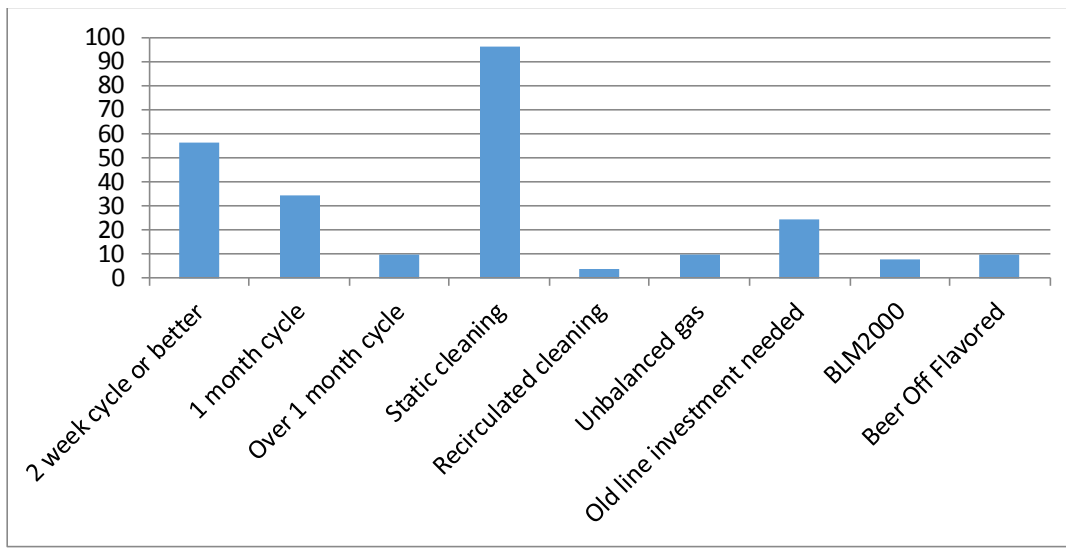


WA Draught Line Cleaning: What Brewers Can Do



Most Common Problems in WA

From Graph above: a recent sample of 100 draughts systems I've surveyed across WA – normally "Beer gas" (nitro gas) a much greater issue

Actions WA Brewers Need to Take

Static Cleaning – not using a recirculating pump; instead the classic "canister" or "cleaning pot" used. Also, certain cleaners use pumps, but simply to "pack the lines" with no recirculation.

Would you clean your tanks with no mechanical action? Ask cleaners to change to a recirculating pump (see cleaning comparison checklist); if they cannot, recommend cleaners who already do.

Not cleaning every two weeks

Use the last section of the **BA Draught Quality for Retailers** guide to show how low of a maintenance percentage it is (1-2% to maintain draught beer which has upwards of 80% margin) and furthermore how it helps increase draught sales <http://www.draughtquality.org/wp-content/uploads/Draught-Beer-Quality-for-Retailers.pdf>

Chemical Concentration (not listed on graph, from observation and interviews with cleaners this is pervasive)

Read instructions carefully. Is a cleaner truly blending to 2% caustic? Many chemicals give it as an "option"; when it is truly needed everytime.

Breweries not taking action

Retailers need to here the BA standards from ALL brewers, help educate and actually resolve problems.

You should be able to put a check in all of these “boxes” at all times on your draught system!

Brewers Association Standard	Cleaning Facts about YOUR Draught System:	Boxes unchecked? Write YOUR Requests for the cleaner you hire to meet BA Standards...
<p>Frequency: Every 2 weeks (even if a “sonic cleaner” or BLM is used) with a cleaning record/log posted</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I get our draught system cleaned every two weeks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I can monitor my cleanings with a posted cleaning record/log</p>	
<p>Contact Time and Method: A Cleaning Pump is ON and pumping for 15 minutes; or when a pump cannot be used 20 minutes with a canister</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> My lines get cleaned with a pump that is running the whole time!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I get long enough contact time?</p>	
<p>Chemicals: 2% Caustic every cleaning (with no chlorine or bleach) and Acid every 3 months</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> My cleaner uses a 2% caustic solution and I have seen the instructions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My cleaner uses an Acid cleaner every 3 months</p>	
<p>Faucets and Taps are Brush Cleaned: Faucets are pulled apart every two weeks and free of buildup. Tapping devices are free of buildup</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I see my cleaner breakdown my faucets every time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I scraped the inside of my faucets with a clean straw and saw no build-up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I saw no buildup on the keg tapping devices</p>	
<p>Spot Equipment Check: Are vinyl beer lines no longer clear, are they tainted yellow? Are the beer savers/FOBs free of buildup?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> My equipment looks clear (like glass, not yellow-ish to brown) and free of buildup.</p>	