

## Zip Scale Management

Drinking water filtration



**Limescale** is the hard, off-white, chalky deposit found in kettles, hot-water boilers and the inside of inadequately maitained hot-water central heating systems. These types of limescale differ slightly due to their origins.

The type found deposited on the heating elements of water heaters etc. has a main component of calcium carbonate, precipitated out of the hot water. Hard water contains calcium (and often magnesium) bicarbonate and/or similar salts.

Calcium bicarbonate is soluble in water, however at temperatures above 70°C the soluble bicarbonate is converted to poorly-soluble carbonate, leading to deposits in places where water is heated. Local boiling hotspots can also occur when water is heated, resulting in the concentration and deposition of salts from the water.

As with all water heaters, limescale deposits in the Zip HydroTap can cause damage, resulting in component failure and adversely affect product efficiency.



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