

How to use ProAir® HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Aerosol

Before using your ProAir HFA inhaler:

If a child needs help using the inhaler, an adult should help the child use the inhaler. An adult should watch a child use the inhaler to be sure it is used correctly.

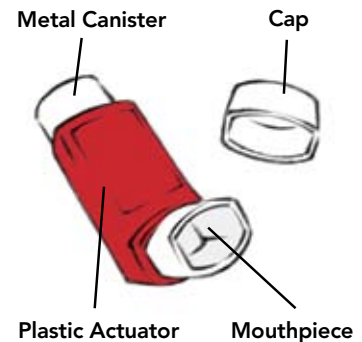
The inhaler should be at room temperature before you use it.

Check each time to make sure the canister fits firmly in the plastic actuator. Also look into the mouthpiece to make sure there are no foreign objects there, especially if the cap is not being used to cover the mouthpiece.

Priming your ProAir HFA:

You must prime the inhaler to get the right amount of medicine. Prime the inhaler before you use it for the first time or if you have not used it for more than 14 days. To prime the inhaler, take the cap off the mouthpiece of the actuator. Then shake the inhaler well and spray it into the air away from your face. Shake and spray the inhaler like this 2 more times to finish priming it.

The parts of your ProAir HFA inhaler



Instructions for taking a dose from your ProAir HFA:

Read through the 6 steps below before using ProAir HFA. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Take the cap off the mouthpiece of the actuator. **Shake the inhaler well before each spray.**
2. Hold the inhaler with the mouthpiece down (see Figure 2). **Breathe out through your mouth** and push as much air from your lungs as you can. Put the mouthpiece in your mouth and close your lips around it.
3. **Push the top of the canister all the way down while you breathe in deeply and slowly through your mouth** (see Figure 3). Right after the spray comes out, take your finger off the canister. After you have breathed in all the way, take the inhaler out of your mouth and close your mouth.
4. **Hold your breath as long as you can**, up to 10 seconds, then breathe normally.
5. If your doctor has prescribed more sprays, wait 1 minute and **shake** the inhaler again. Repeat steps 2 through 4.
6. Put the cap back on the mouthpiece after every time you use the inhaler, and make sure it snaps firmly into place.

When to replace your ProAir HFA:

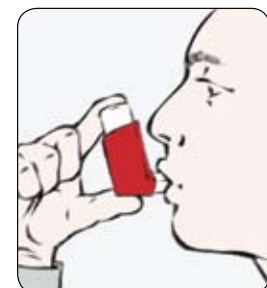
- **Before you reach 200 sprays**, you should refill your prescription or ask your doctor if you need another prescription for ProAir HFA.
- **Throw the inhaler away** when you have used 200 sprays. You should not keep using the inhaler after 200 sprays even though the canister may not be completely empty because you cannot be sure you will receive any medicine.
- **Do not use the inhaler** after the expiration date, which is on the packaging it comes in.

Figure 2



Mouthpiece-down position

Figure 3



Push down and breathe in.

How to clean your ProAir® HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Aerosol

It is very important to keep the plastic actuator clean so the medicine will not build up and block the spray. Do not try to clean the metal canister or let it get wet. The inhaler may stop spraying if it is not cleaned correctly.

Wash the actuator at least once a week.

Cleaning instructions:

Take the canister out of the actuator, and take the cap off the mouthpiece.

Wash the actuator through the top with warm running water for 30 seconds (see Figure 4). Then wash the actuator again through the mouthpiece (see Figure 5).

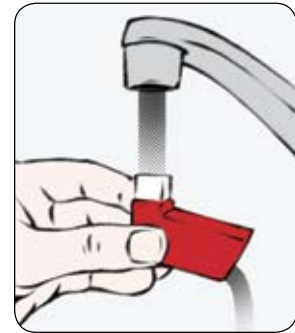
Shake off as much water from the actuator as you can. Look into the mouthpiece to make sure any medicine buildup has been completely washed away. If there is any buildup, repeat steps in Figures 4 and 5.

Let the actuator air-dry completely, such as overnight (see Figure 6).

Figure 4



Figure 5



Wash mouthpiece under warm running water.

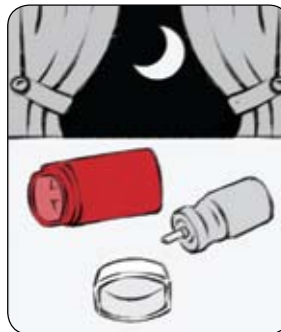
When the actuator is dry, put the canister in the actuator and make sure it fits firmly. Shake the inhaler well and spray it twice into the air away from your face. Put the cap back on the mouthpiece.

If your actuator becomes blocked:

Blockage from medicine buildup is more likely to happen if you do not let the actuator air-dry completely. If the actuator gets blocked so that little or no medicine comes out of the mouthpiece (see Figures 7 and 8), wash the actuator as described in the "Cleaning Instructions" section above.

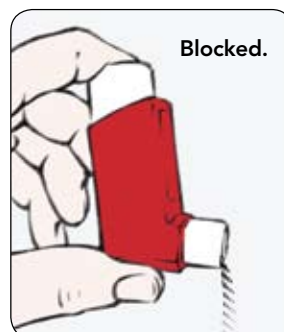
If you need to use your inhaler before the actuator is completely dry, shake as much water off the actuator as you can. Put the canister in the actuator and make sure it fits firmly. Shake the inhaler well and spray it twice into the air away from your face. Then take your dose as prescribed. Then clean and air-dry it completely.

Figure 6



Allow mouthpiece to dry, such as overnight.

Figure 7



When blocked, little or no medicine comes out.

Figure 8

