How long does a humidifier last — warranty card

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The two terms, clause by clause

CLAUSE	WARRANTY A (2 YEARS AS PRINTED)	WARRANTY B (1 YEAR + 1)
Term as printed	2 years	1 year, plus 1 more if registered
Starts on	The original date of purchase	The date of original purchase
Registration	Optional: offered for product updates and offers, not for the term	Required within 14 days to reach the second year
Consumables	Filter and Protec cartridge excluded by name	No consumable is named in the warranty text
Normal wear	Not treated as a manufacturing defect	Improper or inadequate maintenance excluded
Who can claim	Original purchaser only	Original consumer only; not transferable
Where it was bought	Not addressed in the warranty text	Products from unauthorised sellers excluded
Opening the unit	Unauthorised repair not covered; the safety page says it voids the warranty	Service by anyone other than the manufacturer excluded
What a claim needs	Proof of purchase and a written description of the problem	A copy of the invoice and the order ID
What a claim costs	A $10 US handling fee plus prepaid shipping	Not stated in the warranty text

Six actions, in the order they are worth doing

ACTION	WHAT IT IS WORTH	PRINTED IN
1. Register inside the window, if the brand has one	Worth 12 months; expires on day 14	Levoit warranty
2. Keep the receipt with tax paperwork, not in the box	Fixes the start date, which is the whole term	Both warranties
3. Buy from an authorised seller	One warranty excludes other sellers outright	Levoit warranty
4. Descale on the manual's schedule	Protects the term, not just the output	Honeywell warranty note
5. Do not open the base	Both exclude service by anyone else	Both warranties
6. Do not dispose of it before calling support	A unit in a landfill cannot be inspected	Levoit warranty

The pairing to remember. The only component with a printed replacement interval — the cleaning cartridge, stated to keep cleaning for 30 days — is the component the same warranty excludes. The covered period and the wearing period are not the same period, so a warranty term is not a service life.

What no document says. No hour count for the motor or transducer, no replacement interval for the unit as a whole, and no expected service life in years. If a page gives you one of those without naming a document, the figure did not come from the manufacturer.

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