How to Clean a Beer System

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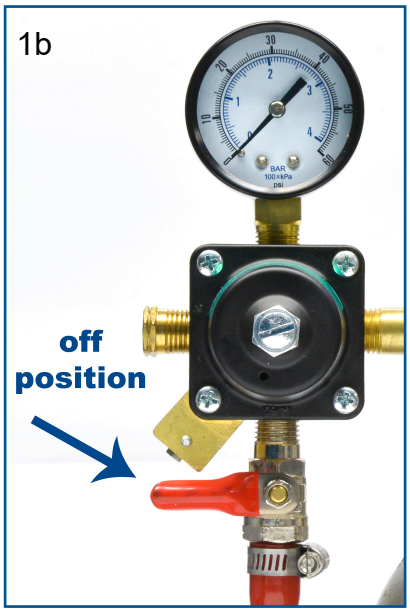
When a keg barrel is empty and the unit is not going to be used for a while, these steps should be followed to prevent yeast buildup and sediment in the beer line.

STEP 1:

Shut off the pressure supply at the CO2 cylinder by turning cylinder wheel handle in a clockwise direction (1a) and turning the CO2 regulator valve to the OFF position (1b).



Step 2:

Remove the keg coupler from the barrel. Confirm there is no ball and retainer in the coupler. If so, pop them out or insert tap ball lifter FT137 (ball is only needed for long draw systems). Place the coupler in a bucket with the beer line attached (2).

Step 3:

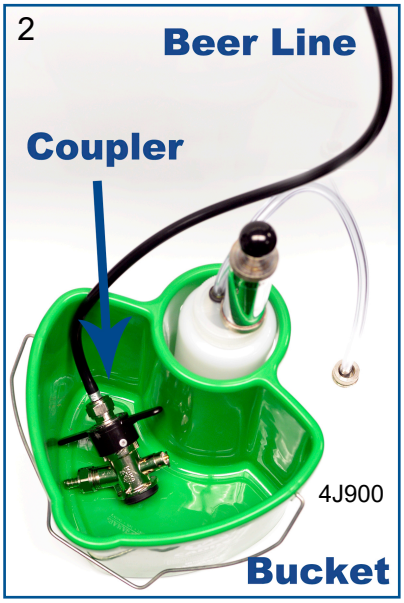
Remove jar cleaner cap assembly, fill the jar with warm water and add 1 teaspoon of cleaner (see diagram AA - page 2).

Step 4:

Remove the faucet from the shank, using the spanner wrench. Disassemble faucet and place parts in the bucket.

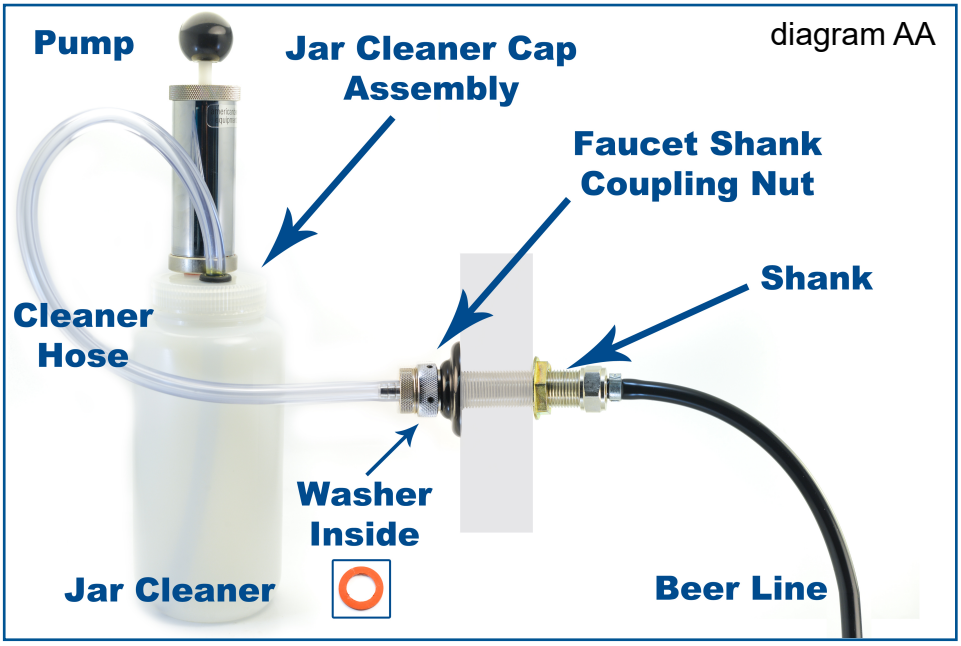
spanner wrench

cleaner



Step 5:

Attach the cleaning attachment end of the cleaner hose (with supplied washer inside) to faucet shank coupling nut. Tighten slightly with spanner wrench. With coupler end of beer line in the bucket, pump the cleaning solution through the shank, beer line, and beer coupler (see diagram AA - page 2).



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Step 6:

Brush faucet parts and coupler thoroughly in cleaning solution. Using the faucet brush, be sure to clean all the interior surfaces of the faucet (you can scrub it right in the bucket). Rinse faucet parts in cool fresh water and reassemble.

faucet brush

Step 7:

Fill bottle with fresh water. Pump fresh water through the beer line making sure the coupler end of line is still in the bucket. Repeat clean water flushing until all components are thoroughly rinsed and clear of all cleaning solution.

Step 8:

Disconnect the jar cleaner hose, re-attach the re-assembled faucet. Tighten the coupling nut with the spanner wrench. Do not over tighten.

Step 9:

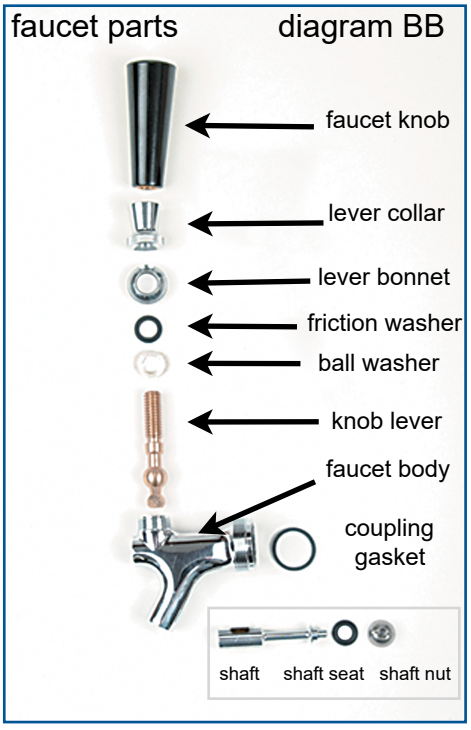
Re-attach the keg coupler to the keg.

Step 10:

Clean the (optional) drip tray with a sponge using 1 teaspoon of cleaning solution mixed with 1 quart warm water.

Step 11:

Clean the inside of the cabinet or kegerator with the cleaning solution and a damp sponge.



Step 12:

Periodically, the faucet washers should be checked for wear and replaced when necessary. If the faucet drips in the OFF position, the rubber shaft seat washer on the shaft should be replaced. The rubber check valve in the coupler should also be examined and replaced if cracked or dirty.