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).

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.