

Taking care of your Better Bottle carboy

Your Better Bottle carboy is made from clear, virgin PET plastic, suitable for both primary fermentations and extended secondaries. With proper care, it will provide you with many quality fermented beverages.

Please note:

- While PET is a relatively hard plastic, it can still scratch. Scratches, especially small ones that may not be visible, can harbor undesirable microorganisms that produce off-flavors, even with excellent sanitation practices. **Never use abrasive materials or carboy brushes to clean your Better Bottle!**
- **Never expose the Better Bottle to liquids above 140°F**, or it may melt!
- **Avoid flexing the bottom edges of the Better Bottle.** If you aerate your wort by shaking, always place the Better Bottle on a thick pillow or cushion to avoid stress fractures in the plastic.
- We recommend soaking the Better Bottle for 24-48 hours in a warm solution of PBW, One-Step, or B-Brite immediately after use to dissolve any stubborn deposits of yeast, hops, and protein. Always add water first, then the cleanser – otherwise you risk damage to the Better Bottle. Rinse the solution thoroughly and let air dry prior to storage. Sometimes, longer soak times may be required. Do not use more cleanser than the instructions indicate.
- Immediately before use, sanitize your Better Bottle, drilled stopper, and airlock with either StarSan, Saniclean or Io-Star/Iodophor. Drain the sanitizing solution, but do not rinse or let dry before use. Do not use bleach or household sanitizers.
- Replace the Better Bottle if you notice scratches or cracks in the plastic. If one of your batches gets “infected” with undesirable microorganisms, we recommend replacing the Better Bottle to avoid contaminating other equipment in your home brewery. Otherwise, the typical life span of a Better Bottle is typically five years or more.