

A blue F-35 fighter jet is shown in flight against a light blue sky, with a large plume of white smoke trailing behind it. The jet is angled upwards and to the right.

Maintaining Hydration for Peak Cognitive Performance

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Human Body & Hydration Needs

Daily Intake and Output Of Water (mL/Day)

| | Normal | Prolonged, Heavy Activity |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Intake | | |
| Fluids Ingested | 2,100mL | ? |
| From Metabolism | 200mL | 200mL |
| Total Intake | 2,300mL | ? |
| Output | | |
| Insensible – Skin | 350mL | 350mL |
| Insensible – Lungs | 350mL | 650mL |
| Sweat | 100mL | 5,000mL |
| Feces | 100mL | 500mL |
| Urine | 1,400mL | 500mL |
| Total Output | 2,300mL | 6,600mL |



“THE MORE YOU SWEAT IN TRAINING, THE LESS YOU BLEED IN COMBAT.” — RICHARD MARCINKO

Dehydration

Losing Body Water at a Greater Rate than It is Replaced

- Dehydration & Sodium Deficits are Associated with Skeletal Muscle Cramps
- Risk Factor for Heat Exhaustion and Exertional Heat Stroke

Present in 17% of All Heat Stroke Hospitalizations In the US Army Over a 22-Year Period

Present in 16% of 82 Cases of Heat Stroke In Israeli Military

Orange County Fire Authority Found that 91% of Firefighters Were Dehydrated Prior to Drilling and Lost On Average 3lbs Body Mass In 15 Minutes of Work



Firefighters As Tactical Athletes *Physiological Demands of Firefighting*

Cardiovascular

(Increased HR and BP, Decreased Stroke Volume)

Hematological

(Decreased Plasma Volume, Hemoconcentration)

Thermoregulatory

(Elevated Core Temperature, Dehydration)

Respiratory

(Increased Breathing Rate and Oxygen Consumption)

Metabolic

(High Oxygen Cost, Increased Lactate, Fatigue)

Immune/Endocrine

(Increased Leukocytes and Hormones)

Nervous

(Sympathetic Surge and Increased Adrenaline)

Muscular

(Increased Oxygen Use and Heat Production)



Effects of Dehydration on Performance

| BML | Effects |
|------|---|
| 0.5% | Increased Strain on the Heart |
| 1.0% | Reduced Aerobic Endurance Thirst mechanism is Activated Reduced Short-Term Memory on Verbal Material |
| 2% | Impaired Cardiovascular Function & Temperature Regulation Impaired Attention, Motor Coordination, and Executive Function Reduced Hand-Eye Coordination & Accuracy |
| 3% | Reduced Muscular Endurance |
| 4% | Reduced Muscle Strength and Fine Motor Skills Heat Cramps 23% Reduction in Response Time |
| 5% | Heat Exhaustion, Cramping & Fatigue Reduced Mental Capacity |



Fluid Replacement

Pre-Activity

At Least 4 Hours Prior:

Slowly Drink Beverages (e.g., 5-7mL/Kg Body Weight (BW))

During Activity

Periodically Drink Throughout Activity to Replace Fluid Lost

Amount & Rate Depends on:

- Individual Sweating Rate

- Exercise Duration

- Opportunities to Drink

30-60g/hour Carbohydrates Sustains Performance (6-8% CHO)

Post Activity

Rehydration With Plain Water and Normal Consumption of Meals & Snacks

Substantially Dehydrated/Short Recovery, 1.5L/Kg BW Lost

*From, American College of Sports Medicine's Position
Stand on Exercise and Fluid Replacement (2007) Approved for Public Release*



Urine Production

For the Average Healthy Adult:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Average Daily Urine Produced | 1,400mL |
| Average Hourly Urine Produced | 50-100mL |
| Bladder Capacity | 350-550mL |
| Urge to Void | 200mL |

***A Euhydrated Individual Will Feel the Urge
to Void Within 2 to 4 Hours***

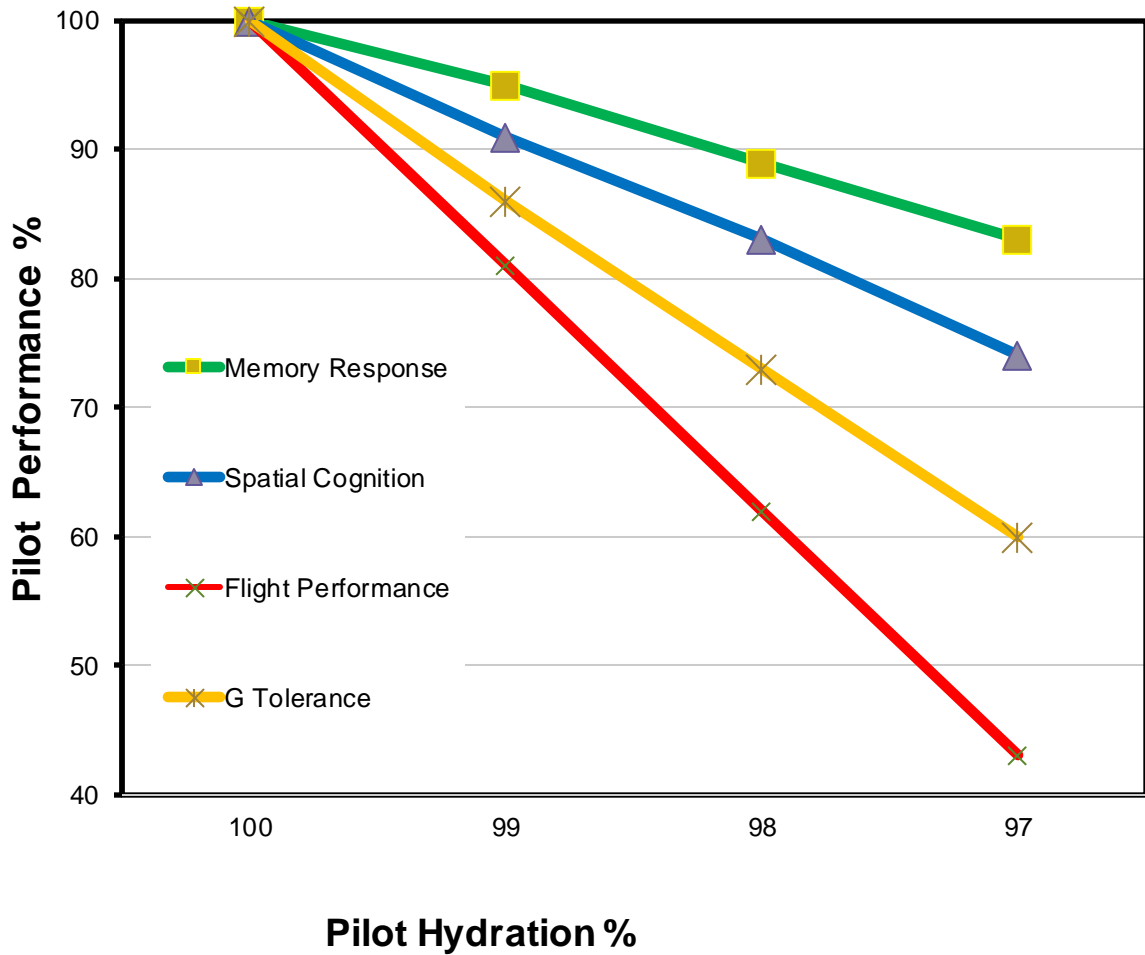


The Work Environment

- Suboptimal Situations Increase the Risk of Dehydration
 - Cramped Spaces
 - Hot, Humid Environments
 - Bulky Personal Protective Equipment
- No Restrooms Available
- Multi- and/or Mixed-Gender Crew
- Highly Technical/High Workload
- Can't Leave the Work Station



Hydration and Job Performance



Bladder Relief Options

- Piddle Pack and Funnel Systems Are Flammable
 - Fail Safe-to-Fly Flame Tests
- All Require One- or Two-Handed Operation
- Distraction from the Task At Hand



How Aviators Use a Piddle Pack

- *Set the Autopilot But Continue to Monitor Flight Parameters*
- *Unstrap from the Aircraft & Harness*
- *For Women,*
 - *Lift Butt Up About 4 Inches to Allow the Piddle Pack to Hang Straight*
 - *Maneuver Clothes Out of the Way*
 - *Holding the Front Edge of the Piddle Pack, Place the Top of the Piddle Pack Hard Against the Body to Create a Seal, Making Sure It's Hanging Straight Before Using*



New Challenges State-of-the-Art Solutions

Generation 1 – The Advanced Mission Extender Device (AMXD)

- 2006 – USAF Safe-To-Fly approval

Generation 2 – The AMXD Max

- Smaller Size, Fully Automatic
- Enhanced Performance Specs
- 2014 – USAF & USN Safe To Fly
- 2018 – F-35-Specific Safe To Fly



Skydrate (Generation 3)

- Automatic
- Fully Self-Contained
- Male and Female Systems
- Collection Bags Come in 2 Capacities as well as Reusable & Disposable Variants
- 16-hour Battery Life (~12 Uses)
- 2.25 Liter Per Minute Flow Rate
- State-of-the-Art Through-Suit Connector Maintains Immersion Suit Integrity

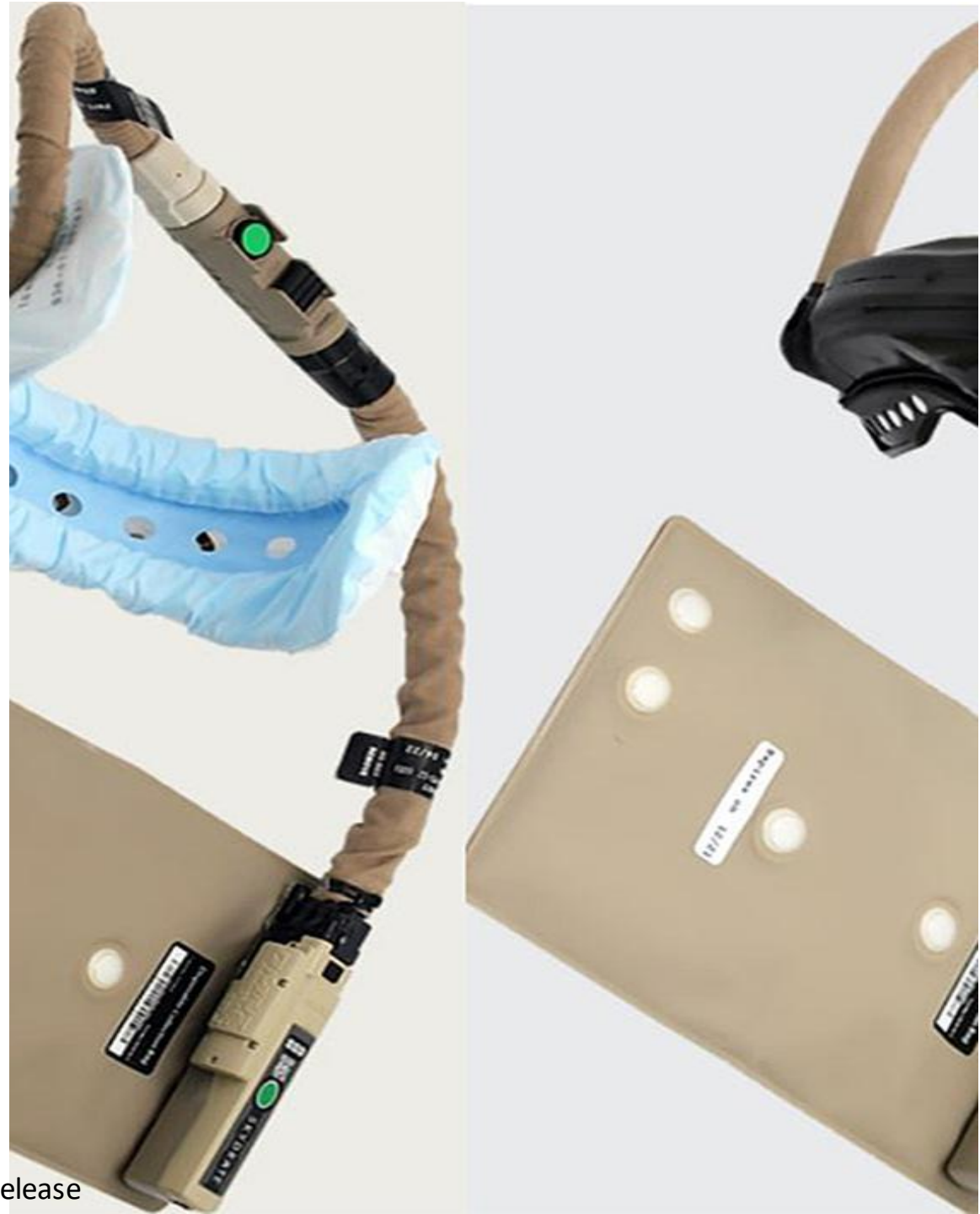


Skydrate

3rd Generation

Extended Wear Bladder Relief

- Hands-Free, Eyes-Free, Automatic Bladder Relief System
- Decreases Distractions From the Task At Hand
- *Allows*
 - *Increased Hydration*
 - *Increased Situation Awareness*
 - *Optimized Physical & Cognitive Performance*



The Goal is Warfighter Readiness

- Hydrated Individuals are Sharper and More Lethal
- We Optimize Physical & Cognitive Readiness By Facilitating Hydration

The Warfighter "should be focused on taking the fight to the enemy, not on whether their bladder relief device is going to work or be comfortable to use."

-Maj Nikki Yogi, USAF F-35A pilot

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Thank You!

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