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Katadyn Changing The Future Of Drinking Water

Review

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USPA NEWS - Water treatment products are in high demand for outdoor enthusiasts, international travelers, relief groups, and preparedness minded individuals. Katadyn provides you with a water system for every need.

The Vario combines individual efficiency with the simplest possible handling. The technology it uses consists of three filter levels: a high-performance glass fiber filter, a ceramic pre-filter that can be adjusted individually according to the cloudiness of the water, and active charcoal for eliminating odors. Anyone who needs up to two liters of drinking water per minute can use the glass fiber and active charcoal filter. If the water is extremely cloudy, the ceramic pre-filter can be fitted in a moment in order to extend the service life of the glass fiber filter. The Vario is compatible with most standard outdoor bottles and hydration bladders.

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The Katadyn Vario microfilter uses a two-way pump to filter water quickly and effectively. It uses three different methods of filtering. First, a mesh prefilter gets rid of bigger sediments that are larger than 130 microns. Second, if you chose "longer life," the water filters through a ceramic disc before entering the fanned, glass fiber with activated carbon core filter. On faster flow mode, the water flows straight through the glass fiber filter. Fast flow is safest when you use clearer water, because it only uses one method of filtration. Filtering dirtier or murky water on fast flow means your glass fiber filter will not last as long.

The Katadyn Vario works for one person or four and weighs much less than lugging around an entire water supply. It will filter 500 gallons of water before the glass fiber inner filter requires replacement. The entire system breaks apart to thoroughly clean all the filters and hoses. A rough scouring pad is included to clean the ceramic disc. Even after one use, you may notice slight staining on the ceramic disc and glass fiber inner filter. I carry the scouring pad with me in case I need to scrub the disc in the field, when necessary. I think Vario is a must have for camping..I give it 5 out of 5 stars.

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