

Draught Systems: From Design to Dispense

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DRAUGHT BEER QUALITY MANUAL



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Why care about draught systems?

- Deliver cold, fresh beer to customers
 - Reduce packaging waste
 - Increase profit/revenue
 - Increase sales volume
 - Presentation – ability to perform different pour techniques
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What will we cover?

- Draught system design, configurations and considerations
 - Cleaning, maintenance, and troubleshooting of various systems
 - Best practices for pouring and presentation of draught beer
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Draught System Design, Configurations, and Considerations

So you want to install a draught system?

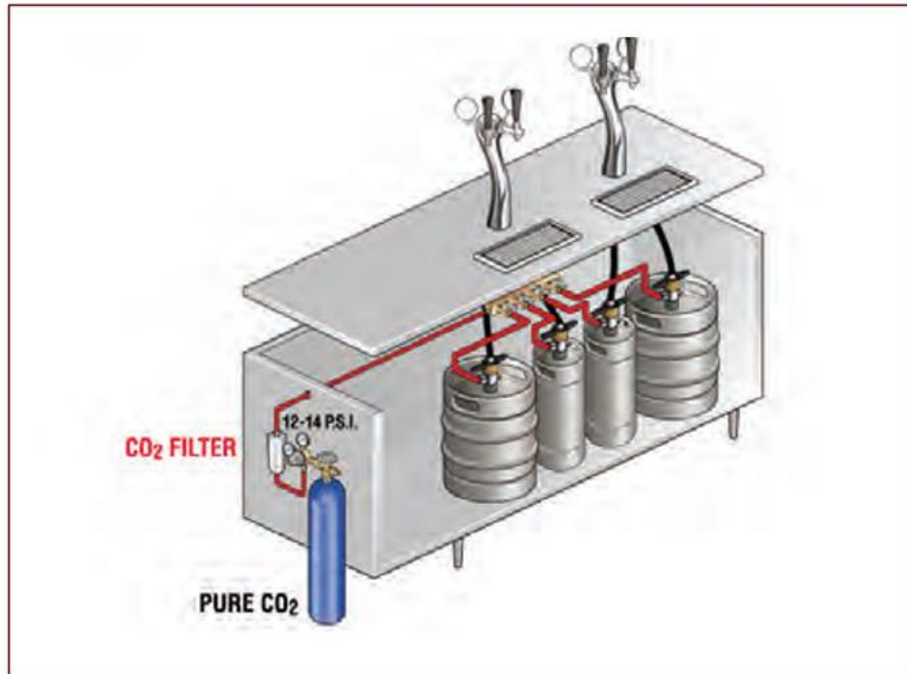
- Where will your keg cooler be in relation to your taps?
 - How many draught lines will you have?
 - Will each line serve multiple dispense outlets or towers?
 - Do you plan to run beers with different levels of CO₂?
 - Will you serve every beer at the same temperature or have style specific coolers?
 - Should you plan on using blended gas or beer pumps?
 - Who is going to clean it?
 - How much waste should you anticipate for cleaning cycles?
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Keep it as simple and short as possible!

- The best beer is the beer closest to the keg that has to travel the least amount of distance through the minimal amount of components
 - Use the smallest Interior Diameter (ID) as possible, this reduces the volume of beer that comes into contact with draught lines
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Direct Draw - Kegerator



Direct Draw – Keg Cooler through wall

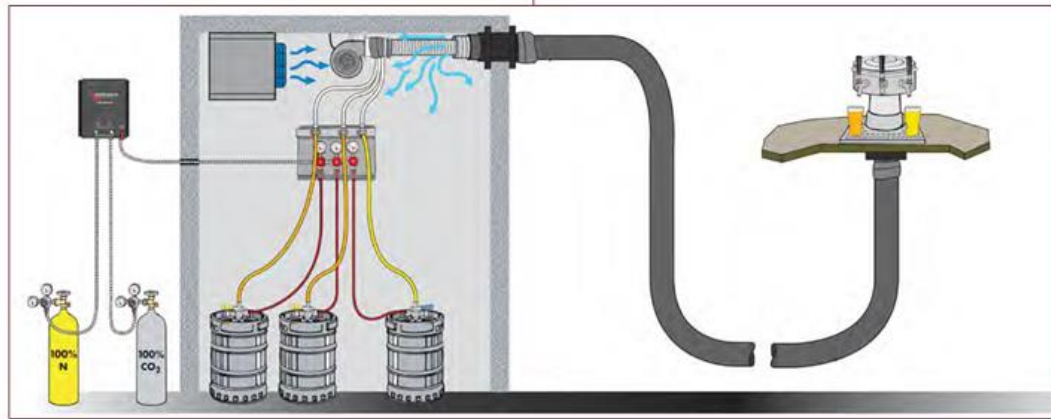


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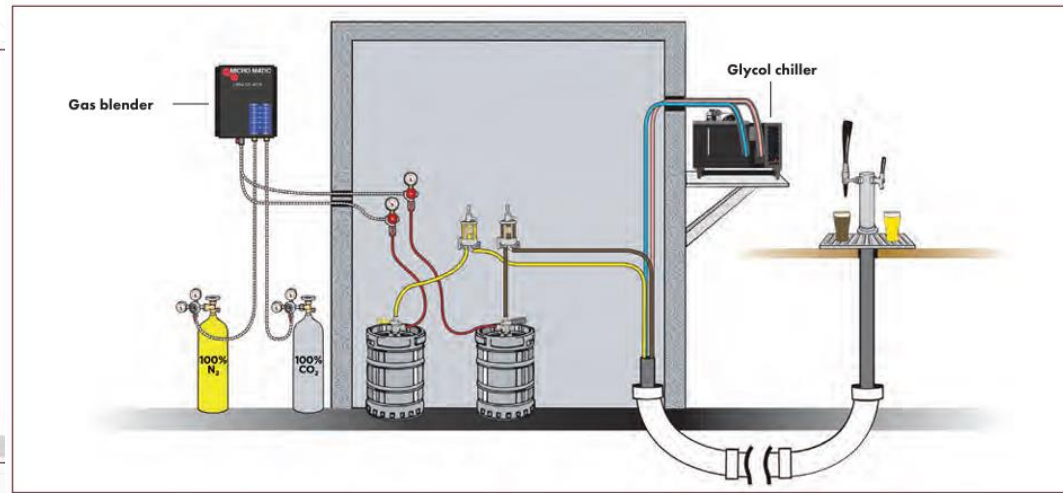
- Pros
 - Reduces waste
 - Easy to replace lines
 - Minimal/no foaming if balanced and kept at proper temperature
 - No need for gas blending
 - No need for FOB detectors
 - Cons
 - Keg storage constraints
 - Limited # of taps for kegerators
 - CO2 requirements – may require secondary regulators for different styles
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Long Draw / Remote Systems

Air Cooled



Glycol Cooled



Air-Cooled Long Draw

- Pros
 - Cheaper than glycol system
 - Single duct vs. Double duct – ways to manage air flow
 - Cons
 - Requires high amount of insulation
 - Subject to cooler temperature
 - Susceptible to temperature fluctuations of path
 - Limited at about 25 feet
 - In general – not recommended
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Glycol-cooled Long Draw

- Pros
 - Highly effective at keeping beer cool
 - Can handle 100+ foot runs
- Cons
 - Expensive \$\$\$ upfront costs
 - Requires maintenance, upkeep, monitoring glycol level
 - Susceptible to temperature fluctuations if not properly insulated
- In general – always recommended over air-cooled



Figure 4.21. Glycol chiller.

Gas Principles

- Goals
 - Maintain original carbonation of keg at point of dispense
 - Maintain flow rate of 2oz/second, or 1 gallon/minute
 - 1 Pint = 6-8 seconds
 - Balance = Applied Pressure + Resistance
 - Applied Pressure = Lbs CO₂ or other gas pushing beer to faucet
 - Resistance
 - Static Resistance = Gravity – Add 1# for every 2 feet of elevation gained, opposite for below
 - Dynamic Resistance = Contributed through hose type/ID, other components
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40	8.0	9.1	10.2	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.6	15.7	16.8	17.9	19.0
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Gas Principles – Gas type

100% CO₂



Blended Gas

TABLE 4.2. PERCENTAGE CO₂ FOR GAS BLENDS USED ON REGULARLY CARBONATED BEERS

	Storage temp.	
	35–37°F	38–40°F
Applied pressure	Median 2.5 volumes CO ₂	
16–20 psi	75–80%	80–85%
20–25 psi	65%	70%
Applied pressure	Median 2.7 volumes CO ₂	
16–20 psi	80–85%	80–90%
20–25 psi	70%	75%

Gas Principles – Dynamic Resistance

Hose/Tube ID and restriction

Stainless/Barrier is best - avoid vinyl choker lines

TABLE 4.1. COMMON MATERIALS AND DIAMETERS USED FOR BEER LINE AND THEIR DYNAMIC RESISTANCE VALUES

Type	Size	Resistance (lb./ft.)*	Volume (fl. oz./ft.)
Vinyl/flexible	3/16" ID	3.00	1/6
Vinyl/flexible	1/4" ID	0.85	1/3
Vinyl/flexible	5/16" ID	0.40	1/2
Vinyl/flexible	3/8" ID	0.20	3/4
Vinyl/flexible	1/2" ID	0.025	1 1/3
Barrier	1/4" ID	0.30	1/3
Barrier	5/16" ID	0.10	1/2
Barrier	3/8" ID	0.06	3/4
Stainless	1/4" OD	1.20	1/6
Stainless	5/16" OD	0.30	1/3
Stainless	3/8" OD	0.12	1/2

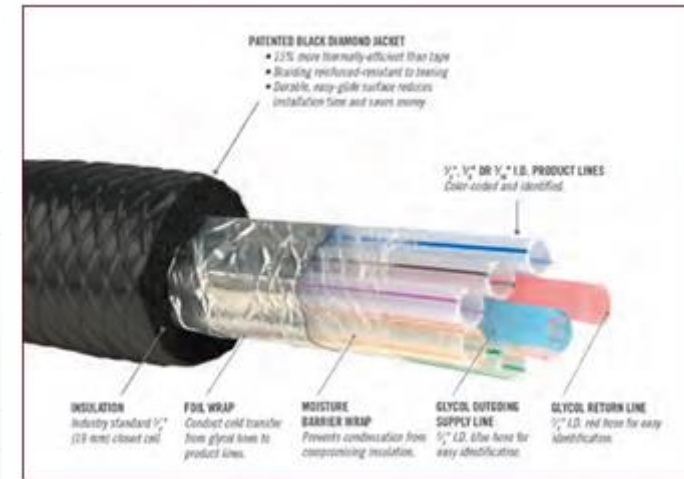


Figure 4.2. Cross-section of a long-draw beer line bundle.

EXAMPLE 1: LONG-DRAW, CLOSED-REMOTE SYSTEM

This example for a long-draw, closed-remote system assumes that the dispensing gas blend mixture is already fixed; there is a vertical lift of 12 feet; and the beer trunk line total run is 120 feet. Find the operating pressure of the system, and then determine the appropriate tubing size for the trunks and choker-line tubing length.

Beer Conditions

Beer temperature: 35°F
Beer carbonation: 2.6 volumes CO₂
Dispensing gas: 70% CO₂/30% N₂ blend

First, you must determine the gauge pressure of the blended gas required to maintain the correct level of carbonation. From Appendix C, this calculation is:

$$a = \left(\frac{b + 14.7}{c} \right) - 14.7$$

where a is the gauge pressure of the blended gas, b is the ideal gauge pressure of pure CO₂ for this situation (in this case, 10.7 psi; see table B.1 in appendix B), c is the proportion of CO₂ in the blended gas, and atmospheric pressure is assumed to be 14.7 psi (i.e., sea level).

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \left(\frac{10.7 + 14.7}{0.70} \right) - 14.7 \\ &= [25.4 / 0.70] - 14.7 \\ &= 36.3 - 14.7 \\ &= 21.6 \text{ psi (round to 22 psi)} \end{aligned}$$

Static Resistance

Vertical lift (faucet height above center of keg): 12 ft.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Static resistance} &= 12 \text{ ft.} \times 0.5 \text{ lb./ft.} \\ &= 6.0 \text{ lb.} \end{aligned}$$

Balance

The applied dispensing gas pressure of 22 psi must be balanced by the total system resistance. Since the static resistance equals 6 lb., the system will need a total of 16 lb. of dynamic resistance to be imparted by the beer line restriction.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dynamic resistance} &= \text{dispensing gas pressure} - \text{static resistance} \\ &= 22 - 6 \\ &= 16 \text{ lb.} \end{aligned}$$

Beer Line Restriction

120 ft. of 3/16" ID barrier tubing @ 0.1 lb./ft. (see table 4.1)

$$120 \text{ ft.} \times 0.1 \text{ lb./ft.} = 12 \text{ lb.}$$

1.3 ft. of 3/16" ID vinyl choker line @ 3.0 lb./ft.

$$1.3 \text{ ft.} \times 3.0 \text{ lb./ft.} = 4 \text{ lb.}$$

Dynamic resistance from barrier tubing and choker line:

$$12 + 4 = 16 \text{ lb.}$$

Gas Principles – Formulas and Equations

See DBQM

Other Long Draw Components

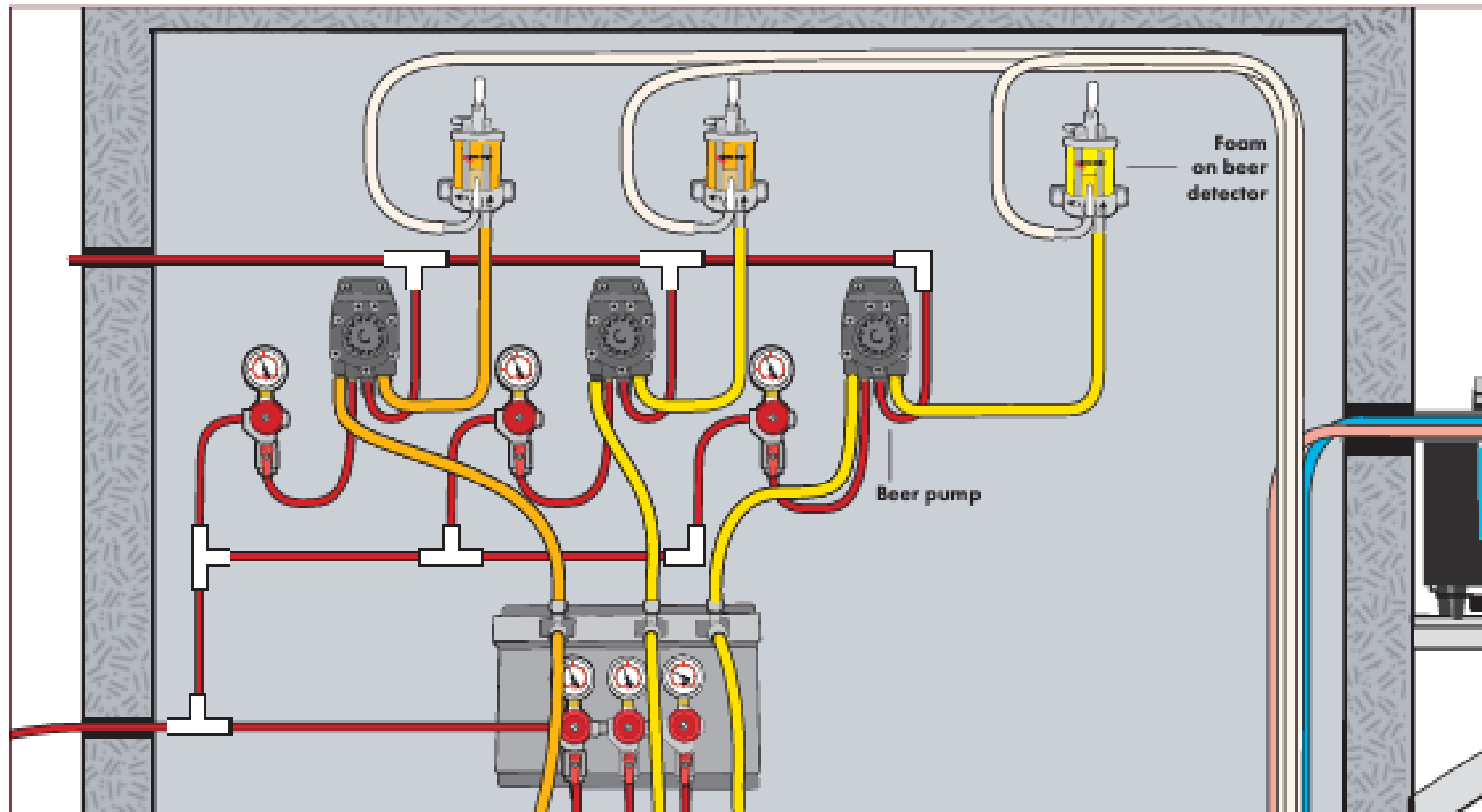
FOB (foam on beer) Detectors



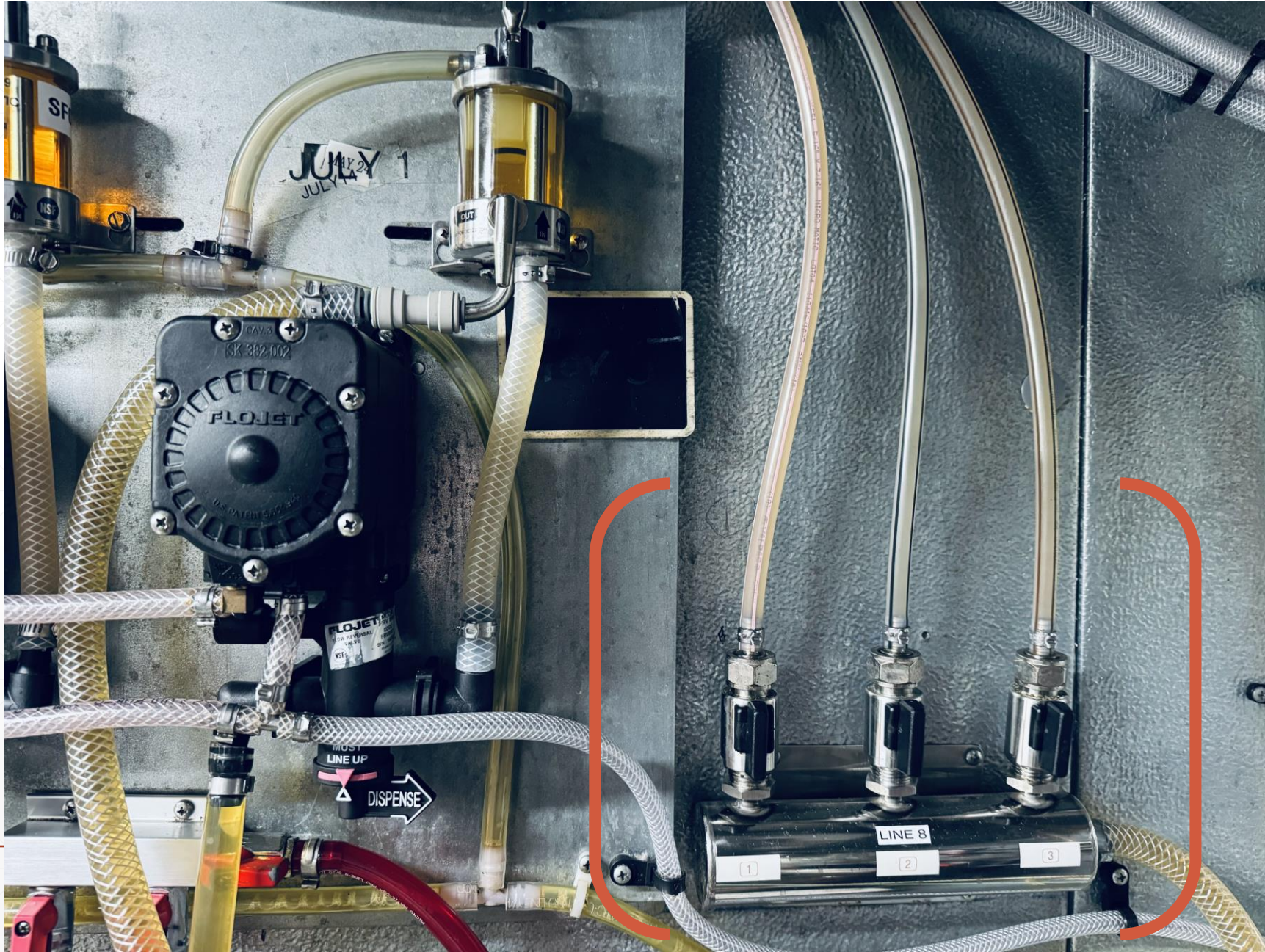
Beer Pumps



Other Long Draw Components



Other Long Draw Components – Split Towers



Cleaning, Maintenance, and Troubleshooting

How does a clean draught system become “dirty?”

- Internal Factors Which Influence Biofilm Formation and Growth
 - Yeast settling in lines
 - Hop particulate settling
 - Beers w/ fruit and/or lactose on tap
 - Beer Stone – calcium oxylate
 - Beers with wild yeast/bacteria on tap
 - Slow moving product – stagnant in line
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How does a clean draught system become “dirty?”

- External Factors Which Influence Biofilm Formation and Growth
 - General keg cooler hygiene
 - Presence of black/white mold
 - Food stored in keg cooler
 - Loose connections, worn components
 - Dirty coupler tapping “clean” kegs
 - Dirty CO2 lines
 - Dirty Faucets – work back through line
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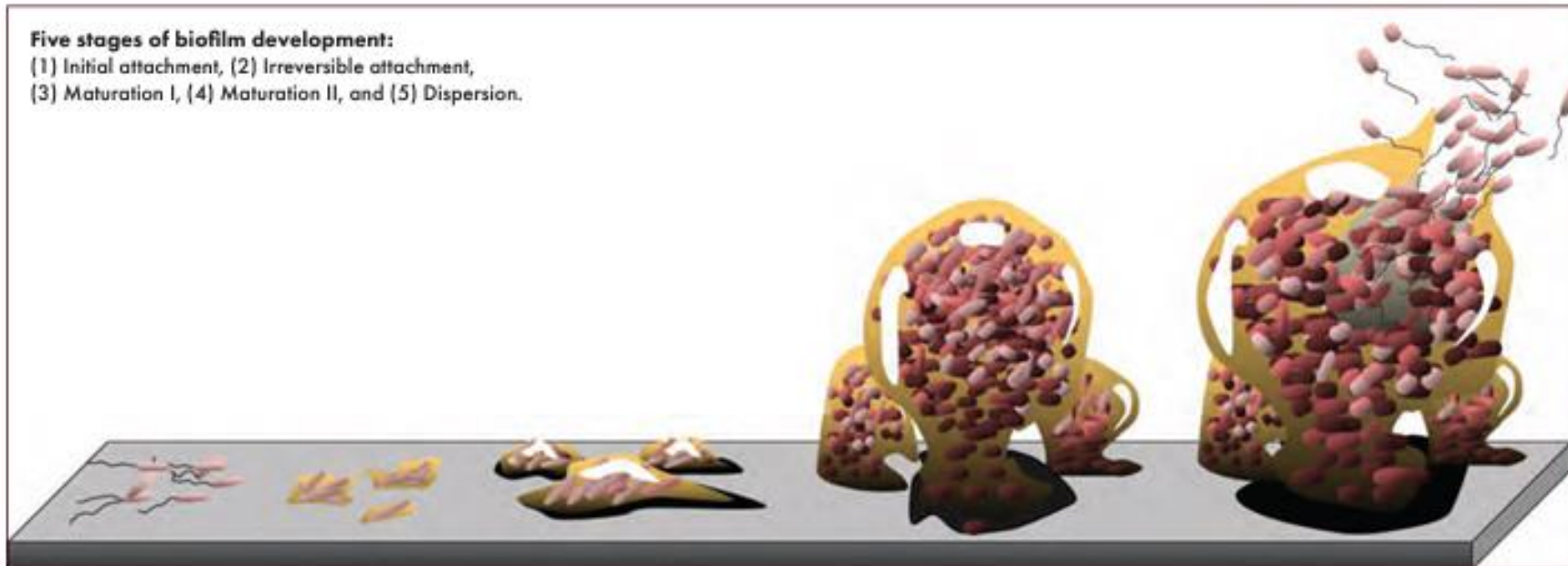


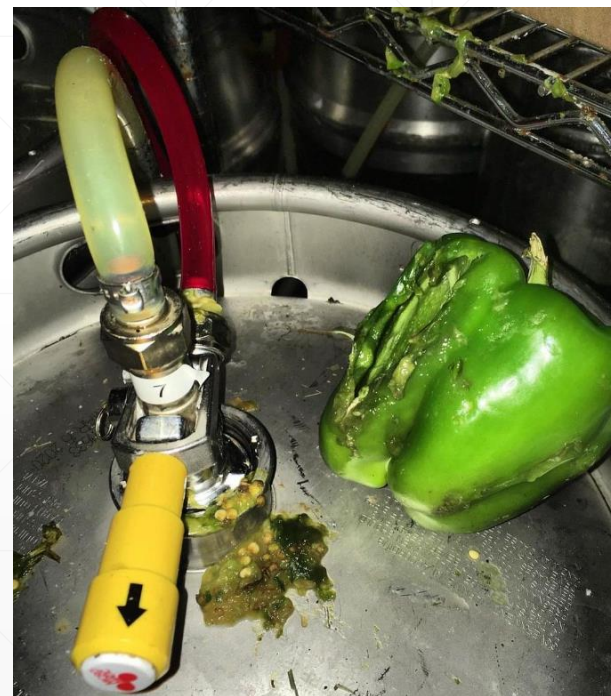
Figure 7.1. Biofilms can easily become established in dirty lines.
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How does a clean draught system become “dirty?”



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Telltale signs for dirty lines

- Appearance
 - Turbidity in otherwise clear beers
 - Rapid foam deterioration (lactic acid bacteria breaking down proteins)
 - Excessive foaming – refermentation in lines or keg
 - Aroma
 - Diacetyl – butter/butterscotch - lactic acid bacteria
 - Acetic acid – vinegar – acetobacter
 - Brettanomyces contaminations – band-aid, smoky, phenolic, fruity
 - Taste/Mouthfeel
 - Sour – Acetic or lactic acid bacteria
 - “Slick” – diacetyl - LAB
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System Cleaning Frequency

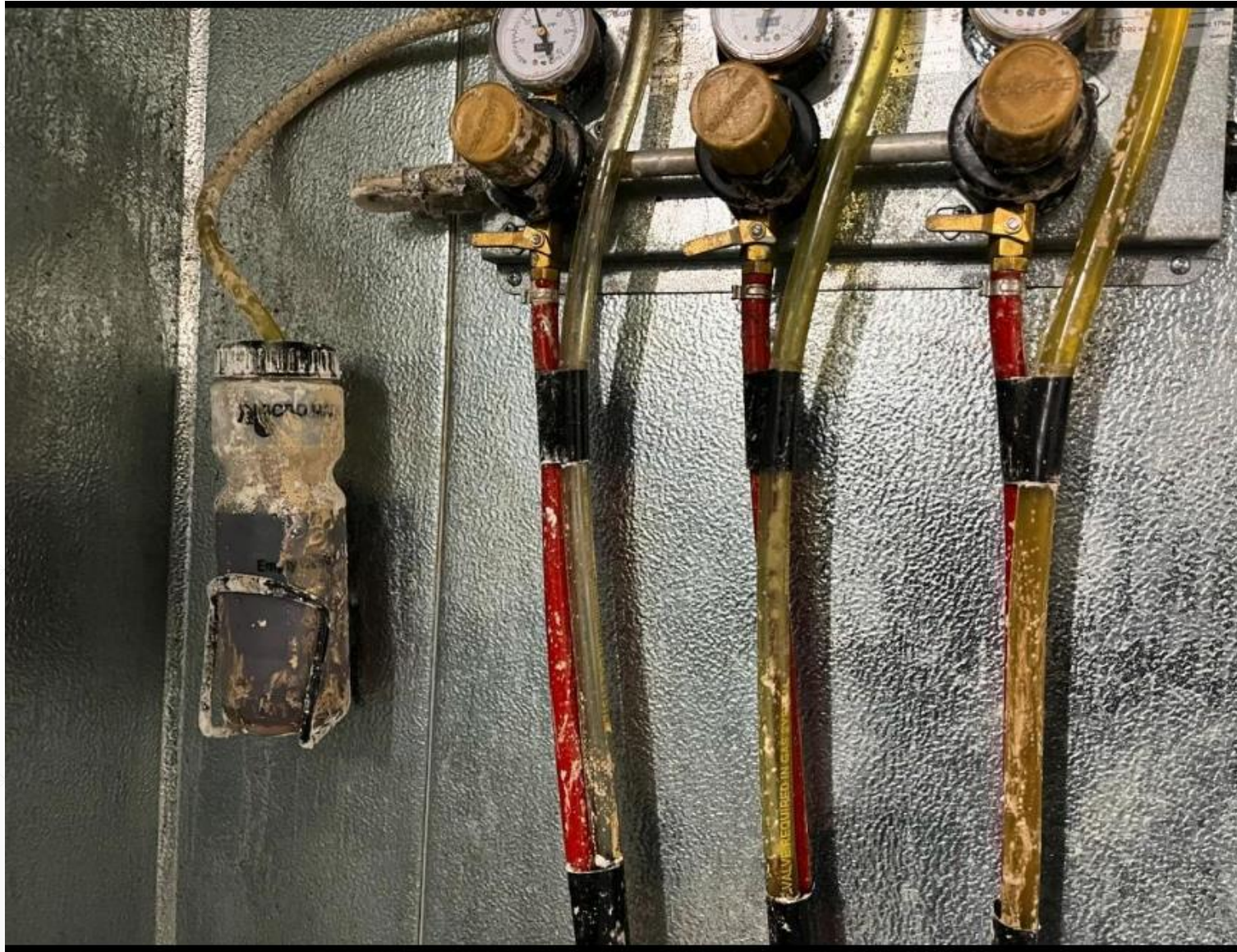
- Every 2 weeks - Caustic
 - Draught lines
 - Faucets
 - FOBs – in line
 - Couplers – exterior scrub/soak
 - Every 3 months (quarterly) - Acid
 - Same components as above
 - Goal to remove beer stone
 - Every 6 months (semi-annual)
 - FOBs – full breakdown/scrub/soak
 - Couplers – full breakdown/scrub/soak
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System Cleaning Frequency

- Spot Cleaning
 - Hoppy beers → non hoppy
 - Smoked beer → anything else
 - Sour/brett beer → anything else
 - Fruit beers → anything else
 - Dark/roasty → anything lighter
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“I swear I clean my lines every two weeks”

- The lines:



*Picture courtesy of @moderndraught

System Cleaning Frequency: Component replacement

- Vinyl Jumpers (< \$1/ft)
 - Hoppy beers → non hoppy
 - Smoked beer → anything else
 - Sour/brett beer → anything else
 - Fruit beers → anything else
 - Dark/roasty → anything lighter
 - Trunk Line/Barrier
 - Every 10 years or when needed
 - Gas lines
 - Upon discoloration or leaking
 - Brass
 - Always
 - Faucet Components
 - Worn gaskets
 - Bent levers
 - Coupler Components
 - Worn gaskets
 - Check ball
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System Cleaning Methods

Cleaning Can/Static



Recirculating Pump



Cleaning Can/Static

Pros

- Cheap/relatively affordable
- More portable, less components
- Single tap systems, kegerators
- Relatively easy learning curve

Cons

- Less effective than recirculating
 - CO₂ → Neutralizes Caustic effectiveness
 - Faucet removal optional
 - Longer time – 20 minutes
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Cleaning Can Operations



Recirculating Pump

Pros

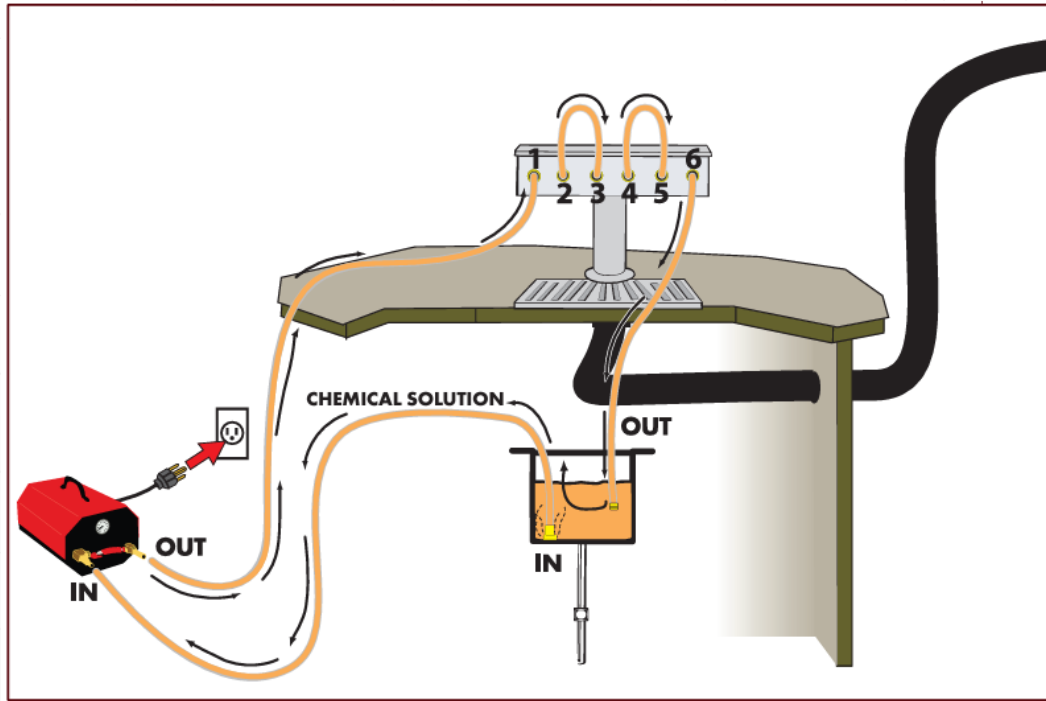
- More effective – up to 80% over cleaning can
- Agitation through circulation
- No CO2 neutralization
- Cleaner temp – can adjust while cleaning
- Requires faucet removal
- Less Time – 15 minutes

Cons

- Expensive (investment)
 - More components - bulky
 - Requires more training
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Recirculating Pump Operations

Faucet Side



Cooler Side

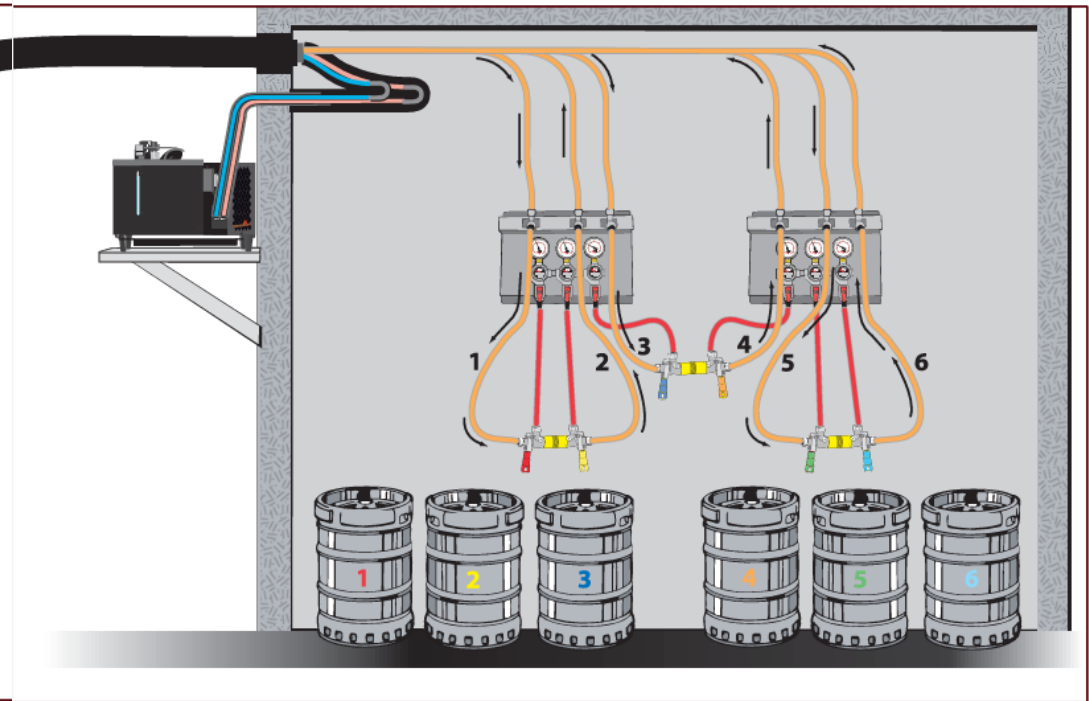




Figure 7.11. Typical line cleaning adapters.



Figure 7.13. Faucets should be removed and cleaned separately.



Figure 7.12. Couplers can be linked to aid in recirculation cleaning.



Figure 7.14. Ensure that all hoses are connected securely before cleaning.

connect the other shank in the loop to a shank in the second loop using a jumper hose fitted with a cleaning adapter on each end, and attach a drain hose or spare faucet to the remaining shank in the second loop. When cleaning four lines, ensure that the drain hose and outlet hose from the pump are not on the same coupler loop.

3. Fill a bucket (the “water bucket”) with warm water and place the inlet hose into the water. Turn the pump on and flush beer into a second bucket (the “chemical bucket”) until the line

runs clear with water. Shut the pump off and discard the flushed beer.

4. Turn the pump back on, allowing warm water to run into the clean chemical bucket. Measure the flow rate of the liquid by filling a beer pitcher or some container with a known volume. A steady flow rate that ideally exceeds the flow rate of the beer is recommended. If cleaning is configured for four lines and flow rate is too slow, remove the jumpers and clean each pair of lines separately.
 - Allow the chemical bucket to fill with just enough water to cover the inlet hose of the pump.
 - Add the appropriate amount of line cleaning

Recirculating Pump Operations

See DBQM (pg. 68) for full directions – only to be carried out by a trained technician

DRAUGHT SAFETY

The best way to ensure complete rinsing of all chemical residue is by checking the pH, which can be done very affordably with test strips. Your line cleaner supplier should be able to provide pH test strips. The pH of caustic cleaner should be 10–13.5; the pH of acid cleaner should be 2–4. When a system is completely rinsed, the pH of the rinse water should be equal to that of the local tap water.



Figure 7.18. pH test strips, or pH paper, can be used to test that all cleaning chemicals have been rinsed from your draught system.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PH

Always verify chemical is rinsed with pH paper!!!

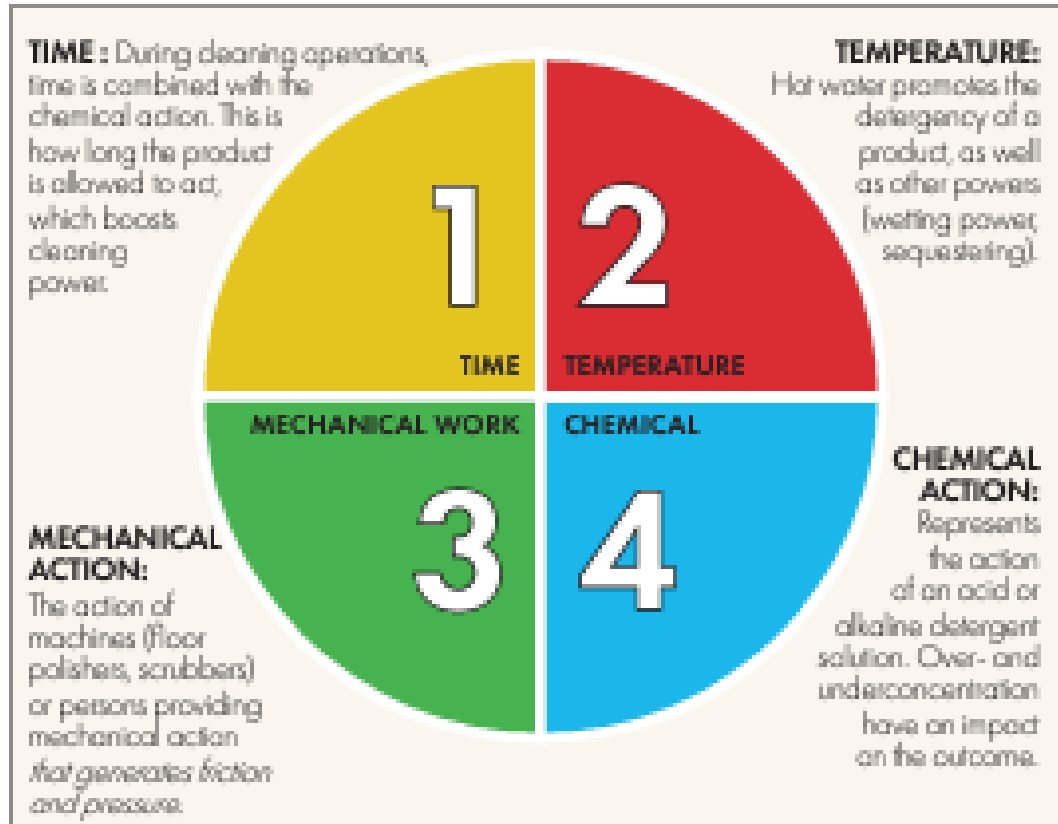


Figure 7.5. Effective draught system cleaning depends on four interdependent factors, arranged here as the “Sinner’s Circle.”

“SINNER’S CIRCLE”

Don’t cut corners!

Faucet Cleaning

Scrub & soak all components



Replace parts/gaskets as necessary



TROUBLESHOOTING

- No beer at faucet
 - Empty keg
 - Coupler not engaged/obstructed
 - FOB float down/stuck
 - Gas empty / not on / turned all the way down
 - Kinked line
 - Dirty/obstructed line
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TROUBLESHOOTING

- Foamy Beer

- Temperature at faucet too warm
 - Temperature at faucet too cold
 - Kinked beer line
 - Wrong sized beer line
 - Pressure too high
 - Pressure too low
 - Wrong gas blend
 - Gas in blend out
 - Glycol off/impaired
 - Coupler washer defective
 - Faucet washer defective
 - Dirty/obstructed lines
 - Ripped keg valve seal
 - Clogged vent hole on faucet
 - Overcarbonated keg – brewery issue
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TROUBLESHOOTING – Warm Keg

TABLE 5.2. INCREASE IN KEG TEMPERATURE OVER TIME FROM A 38°F STARTING TEMPERATURE

Time (hours)	Temp
0	38°F
1	39°F
2	41°F
3	42°F
4	43°F
5	45°F
6	48°F

TABLE 5.1. TIME REQUIRED TO CHILL A KEG TO 38°F FROM VARIOUS TEMPERATURES

Starting temp.	Hours to reach 38°F
50°F	25.0
48°F	23.5
46°F	21.0
44°F	18.0
40°F	7.0
38°F	0



Troubleshooting – CO2 Leak

CO2 Meters can save lives

Invest in one today!!!

POURING / PRESENTATION



GLASSWARE



Why Invest in Glassware?

Enhances sensory experience

Visual
Aroma

Flavor

Carbonation

Why Invest in Glassware?

- Elevated Experience
 - Branding
 - More specifically, matching the beer to the correct branded glassware can **increase sales by as much as a third.**
 - Education
 - Provides opportunity for staff to talk to customers about the difference in styles and glassware
 - Value
 - Studies have shown that people are willing to pay “significantly more” for beverages if the glassware is consistent with the style.



**Beer Matters: How Miller Brands Partners with Licensees to Drive Sales.*

**Does the Shape of the Drinking Receptacle Influence Taste/Flavour Perception?*

**Influence of the Glassware on the Perception of Alcoholic Drinks, Food Quality Preference Journal*

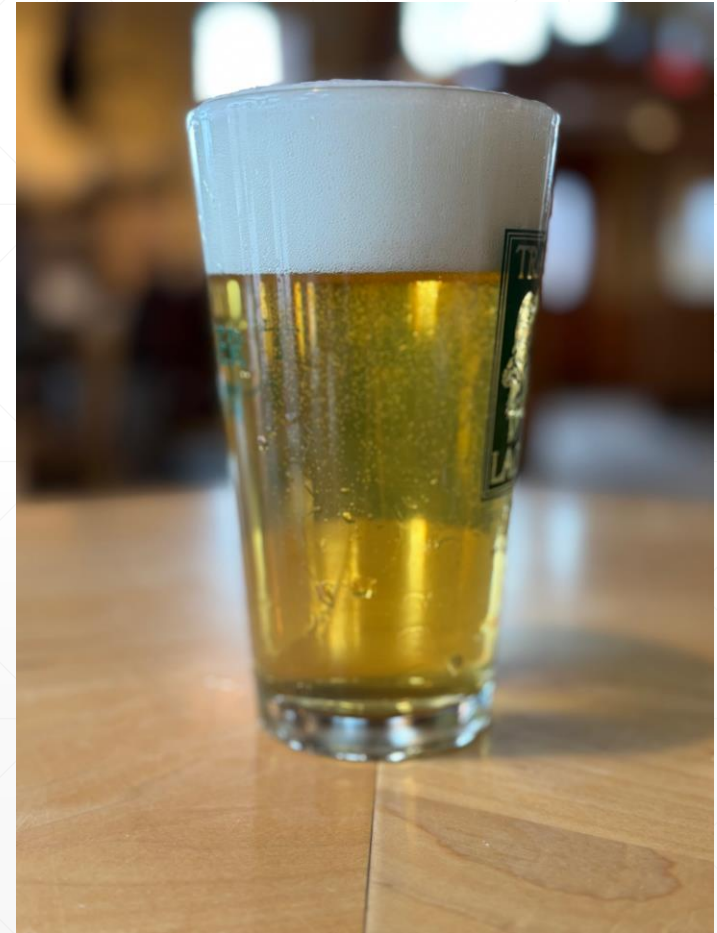
Glassware Considerations - Glass Size vs. Pour Size

“Hey barkeep, can I get a pint?”

Is this a “Pint?”



Or Is this a “Pint?”





Glassware Considerations

-Importance of Fill Line –

Consistency

Legality -
overserving

Product as
advertised

Foam

Less beer
waste/overpouring



GLASSWARE TYPES -Historical/Style Driven

BELGIAN

Chalice/Trappist



Tulip



GERMAN ALE

Weissbier



Stange



GERMAN LAGER

Willi Becher



Pils Stemmed / Flute



CZECH LAGER

TANKARDS



ENGLISH ALE

Nonic Pint



Dimpled Mug



NOT ALL DIMPLED MUGS ARE CREATED EQUAL

Czech Tubinger



UK Dimpled Mug





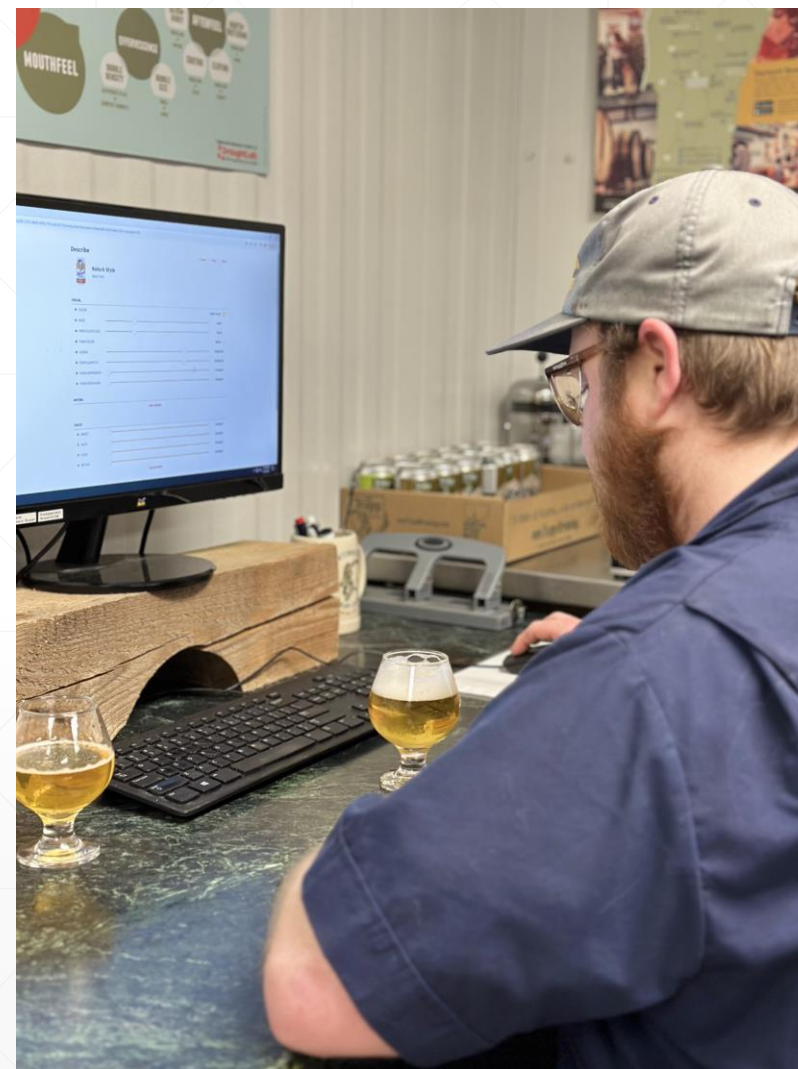
GLASSWARE TYPES -Sensory Driven

SNIFTER

Imperial Stouts / Strong Ales

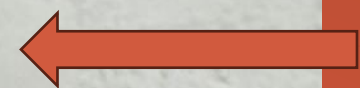
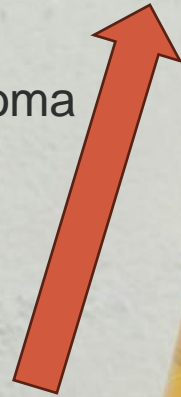


Brewery Sensory Analysis





Wide to narrow
Concentrates aroma
delivery



Tapered lip, delivers sip

TEKU



Large bowl and stem for swirling
-releasing aromas

IPA
“Sensory
Glass”



With so many options, why do we continue to choose:

This???



Or this???



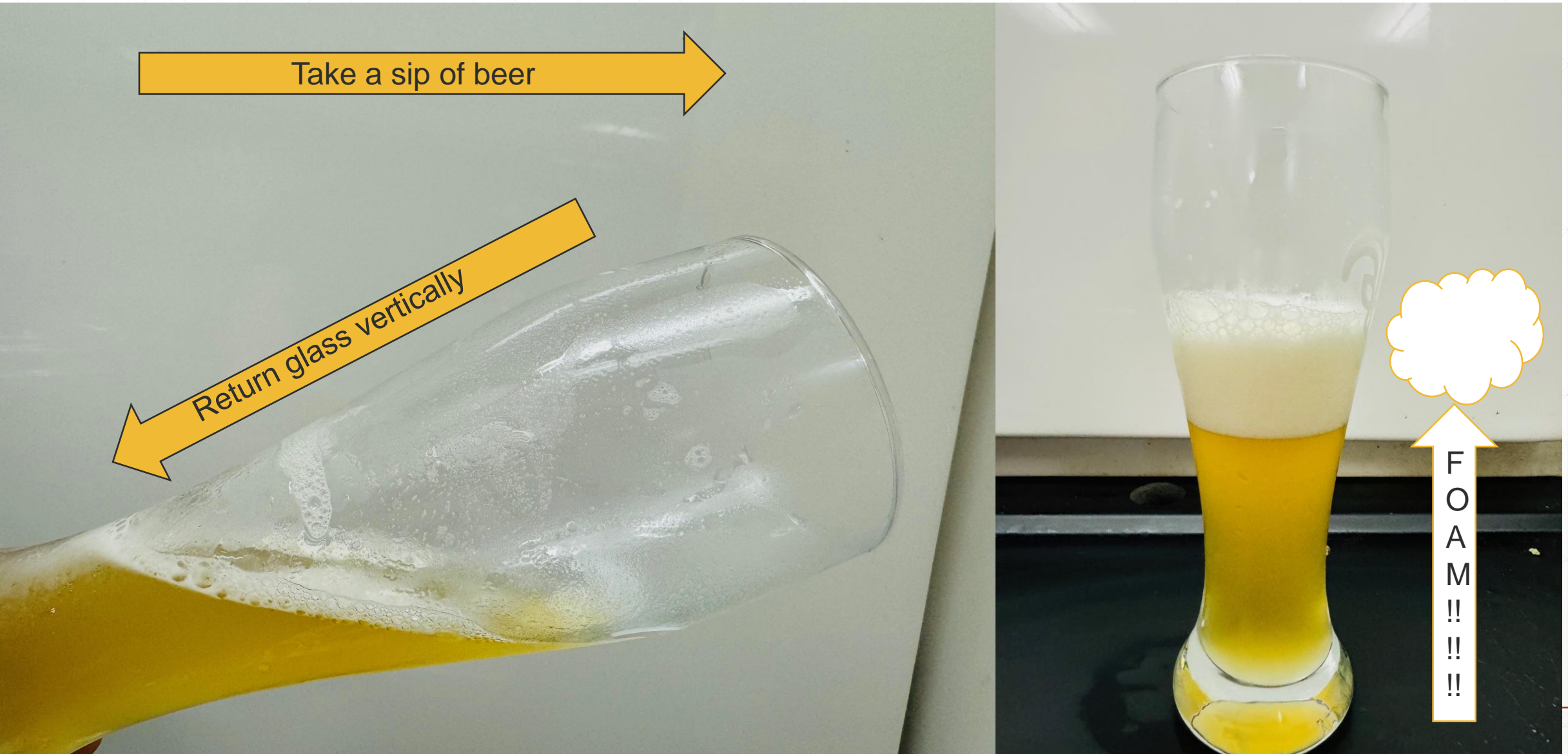


GLASSWARE TYPES -Components



Nucleation

Glass Shape – Foam Regeneration





Thin wall = retain beer temperature



Temperature Control
– Glass Thickness,
Handle, Stem



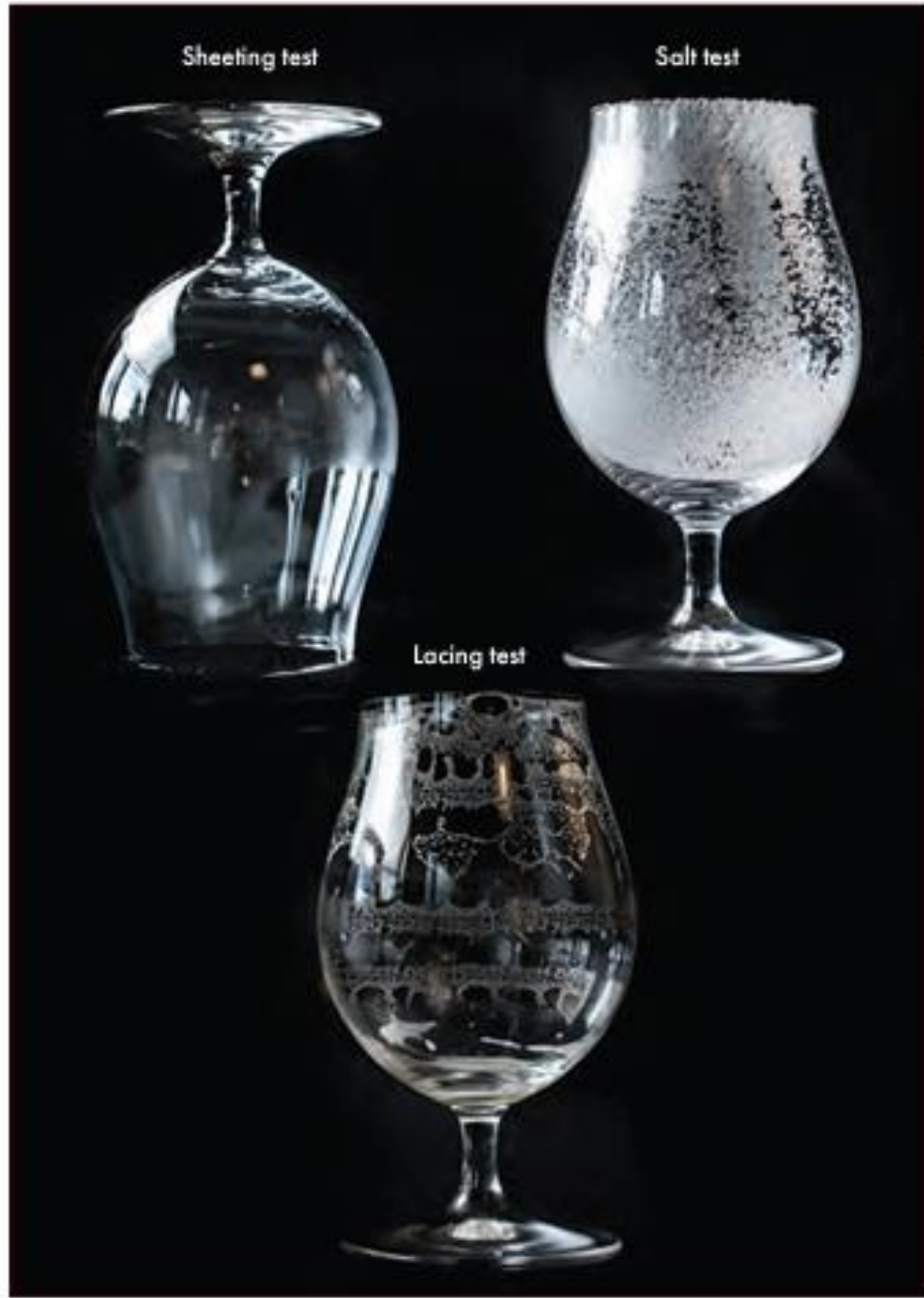
Thick wall = retain glass/room temperature



Glassware Cleanliness

What is a “Beer Clean” Glass?

- Free of dust, dirt, debris
 - No lipstick, smudges, or oils
 - No residual cleaner or sanitizer
 - No moisture from storage
 - No perceptible odors
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How to test for Glass Cleanliness

Figure 6.4. Three properly cleaned glasses used to show the three methods for testing beer-clean glassware.

Glassware Washing Options

3-Bay Sink



Hi-Temp DW





Glass Rinser



Standard Pour

“Two-Part Pour”

1. Start normal pour, fill 2/3 with beer, let settle for 20-30 seconds
2. Top off to fill line with foam rising above rim





Slow Pour



Lukr Pour

LAGER ≠ LUKR

- Not all lager styles are suitable for Lukr dispense
 - Consult brewery for their preferences on Lukr or not
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Nitro Pour

STEP 1 THE BRANDED GLASS	STEP 2 THE ANGLE OF THE POUR	STEP 3 FILL TO THE HARP	STEP 4 T H E SETTLE	STEP 5 T H E TOP UP	STEP 6 ENJOY THE PERFECT PINT
					
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Beer Service Best Practices

Glassware “zones” or “real estate”

Avoid touching lip or rim



Always handle glassware by base



Do not immerse faucet in beer (Lukr as exception)

The "Dunk"



The "Double Dunk"



Avoid the “Beer Handshake” - Rinse exterior spillover

The Dirty Rag



Water Rinse



**Thank you,
Time to Enjoy a Beer!**

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But First, Questions?

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