%) up to more than 110L when tested with chlorine water following the NSF42 protocol (NSF42 required chlorine removal efficacy must be higher than 50%). This chlorine removal capacity was higher than Vestergaard's requirement and claim of 100L.

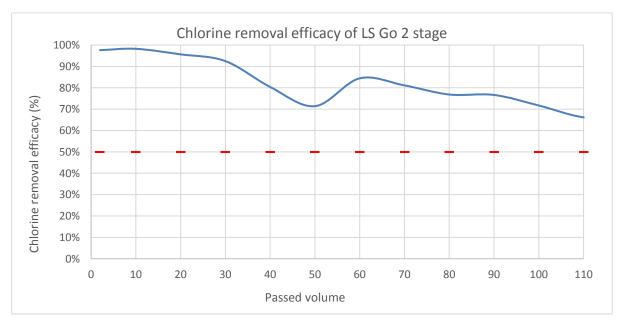


Figure 2: Chlorine removal efficacy of LifeStraw® Go 2 stage following the NSF42 protocol

Conclusions

LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage product was working well until more than 4000L (test is ongoing) when tested following USEPA (1) and NSF P231 (2): *E.coli* bacteria removal was higher than log 8.1, protozoan cyst removal was higher than log 5.2, and average turbidity of filtered water of LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage was 0.3NTU.

The quality of the filtered water exceeded requirements of WHO/ US EPA/NSF P231 on bacteria removal (≥log6) and protozoan cysts removal (≥log4), and turbidity removal (≤0.5 NTU).

Regarding to chlorine removal efficacy, LifeStraw[®] Go 2 stage with its carbon capsule could remove chlorine well (higher than 60%) up to more than 110L – exceeded requirement of NSF42 of minimum 50% removal. It also exceeded the Vestergaard's requirement and claim of 100L.

Certificate of Analysis

Sample Information

Test : LifeStraw® Go 2 Stage Requested by : PARA Membranes Ltd.

Quantity: 10 pcsDescription: QC Cartridge

Date of receipt of test sample (dd/mm/yyyy) : 23/02/2018

Analysis Results

Microbiological log ₁₀ reduction		Physico-c	cteristics				
	Parameter	Bacteria (E.coli)	Protozoa (3µm spheres surrogate)	Turbidity of effluent water (NTU)	Flow rate (ml/min)	Chlorine removal (%)	Conclusion
R	eference method	SMEWW 9222G	US EPA 05/9205/ EPADWC (Modified) (*)	SMEWW 2130B (*)	WL.SOP.117	Hach 8167 - DPD method (*)	
	Specification	Min 8	Min 5	Max 0.5	Min 700	Min 81	PASSED
1	LSGOCWPR8A112	>8.6	>5.2	0.1	1420	-	PASSED
2	LSGOCWPR8A112	>8.6	>5.2	0.2	1220	-	PASSED
3	LSGOCWPR8A112	>8.6	>5.2	0.1	1160	-	PASSED
4	LSGOCWPR8A112	-	-	-	-	85%	PASSED
5	LSGOCWPR8A112	-	-	-	-	90%	PASSED
6	LSGOCWPR8A113	>8.6	>5.2	0.1	1220	-	PASSED
7	LSGOCWPR8A113	>8.6	>5.2	0.2	1340	-	PASSED
8	LSGOCWPR8A113	>8.6	>5.2	0.1	1360	-	PASSED
9	LSGOCWPR8A113	-	-	-	-	86%	PASSED
10	LSGOCWPR8A113	-	-	-	-	84%	PASSED

Note: (*) ISO/IEC 17025 accredited methods



I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the findings provide a true and accurate record of the results obtained on samples as received.

Date and signature

05/03/2018

Cao Thu Le

Water Laboratory Manager

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LifeStrawExternal Lab Reports



TEST REPORT

Report No: AWRTCL/13983A, 13984B & 13985A/17-18 Date: 18.04.2018

Customer details	Sample details
Name & Address :	Sample received: 29.03.2018
Le Thu Cao	Sample code no:- AWRTCL/13983A,13984B & 13985A/17-18
Laboratory manager Life Straw	Sample Description : Life Straw Go - 2stage filtration, Life Straw Play, Life Straw Universal
Vietnam	No of Samples for Testing: 1 No. each
	Submitted By : Life Straw, Vietnam
	Date of Analysis Started: 04.04.2018
	Date of Analysis Completed: 10.04.2018
	Subcontract : Not Applicable
	Condition of Sample when received: Intact.

TEST DATA: Table 1 - Microbial reduction @ 800 ml/min Flow Rate

S.No	Sample Number	Volume of Filtration Liters	Microorganisms	Input water Microbial counts	Treated water Microbial counts	% Reduction & Log reduction
1	AWRTCL/13983A/ 17-18 Life Straw Go 2	12Lit	E.Coli MTCC-68	5.50x10 ⁷ cfu/ml (7.74 log)	NVC/ml	>99.99999% 7.74 log
	stage	12Lit	3 micron Microspheres	1.73 x 10 ⁷ /Liter (7.23 log)	< 160 /Liter	> 99.999% 5.03 log
2	AWRTCL/13984B/ 17-18 Life Straw Play	12Lit	E.Coli MTCC-68	6.0x10 ⁷ cfu/ml (7.77 log)	NVC/ml	>99.99999% 7.77 log
		12 Lit	3 micron Microspheres	1.69 x 10 ⁷ /Liter (7.22 log)	<160/Liter	>99.999% 5.02 log
3	AWRTCL/13985A/ 17-18 Life Straw	12Lit	E.Coli MTCC-68	7.0x10 ⁷ cfu/ml (7.84 log)	NVC/ml	>99.99999% 7.84 log
	Universal	12 Lit	3 micron Microspheres	1.62 x 10 ⁷ /Liter (7.20 log)	320/Liter	99.998% 4.70 log

NVC: No viable colonies & <160/Liter: below detection limit

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12 Lit of filtration includes 5 Liters of DM water flushing (wetting and removal of entrapped air), 5 Liters of non spiked test water for conditioning of the product and 5 Liters of spiked test water. During 2^{nd} spiked water running sampling was done after filtering 2 Liters. Test setup was assembled in the manner as shown in the picture (next page). All the tubing, pump etc were first run with DM water to flush out any adhering debris, biological contaminants etc.

INFERENCE: Tested Lifestraw namely Lifestraw Go 2 stage, Lifestraw Play, Lifestraw Universal have demonstrated > log 7 reduction with E.coli MTCC- 68 Bacterium and > 4.7 to 5log reduction with 3 micron plastic sphere when tested at flow rate of 800ml/min and thus performs in accordance with NSF P231 for bacterial and cyst reduction.

TEST WATER COMPOSITION: Microbial Reduction

Test Characteristic	Recommended	Concentra	Concentration maintained by the Laboratory		
	Concentration NSF	Sample Code &	Sample Code &	Sample Code &	
	P231	Customer Code	Customer Code	Customer Code	
	Protocol (CTW#03)	AWRTCL/13983A/	AWRTCL/13984B/	AWRTCL/13985A/	
		17-18	17-18	17-18	
		Life Straw	Life Straw	Life Straw	
		Go 2 stage	Play	Universal	
pН	9.0±0.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	
TDS mg/L	1500±150 mg/L	1530	1530	1530	
Turbidity NTU	Not less than 30NTU	31.0	31.0	31.0	
TOC mg/L	Not less than 10 mg/L	11 mg/L	11 mg/L	11 mg/L	
Temperature ⁰ C	4±1 °C	5°C	5°C	5°C	
Residual Chlorine mg/L	Not detectable	<0.05 mg/L	<0.05 mg/L	<0.05 mg/L	

<0.05 mg/L=Not detected



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Report No: AWRTCL/13983/ 17-18 Date: 17.04.2018

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Customer details	Sample details		
Name & Address :	Sample received: 29.03.2018		
Kind Attn	Sample code no:- AWRTCL/13983 / 17-18		
Le Thu Cao	Sample Description : Life Straw Go- 2stage		
Laboratory manager	No of Samples for Testing: 1 No.		
Life Straw	Submitted By : Life Straw, Vietnam		
Vietnam	Date of Analysis Started: 17.04.2018		
	Date of Analysis Completed: 17.04.2018		
	Subcontract : Not Applicable		
	Condition of Sample when received: Intact.		
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TEST DATA: 1 micron plastic microsphere reduction at 800 ml/min Flow rate

Volume	Sample Code & Customer Code					
of		AWRTCL/13983/17-18				
Filtration Liters	Life Straw Go 2 stage					
	Input Water	% Reduction				
	Microsphere count	Microsphere count				
12 Liters	2.5 x 10 ⁸ spheres /	<160/Liter	>99.9999			
	Liter		(>6.19 Log)			

<160 : Below Detection Limit

INFERENCE:

Tested LS Go – 2 stage product reduces 1 micron polystyrene black dyed microspheres to > 99.9999% reduction (>6.19 log)

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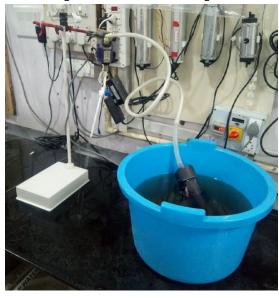
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Picture of the sample and test setup





TEST WATER CHARACTERISTICS: CTW#03

Test parameter	Recommended by NSF P231	Concentration maintained by the
	protocol	Laboratory
рН	9.0±0.2	9.1
TDS mg/L	1500 ±150	1520
TOC mg/L	Not less than 10 mg/L	11 mg/L
Turbidity NTU	Not less than 30 NTU	32.0 NTU
Temperature ⁰ C	4±1 °C	4 °C

Note: 12 Lit of filtration includes 5 Liters of DM water flushing (wetting and removal of entrapped air), 5 Liters of non spiked test water for conditioning of the product and 5 Liters of spiked test water. During 2nd spiked water running sampling was done after filtering 2 Liters. Test setup was assembled in the manner as shown in the picture. All the tubing, pump etc were first run with DM water to flush out any adhering debris, biological contaminants etc.

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TEST REPORT

Report No: AWRTCL/ PRTR/ 11191-11191A/16-17 Date: 03.12.2016

CUSTOMER DETAILS	SAMPLE DETAILS	TEST DETAILS	
	Sample received:	Protocol : NSF	
Kind Attn:	Sample code no:- AWRTCL/11191-11191A/16-17	P248 Emergency	
	Sample Description: Lifestraw Go 2 stage filtration	Military	
Cao Thu Le, Msc.,	Sample Quantity for Testing: 2 Nos.	Operations Microbiological Water Purifiers	
Laboratory Manager - Water	Submitted by : Vestergaard SA.		
Borne Disease Control	Date of Analysis Started : 08.11.2016	Dec 2008. &	
Vestergaard SA.	Date of Analysis Completed: 10.11.2016	NSF/ANSI 42	
	Subcontract : Not Applicable	Drinking Water	
	Sample condition when received : Intact. No cracks and	Treatment units –	
	breakages were found on the bottle as well as on cartridge.	Aesthetic effects.	

TEST SAMPLE AND SETUP



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1. TEST REQUIREMENTS:

1. 1.Test sample: Life straw Go: Chlorine reduction as per NSF/ANSI 42

1.2. E.Coli & 3 micron microsphere reduction. Protocol: NSF P248 Emergency Military Operations

Microbiological Water

1.3.Test Flow rate: As achieved under vacuumization

2. METHODOLOGY OF TESTING:

2.1. Water filtration:

Test set up, as shown in the picture, was made ready. Initially DM water was filled in the Bottle and flushed. Then the bottle was again filled with unspiked Test water and conditioned. Later spiked water was filled and filtered twice and required quantity of samples were collected for analysis.

2.2. Enumeration: In duplicate samples.

Spiking of E.Coli and 3 micron microspheres were done together.

2.3 Analysis of Chlorine . This was done on a separate unit.

3. ANALYSIS:

3.1.E.Coli was enumerated with Membrane filtration technique on M Endo agar. Incubation was carried out for 24 hrs at 37 °C. Microspheres were counted on Heamocytometer coupled with Light Microscope.

4.TEST DATA

TEST ORGANISM	INPUT WATER COUNTS	OUTPUT WATER COUNTS	% REDUCTION
E.Coli MTCC 68	6.5 x 10 ⁵ / ml	No viable counts / 100 ml	>99.9999% (>7 log)
3 Micron Microspheres Polystyrene black dyed beads	2.80 x 10 ⁷ / Liter	<160 / Liter	>99.999% (> 4.8 log)

Flow rate of the filtration: 600 ml/min

5.0 INFERENCE: Tested unit of Lifestraw Go unit performs in accordance with NSF P 248 for Bacterial and Cyst reduction.

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6.0 TEST WATER COMPOSITION FOR MICROBIAL REDUCTION TESTS.

CHARACTERISTICS	RECOMMENDED	MAINTAINED CONCENTRATION
	CONCENTRATION	BY LAB
Chlorine mg/L	<0.1	<0.05
pH	9.0±0.2	9.0
TOC mg/L	10 – 15 mg/L	10
TDS mg/L	1500 ± 300	1542
Temperature ⁰ C	4.0 ± 1 °C	5
Turbidity NTU	30 – 50	33.02
Alkalinity as CaCO3 mg/L	100±20 mg	114.0

Adjusting test water characteristics: DM water was used by adding MgSO4,CaCl2,Na2HCO3 and NaCl salts. TOC was generated by Sodium salt of Humic Acid. Turbidity was generated by A2 dust.

7. TEST DATA OF CHLORINE REDUCTION

TEST PARAMETER	INPUT WATER CHLORINE CONCENTRATION mg/L	OUTPUT WATER CHLORINE CONCENTRATION mg/L	% REDUCTION
Chlorine as CI2 mg/L	2.0 mg/L	<0.05 mg/L	> 97.5%

Flow Rate: 615 ml/min.

INFERENCE: Tested Lifestraw GO unit conforms to Chlorine reduction% from an input concentration of 2 mg/L \pm 10% to \geq 50% as per NSF/ANSI 42 Specification.

8.0 TEST WATER COMPOSITION FOR CHLORINE REDUCTION TESTS.

CHARACTERISTICS	RECOMMENDED	MAINTAINED CONCENTRATION
	CONCENTRATION	BY LAB
Chlorine mg/L	2.0 ±0.2	2.0
pH	7.5 ±0.5	7.32
TOC mg/L	≥1 mg/L	1.0
TDS mg/L	200-500 mg/L	478
Temperature ⁰ C	20 ± 3 °C	22
Turbidity NTU	<1 NTU	<1.0

Adjusting test water characteristics: DM water was used by adding MgSO4,CaCl2,Na2HCO3 and NaCl salts. TOC was generated by Sodium salt of Humic Acid. Turbidity was generated by A2 dust.

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