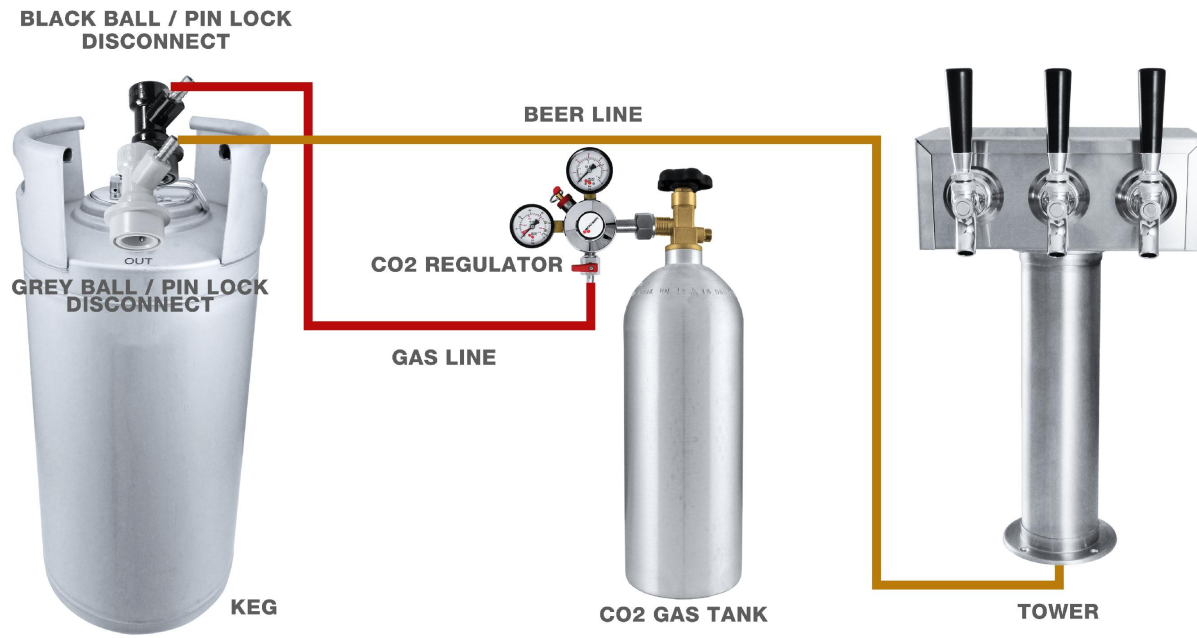


# Beer Draft Systems

Colin Crowley

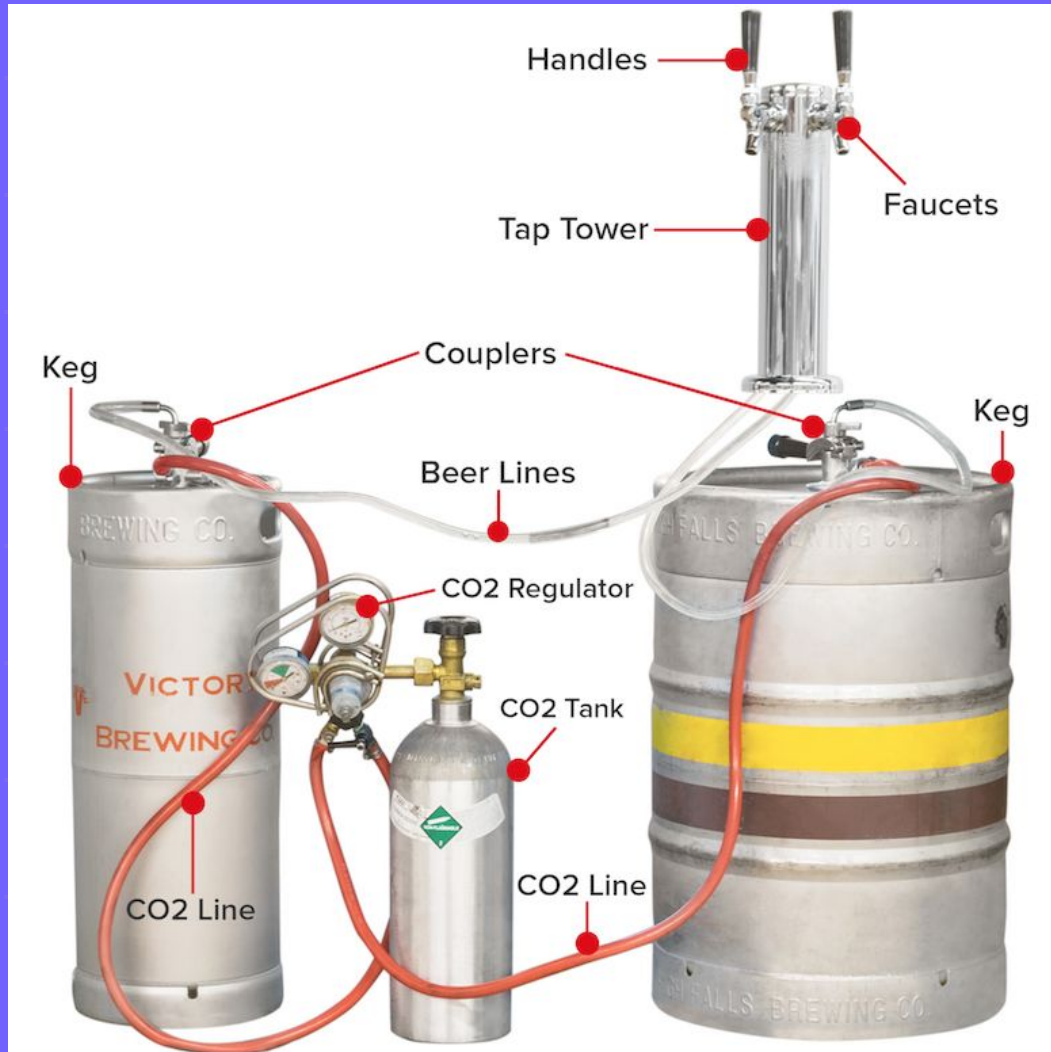
# Basic Principles



- CO2 Gas displaces liquid in keg to beer line
- Flow is always from high pressure to low pressure



# Introduction





# Kegs

**Ball Lock Keg**



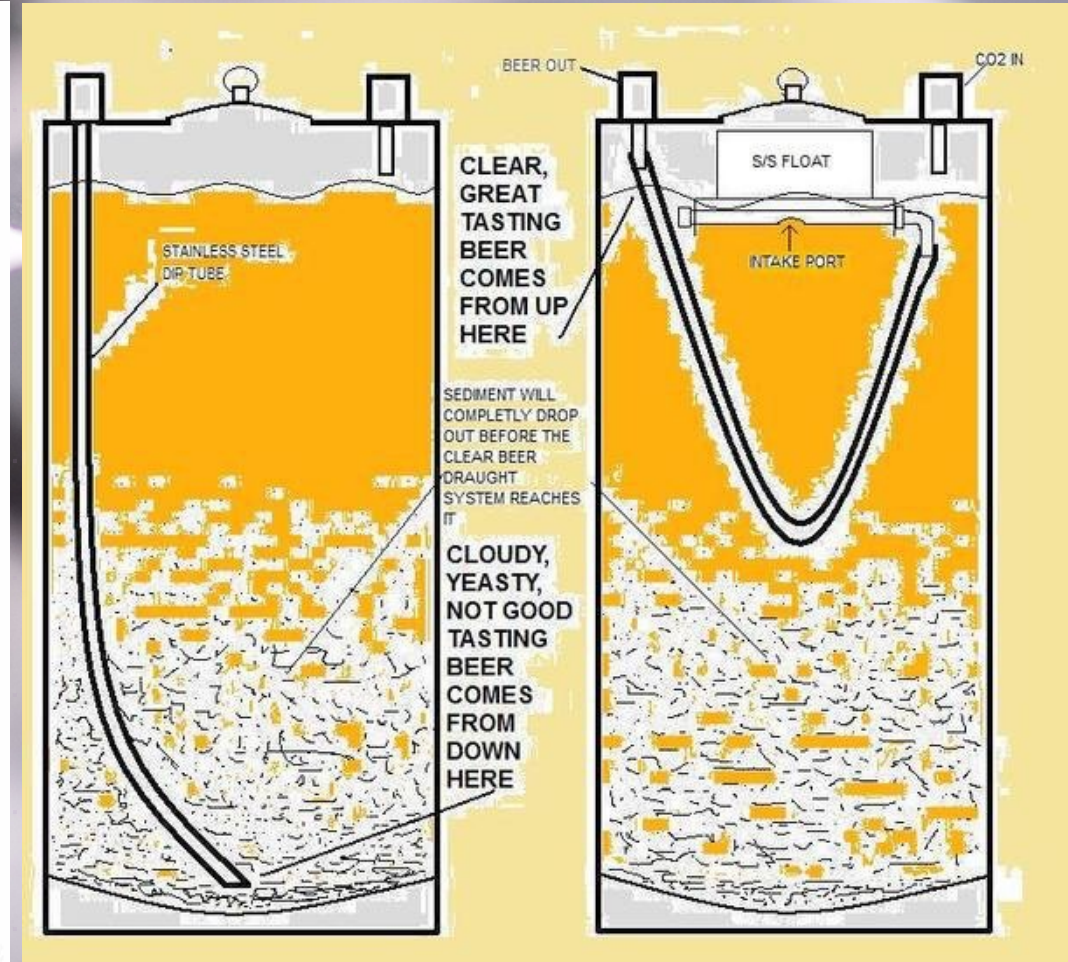
**Sankey Keg**



**Pin Lock Keg**



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GAS GOES IN, LIQUID COMES OUT  
TRUB WILL SETTLE - DISPOSE OF FIRST COUPLE OF PINTS

# Couplers

Ball Lock (Pepsi)



Sanke



Pin Lock (Coke)



REMEMBER GRAY= GAS; GAS BALL FIT ON LIQUID BALL BUT NOT VICE VERSA  
CHOOSE FLARE FITTINGS – EASIER TO REPAIR, MOVE AROUND AND CLEAN

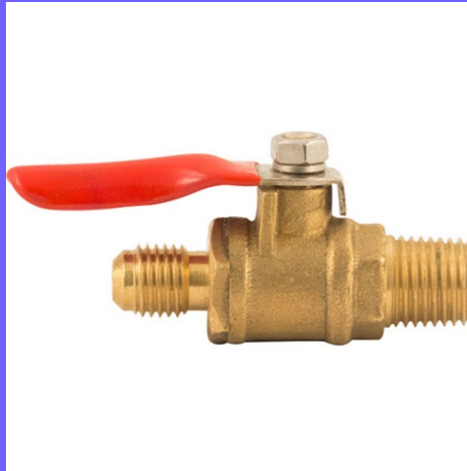


# Gas Line Components

Regulator

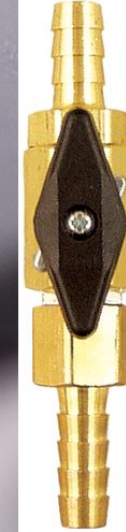


GAS WASHER/ISOLATION VALVES



HIGH PRESSURE  
GAUGE IS NOT  
ACCURATE MEASURE  
OF HOW MUCH CO2  
IS IN TANK – WEIGHT  
IS

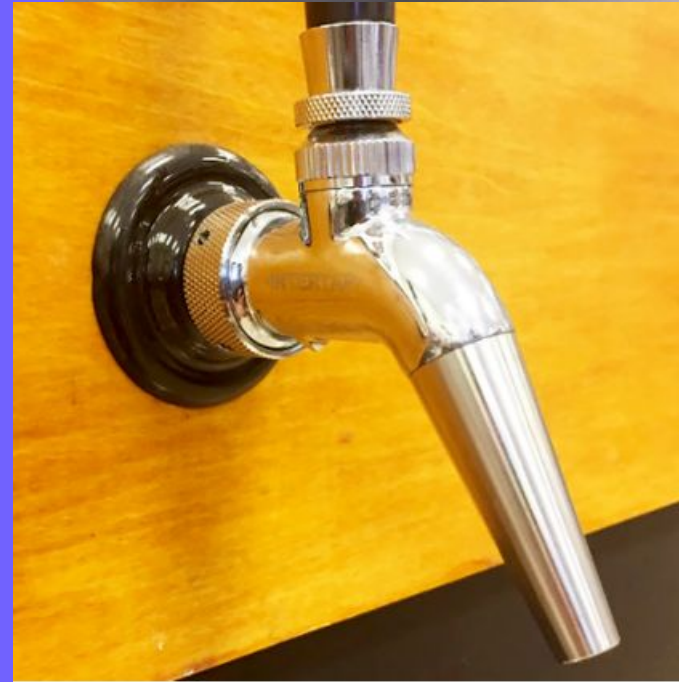
CHECK VALVES



ARROW IN  
DIRECTION  
OF GAS  
FLOW

# Beer Gas

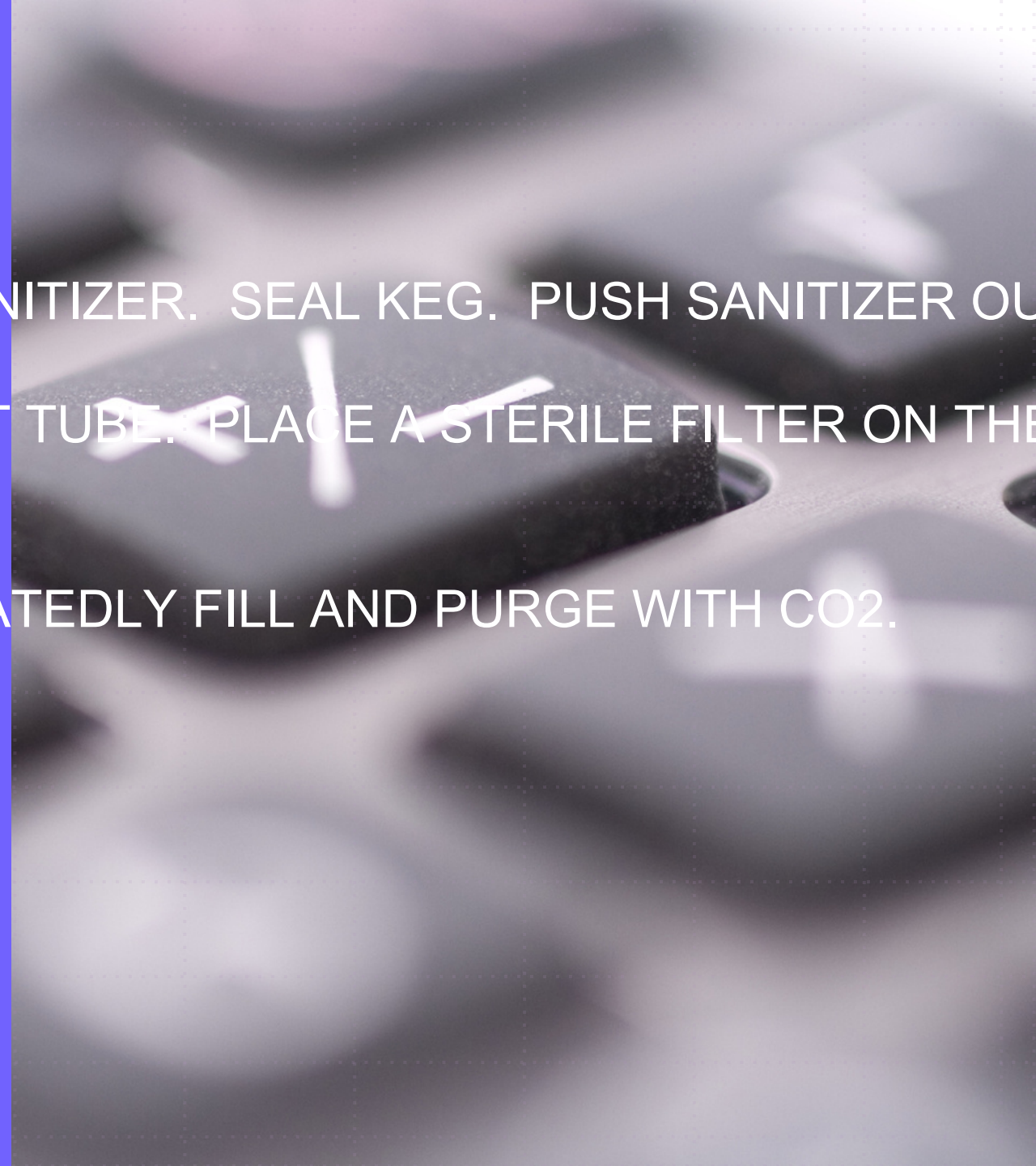
- Beer Gas is a mixture of 75% N<sub>2</sub>/25% CO<sub>2</sub>
- Gas is compressed at much higher pressure than CO<sub>2</sub> tanks
- Requires different regulator than CO<sub>2</sub>
- Works in conjunction with restrictor plate or stout faucet to generate small N<sub>2</sub> bubbles on dispensing creating creamy head
- Kegging pressure is much higher (~4X due to gas being ¼ CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Recommend serving at 1.8-1.9 volumes CO<sub>2</sub> (30-40 psi)





# Keg Preparation

- FILL EMPTY KEG TO TOP WITH SANITIZER. SEAL KEG. PUSH SANITIZER OUT WITH CARBON DIOXIDE.
- RACK BEER IN THROUGH THE OUT TUBE. PLACE A STERILE FILTER ON THE IN TUBE.
- ALTERNATE METHOD IS TO REPEATEDLY FILL AND PURGE WITH CO<sub>2</sub>.





# CARBONATION

- CHOOSE CARBONATION  
LEVEL BASED UPON  
STYLE AND SERVING  
TEMPERATURE

## Beer Styles, CO<sub>2</sub> Volumes & Keg Pressure Ranges

Beer Style	CO <sub>2</sub> Volumes	Ideal CO <sub>2</sub> Gauge Pressure
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Stouts	1.2 — 2.1 CO <sub>2</sub> Vol	35 — 38 psi (beer gas)
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Ales	2.1 — 2.6 CO <sub>2</sub> Vol	7 — 13 psi
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Lagers	2.4 — 2.6 CO <sub>2</sub> Vol	10 — 14 psi
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Continental & Light Pilsners	2.5 — 2.8 CO <sub>2</sub> Vol	11 — 16 psi
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Wheat Beers, Belgian Ales, & American Sours	2.8 + CO <sub>2</sub> Vol	15 — 20 + psi
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## FORCE CARBONATION CHART

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
30°F	1.82	1.92	2.03	2.14	2.23	2.36	2.48	2.60	2.70	2.82	2.93	3.02	3.13	3.24	3.35	3.46	3.57	3.67	3.78	3.89	4.00	4.11	4.22	4.33	4.44	4.66	4.77	4.87	4.98	4.98
31°F	1.78	1.88	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.31	2.42	2.54	2.65	2.76	2.86	2.96	3.07	3.17	3.28	3.39	3.50	3.60	3.71	3.82	3.93	4.03	4.14	4.25	4.35	4.46	4.57	4.68	4.78	4.89
32°F	1.75	1.85	1.95	2.05	2.15	2.27	2.38	2.48	2.59	2.70	2.80	2.90	3.00	3.11	3.21	3.31	3.42	3.52	3.63	3.73	3.84	3.94	4.04	4.15	4.25	4.36	4.46	4.57	4.67	4.77
33°F	1.71	1.81	1.91	2.01	2.10	2.23	2.33	2.43	2.53	2.63	2.74	2.84	2.96	3.06	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.46	3.56	3.66	3.76	3.86	3.97	4.07	4.18	4.28	4.38	4.48	4.59	4.69
34°F	1.68	1.78	1.86	1.97	2.06	2.18	2.28	2.38	2.48	2.58	2.69	2.79	2.90	3.00	3.09	3.19	3.29	3.39	3.49	3.59	3.69	3.79	3.90	4.00	4.10	4.20	4.30	4.40	4.50	4.60
35°F	1.63	1.73	1.83	1.93	2.02	2.14	2.24	2.34	2.43	2.52	2.63	2.73	2.83	2.93	3.02	3.12	3.22	3.32	3.42	3.52	3.62	3.72	3.82	3.92	4.01	4.11	4.21	4.31	4.41	4.51
36°F	1.60	1.69	1.79	1.88	1.98	2.09	2.19	2.29	2.38	2.47	2.57	2.67	2.77	2.86	2.96	3.05	3.15	3.24	3.34	3.43	3.53	3.63	3.72	3.82	3.92	4.01	4.11	4.21	4.30	4.40
37°F	1.55	1.65	1.74	1.84	1.94	2.04	2.14	2.24	2.33	2.42	2.52	2.62	2.71	2.80	2.90	3.00	3.09	3.18	3.27	3.37	3.46	3.56	3.65	3.75	3.84	3.94	4.03	4.13	4.22	4.32
38°F	1.52	1.61	1.71	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.29	2.38	2.48	2.57	2.66	2.75	2.85	2.94	3.03	3.12	3.21	3.30	3.40	3.49	3.59	3.68	3.77	3.87	3.96	4.06	4.15	4.24
39°F	1.49	1.58	1.67	1.77	1.86	1.96	2.06	2.15	2.25	2.34	2.43	2.52	2.61	2.70	2.80	2.89	2.98	3.07	3.16	3.25	3.34	3.44	3.53	3.62	3.71	3.81	3.90	3.99	4.08	4.18
40°F	1.47	1.56	1.65	1.74	1.83	1.92	2.01	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.39	2.47	2.56	2.65	2.75	2.84	2.93	3.01	3.10	3.19	3.28	3.37	3.46	3.55	3.64	3.73	3.82	3.91	4.01	4.10
41°F	1.43	1.52	1.61	1.70	1.79	1.88	1.97	2.06	2.16	2.25	2.34	2.43	2.52	2.60	2.70	2.79	2.88	2.96	3.05	3.14	3.23	3.32	3.41	3.50	3.59	3.68	3.77	3.86	3.95	4.04
42°F	1.39	1.48	1.57	1.66	1.75	1.85	1.94	2.02	2.12	2.21	2.30	2.39	2.48	2.56	2.65	2.74	2.83	2.91	3.00	3.09	3.18	3.26	3.35	3.44	3.53	3.62	3.70	3.79	3.88	3.97
43°F	1.37	1.46	1.54	1.63	1.72	1.81	1.90	1.99	2.08	2.17	2.26	2.34	2.43	2.52	2.61	2.69	2.78	2.86	2.95	3.04	3.13	3.21	3.30	3.39	3.47	3.56	3.65	3.74	3.82	3.91
44°F	1.35	1.43	1.52	1.60	1.69	1.78	1.87	1.95	2.04	2.13	2.22	2.30	2.39	2.47	2.56	2.64	2.73	2.81	2.90	2.99	3.07	3.10	3.24	3.33	3.41	3.50	3.58	3.67	3.76	3.84
45°F	1.32	1.41	1.49	1.58	1.66	1.75	1.84	1.91	2.00	2.08	2.17	2.26	2.34	2.42	2.51	2.60	2.69	2.77	2.86	2.94	3.02	3.11	3.19	3.28	3.36	3.45	3.53	3.62	3.70	3.79
46°F	1.28	1.37	1.45	1.54	1.62	1.71	1.80	1.88	1.96	2.04	2.13	2.22	2.30	2.38	2.47	2.55	2.64	2.72	2.81	2.89	2.98	3.06	3.15	3.23	3.31	3.40	3.48	3.57	3.65	3.74
47°F	1.26	1.34	1.42	1.51	1.59	1.68	1.76	1.84	1.92	2.00	2.09	2.18	2.26	2.34	2.42	2.50	2.59	2.67	2.76	2.84	2.93	3.02	3.09	3.18	3.26	3.35	3.43	3.51	3.60	3.68
48°F	1.23	1.31	1.39	1.48	1.56	1.65	1.73	1.81	1.89	1.96	2.05	2.14	2.22	2.30	2.38	2.46	2.54	2.62	2.71	2.79	2.88	2.96	3.04	3.13	3.21	3.30	3.38	3.46	3.54	3.63
49°F	1.21	1.29	1.37	1.45	1.53	1.62	1.70	1.79	1.86	1.93	2.01	2.10	2.18	2.25	2.34	2.52	2.50	2.58	2.67	2.75	2.83	2.91	3.00	3.07	3.15	3.23	3.31	3.39	3.47	3.56
50°F	1.18	1.26	1.34	1.42	1.50	1.59	1.66	1.74	1.82	1.90	1.98	2.06	2.14	2.21	2.30	2.38	2.46	2.54	2.62	2.70	2.78	2.86	2.94	3.02	3.10	3.17	3.25	3.33	3.41	3.49
51°F	1.18	1.26	1.34	1.42	1.49	1.57	1.64	1.71	1.79	1.87	1.95	2.02	2.10	2.18	2.26	2.34	2.52	2.49	2.57	2.65	2.74	2.82	2.90	2.97	3.05	3.13	3.19	3.27	3.34	3.42
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53°F	1.14	1.21	1.29	1.36	1.44	1.51	1.59	1.66	1.74	1.81	1.89	1.96	2.03	2.10	2.18	2.26	2.34	2.41	2.49	2.57	2.64	2.71	2.79	2.86	2.94	3.01	3.09	3.16	3.24	3.31
54°F	1.12	1.19	1.27	1.34	1.41	1.49	1.56	1.63	1.71	1.78	1.86	1.93	2.00	2.07	2.15	2.22	2.30	2.37	2.45	2.52	2.59	2.66	2.74	2.81	2.89	2.96	3.04	3.10	3.17	3.24
55°F	1.10	1.17	1.24	1.31	1.39	1.46	1.53	1.60	1.68	1.75	1.82	1.89	1.97	2.04	2.12	2.18	2.26	2.33	2.40	2.47	2.54	2.62	2.69	2.76	2.83	2.89	2.97	3.04	3.11	3.18
56°F	1.07	1.15	1.22	1.29	1.36	1.43	1.50	1.57	1.65	1.72	1.79	1.86	1.93	2.00	2.08	2.15	2.22	2.29	2.36	2.43	2.50	2.57	2.64	2.71	2.78	2.85	2.92	2.99	3.06	3.13
57°F	1.05	1.12	1.19	1.26	1.33	1.40	1.47	1.54	1.62	1.70	1.77	1.83	1.90	1.97	2.04	2.11	2.18	2.25	2.32	2.39	2.46	2.53	2.60	2.66	2.73	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.00	3.08
58°F	1.03	1.10	1.17	1.24	1.30	1.37	1.44	1.51	1.59	1.67	1.74	1.80	1.87	1.94	2.01	2.08	2.15	2.21	2.28	2.35	2.42	2.48	2.55	2.62	2.69	2.75	2.82	2.88	2.95	3.02
59°F	1.02	1.09	1.16	1.22	1.29	1.36	1.43	1.49	1.56	1.64	1.71	1.77	1.84	1.91	1.98	2.04	2.11	2.17	2.24	2.31	2.38	2.43	2.50	2.57	2.64	2.70	2.77	2.84	2.91	2.97
60°F	1.01	1.08	1.15	1.21	1.28	1.34	1.41	1.47	1.54	1.62	1.69	1.76	1.82	1.88	1.95	2.01	2.08	2.14	2.21	2.27	2.34	2.40	2.47	2.53	2.60	2.66	2.73	2.79	2.86	2.92
61°F	0.99	1.05	1.12	1.18	1.24	1.31	1.37	1.44	1.50	1.57	1.63	1.69	1.76	1.82	1.89	1.95	2.02	2.08	2.14	2.21	2.27	2.34	2.40	2.47	2.53	2.59	2.66	2.72	2.79	2.85
62°F	0.96	1.02	1.09	1.15	1.21	1.27	1.34	1.40	1.46	1.52	1.59	1.65	1.71	1.78	1.84	1.90	1.97	2.03	2.09	2.15	2.22	2.28	2.34	2.41	2.47	2.53	2.59	2.66	2.72	2.78
63°F	0.93	0.99	1.06	1.12	1.18	1.24	1.30	1.36	1.42	1.49	1.55	1.61	1.67	1.73	1.79	1.85	1.92	1.98	2.04	2.10	2.16	2.22	2.28	2.35	2.41	2.47	2.53	2.59	2.65	2.71
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65°F	0.88	0.94	1.00	1.06	1.11	1.17	1.23	1.29	1.35	1.41	1.46	1.52	1.58	1.64	1.70	1.76	1.82	1.87	1.93	1.99	2.05	2.11	2.17	2.23	2.28	2.34	2.40	2.46	2.52	2.58

Blue = Under-Carbonated, 0 - 1.40 volumes CO<sub>2</sub>

Gray = Stouts and porters, 1.50 - 2.20 volumes CO<sub>2</sub>

Green = Lagers, Ales, Ambers, most beers, 2.20 - 2.60 volumes CO<sub>2</sub>

Yellow = Highly carbonated ales, Lambics, Wheat beers 2.60 - 4.0 volumes CO<sub>2</sub>

Red = Over-carbonated (except for certain specialty ales) 4.1+ volumes CO<sub>2</sub>

# QUICK CARBONATION

- USE CARBONATION STONE OR QUICK CARB



- USE BURST CARBONATION METHOD + ROCKING AND ROLLING

## BURST CARBONATION CHART

### CO2 Pressure

<15 PSI

30 PSI

35 PSI

40 PSI

45 PSI

50 PSI

### LOW/MODERATE

Use Carbonation Chart

16 Hours

14 Hours

12 Hours

10 Hours

8 Hours

### HIGH

Use Carbonation Chart

48 Hours

34 Hours

30 Hours

26 Hours

24 Hours



# DISPENSING PRESSURE

- CO<sub>2</sub> IS USED TO PUSH BEER LINE
- PRESSURE SHOULD BE SET TO MATCH PRESSURE LOSSES IN THE SYSTEM
- IF PRESSURE IS HIGHER, FOAM WILL RESULT
- IF PRESSURE IS LOWER, NO OR LOW FLOW WILL RESULT
- BEST STRATEGY IS TO START LOW AND RAISE PRESSURE



# CALCULATING LINE PRESSURE

- SUM UP PRESSURE LOSSES DUE TO TUBING, COILS, RESTRICTIONS AND HEIGHT
- TUBING/COIL LOSSES (MULTIPLE LENGTH BY MATERIAL/SIZE FACTOR)
- HEIGHT (0.5 psi/ft HEIGHT)
- SET PRESSURE WITHIN 1 PSI OF TOTAL
- EXAMPLE (KEG 2 FT BELOW TAP, 6' of 3/16" HDPE)

Pressure Drop (psi/ft)				
I.D. ("	Vinyl	Polyethylene	Stainless	Duotight
5/32				2.8
3/16	2.2-3	2.2		1
1/4	0.65-0.8	0.5	2	0.8
5/16	0.40		0.5	
3/8	0.20		0.2	
1/2	0.025			



# DUOTIGHT

## FITTINGS

- DOUBLE O-RING COLLARS
- INSERT TO CONNECT (NO TORQUE NEEDED)
- QUICK ASSEMBLY/DISASSEMBLY
- DUOTIGHT ARE RATED UP TO 100 PSI
- EVA TUBING IS BPA/PVC FREE

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG1Wv\\_uJIgo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG1Wv_uJIgo))

- EASY COMPONENT CONFIGURATION
- PURCHASE FROM MORE BEER, WILLIAMS, OR



EVA TUBING SIZE	PRESSURE DROP (PER FOOT)
4 mm ID x 8 mm OD	2.8 psi
5 mm ID x 8 mm OD	1 psi
6 mm ID x 9.5 mm OD	0.8 psi

# ADJUSTING DISPENSING

- FLAT BEER – PRESSURE TOO LOW, TEMPERATURE TOO LOW, OR DIRTY GLASSWARE
- CLOUDY BEER – TEMPERATURE NOT STABLE, OLD BEER, DIRTY LINES
- FOAMY BEER – PRESSURE TOO HIGH, TEMPERATURE TOO HIGH, BEER LINE HAS KINKS OR OBSTRUCTIONS





# LOWERING KEG PRESSURE

- PULL PRESSURE RELIEF
- ROCK KEG BACK AND FORTH LINES TO RELEASE DISSOLVED CO<sub>2</sub>
- ALLOW BEER TO STABILIZE IDEALLY OVER SEVERAL HOURS
- USE SPARINGLY AS USING PRESSURE RELIEF WILL GENERATE FOAM AND FOAM GENERATION MAY NOT BE RECOVERABLE



# Beer Line Components

RUBBER  
O-RING



PICNIC  
TAP



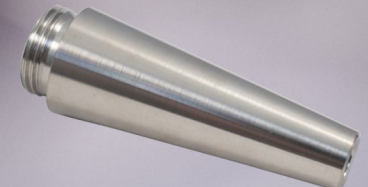
STANDARD  
FAUCET



PERLICK  
FAUCETS



INTERTAP/NUKATAP  
FAUCETS



- PERLICK/INTERTAP ARE FORWARD SEALING FAUCETS – MINIMIZES OXYGEN EXPOSURE, MORE HYGENIC
- PERLICK/INTERTAP CAN INCLUDE FLOW CONTROL VALVES TO ADJUST RESISTANCE
- INTERTAP/NUKATAP HAVE



# KEG MAINTENANCE

GAS  
BODY CONNECT



LIQUID  
BODY CONNECT



QUICK  
BODY CONNECT



GAS  
DISCONNECT

LIQUID  
DIP TUBE



O-Ring Location	Supplier	Part Number
Gas Body Connect	McMaster Carr	9396K24
Liquid Body Connect	McMaster Carr	9452K23
Quick Disconnect	McMaster Carr	9396K18
Dip Tubes	McMaster Carr	90025K368
Lid	McMaster Carr	9396K926

LID  
PACKET



FOOD GRADE  
GREASE



# JOCKEY BOX COMPONENTS

FIBER  
WASHER



USE IN GAS  
REGULATOR  
CONNECTION  
TO TANK

FLARE  
WASHER



USE IN GAS  
OR LIQUID  
LINE CONNECTION  
TO SANKE TAP  
NOT NEEDED FOR  
QUICK DISCONNECT

RUBBER  
GASKET



USE IN LIQUID  
LINE CONNECTION  
TO JOCKEY BOX



# JOCKEY BOX SETUP

- SETUP GAS LINES FIRST
- SETUP LIQUID LINES
- TURN ON GAS LINES
- SET GAS PRESSURE TO HIGHER THAN KEG PRESSURE (MIN 20 PSI)
- CHECK TAPS ARE CLOSED
- ATTACH GAS COUPLER TO KEG (YOU SHOULD HEAR GAS GOING IN)
- ATTACH LIQUID COUPLER TO KEG
- OPEN TAP AND DUMP FIRST POUR
- AJUST PRESSURE TO GET GOOD FLOW





# JOCKEY BOX TEARDOWN

- UNTAP KEG
- DISCONNECT GAS LINES FIRST
- DISCONNECT LIQUID LINE
- OPEN TAP TO RELIEVE RESIDUAL PRESSURE
- CLOSE CO2 TANK
- BLEED OFF GAS PRESSURE IN LINES
- DISCONNECT FITTINGS (DUOTIGHT PUSH ON COLLAR TO RELEASE LINE FROM TAP/FITTING)
- USE HOSE ADAPTER TO FLUSH LINES WITH WATER USING A HOSE
- PLACE WET COMPONENTS IN WET BAG

