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Draught Beer Quality Workshop: Calculating Proper Balance and Pours



BA Draught Beer Quality Manual





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What was once world-class...









...has evolved





The Facts About Draught Beer Carbonation

Are you using 60%CO2/40%N2 to dispense your beer? Chances are some if not all of your beers are slowly going flat and potentially falling out of the brewer's desired carbonation range.

Recently, the Brewer Association Technical Committee endorsed a beer industry-wide guideline that changes the default dispense gas blend from 60% CO2 to 70% CO2 for any systems that need CO2-rich blends (see back of page for criteria). Extensive market research indicates that when used as the sole gas blend, 70% CO2 keeps more beers within their respective carbonation specifications.

In a near-constant effort to maintain high-quality draught beer at retail, brewers have long battled gas systems which

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When all the elements are in balance, the beer will stay properly carbonated. The problem is that the average draught system is pouring beers with differing levels of carbonation; with the three other elements remaining constant, this causes many beers to become flat.

The solution lies in making adjustments to either of the two elements we can readily adjust: CO2 percentage, and applied pressure. Let's look at these individually.

CO2 Percentage Adjustment

The adjustment of CO2 percentages for different beers has historically been difficult if not impossible. Gas blending panels usually have only one CO2-rich blend available, with dual

The BA offers a 'One-Pager' ...





New Guidelines For the Use of Blended Gas for Draught Beer Dispense:

Prepared by the Brewers Association Technical Committee Draught Beer Quality Working Group

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A Excel Perfect Blend Program

Easy Blend Calclator			Easy Blend Cal	lator	Easy Blend Calclator			
Enter these values:			Enter these values:		Enter these values:			
Temperature (°F)	38		Temperature (°F)	40	Temperature (°F)	36		
Pressure (psig)	18		Pressure (psig)	22	Pressure (psig)	26		
CO ₂ Content (vols/vol)	2.5		CO ₂ Content (vols/vol)	2.7	CO ₂ Content (vols/vol)	2.7		
Perfect CO2 %	79%		Perfect CO2 %	79%	Perfect CO2 %	66%		

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Our (free) State of Art Resource

- BA Draught Beer Quality Sub-Committee
- We'll use our unique and practical 'textbook' in guiding today's online presentation! Our framework is focused on attaining BALANCE to dispense perfect beer...
 - Temperature
 - Pressure
 - Resistance & Components
 - Our options!

Social isolation in nature







TABLE 3.3. DIRECT-DRAW DRAUGHT SYSTEM BALANCE AT 38°F

Carbonation (volumes CO ₂)	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9
Applied CO ₂ (psig)	9.2	10.3	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.5	15.6
³ /16" Vinyl beer line length	3'3"	3'5"	3'9"	4'2"	4'6"	4'10"	5'7"

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Diverse tools are in the BA book for many situations

Today's focus is on longer systems and how we realize optimal dispense...



...including Calculations with examples



Ken Smith & Bridget Gauntner did the Prep work yesterday in their CBC talk!



Our goal....

Remember those times in learning where your Instructor/Professor illuminated solutions using approaches framed differently from the text? No time to Spoon-Feed You



1. TEMPERATURE CHALLENGES REVIEW

1/2-bbl keg (36 F): if delivery van is at 90 deg F, rise in temp of 20 deg F in 2 hours. A keg at 50 deg F delivered into a 36 deg F cold room requires 3 days to equilibrate.



Gases Increase Solubility With Lowering Temperature

FOR EXAMPLE:

at 60° F - 1 gallon of CO2 gas at atmospheric pressure will dissolve in 1 gallon of beer.

<u>at 32° F</u> - 1.71 gallons of CO₂ gas at atmospheric pressure will dissolve in 1 gallon of beer.

If we have 1 gallon of CO₂ in 1 gallon of beer, we say we have 1 volume of CO₂.







Beer now has 1 gallon of CO2 dissolved in it.

The equilibrium condition is 1 volume CO₂ in solution at 0 PSI and 60° F.









Add more gas (1.5 vols): CO₂ is now being restrained in solution by 22 PSI pressure.

The new equilibrium condition is 1 + 1.5volume = 2.5 volume CO₂ at **22 PSI** and 60° F.

Note: Allowing greater pressure on beer allows it to absorb more CO₂... and we'll see why this is a problem soon!



2. "BALANCE" is Differential Pressure Management in beer line



Fig. 1 Position of model penguin during defaecation and physical parameters used to calculate rectal pressure necessary to expel faecal material over a distance of 40 cm



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Adopted by J. Jurado

Hagen–Poiseuille equation: ...a small increase in the internal diameter of the beer line yields a significant increase in flow rate of beer

Resistance decreases as beer line diameter increases

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

Тур	ו	Size	Resistance (lb./ft.)*	Volume (fl. oz./ft.)
Vinyl/f	exible	3⁄16" ID	3.00	1⁄6
Vinyl/f	lexible	14" ID	0.85	1/3
Vinyl/f	lexible	5∕16" ID	0.40	1/2
Vinyl/f	lexihle	▶ ¾" ID	0.20	3/4
Vinyl/f	lexible	½" ID	0.025	11/3
Bur	1¢1	→ ¼" ID	0.30	1/3
Bar	rier	⁵⁄16 " ID	0.10	1⁄2
Bar	lar	→ ³⁄8" ID	0.06	3/4
Stair	loss	▶ ¼" OD	1.20	1/6
Stair	less	⁵⁄16 " OD	0.30	1⁄3
Stair	less	▶ ¾" OD	0.12	1⁄2



3. RESISTANCE



Bridget discussed Diffusion yesterday



Think about our little penguin....

No time to Spoon-Feed You!

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SAME DATA... DIFFERENT PRESENTATIONS3

TABLE 3.2. DETERMINATION OF PURE CO₂ EQUILIBRIUM GAUGE PRESSURE (PSIG) FOR GIVEN VOLUMES OF CO₂ AND TEMPERATURE

	Volumes of CO ₂										
Temp. (°F)	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1
33	5.0	6.0	6.9	7.9	8.8	9.8	10.7	11.7	12.6	13.6	14.5
34	5.2	6.2	7.2	8.1	9.1	10.1	11.1	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0
35	5.6	6.6	7.6	8.6	9.7	10.7	11.7	12.7	13.7	14.8	15.8
36	6.1	7.1	8.2	9.2	10.2	11.3	12.3	13.4	14.4	15.5	16.5
37	6.6	7.6	8.7	9.8	10.8	11.9	12.9	14.0	15.1	16.1	17.2
38	70	81	92	10.3	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.5	15.6	16.7	17.8
39	7.6	8.7	9.8	10.8	11.9	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.3	17.4	18.5
40	8.0	9.1	10.2	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.6	15.7	16.8	17.9	19.0
41	8.3	9.4	10.6	11.7	12.8	13.9	15.1	16.2	17.3	18.4	19.5
42	8.8	9.9	11.0	12.2	13.3	14.4	15.6	16.7	17.8	19.0	20.1

Source: Data from Methods of Analysis, 5th ed. (Milwaukee, WI: American Society of Brewing Chemists, 1949). Note: Values assume sea-level altitude. Add 1 psi for every 2000 ft. above sea level.

Table 3.2, page 38

"Atmospheric pressure decreases by about 1 psi per 2000 feet gained in elevation. To account for this loss of pressure, add 1 psi to the regulator setting for every 2000 feet gained in elevation"--page 18

	No. of Street, or							Sec. A.				Sec.	-		18 march	A STATE
PSI	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
°F	1		No.								1					3.4
32	2.15	2.27	2.38	2.48	2.59	2.70	2.80	2.90	3.00	3.11	3.21					
33	2.10	2.23	2.33	2.43	2.53	2.63	2.74	2.84	2.96	3.06	3.15	3.25		5		
34	2.06	2.18	2.28	2.38	2.48	2.58	2.69	2.79	2.90	3.00	3.09	3.19			1	av.
35	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			
36	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		
37	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	A PE
38	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	Y
39	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
40	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
41	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
42	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
43	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
44	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
45	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

sea level" CO2 chart



TABLE 1.2. ABSOLUTE PRESSURE DECREASES AS ELEVATION INCREASES WHEN DISPENSING PRESSURE IS HELD AT THE SAME PSIG.

Elevation (ft. above sea level)	Atmospheric pressure (psi)	Dispensing pressure (psig)	Absolute pressure (psia)
0	14.7	15	29.7
2,000	13.7	15	28.7
4,000	12.7	15	27.7
5,000	12.2	15	27.2
8,000	10.7	15	25.7
10,000	9.7	15	24.7

See pages 28 &29 Discussion on *Absolute Pressure*

TABLE 1.3. DISPENSING PRESSURE MUST BE INCREASED AS ELEVATION INCREASES TO MAINTAIN ABSOLUTE PRESSURE, PSIA.

Elevation (ft. above sea level)	Atmospheric pressure (psi)	Dispensing pressure (psig)	Absolute pressure (psia)
0	14.7	15	29.7
2,000	13.7	16	29.7
4,000	12.7	17	29.7
5,000	12.2	17.5	29.7
8,000	10.7	19	29.7
10,000	9.7	20	29.7

MIXED GAS OPTION!



MIXED GAS....

Nitrogen is sparingly soluble

Provides motive force without increasing carbonation



Appendix C: CARBONATION, BLENDED GAS, GAS LAWS, AND PARTIAL PRESSURES

- CO₂ = 100% CO₂
 - ...so 10 psig applied = 10 psig CO2
 - 40% N_2 + 60% CO_2 = 60% CO_2
 - ...so 10 psig applied = 6 psig CO2





2.Determine the total *absolute* gas pressure to move the beer to the tap.

3.Divide the equilibrium absolute CO_2 pressure (Chart) by the total absolute gas pressure (Penguin) to obtain the CO_2 portion of the gas.

^aabsolute pressure = gauge pressure + atmospheric pressure (i.e. 14.7 psi @ sea level; 12.1 psi in Denver; 9.7 psi @ 10,000 ft)



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 = (b + 14.7) - 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 ps; 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., see level).

 $\sigma = \left\{ \frac{10.7 + 14.7}{0.70} \right\} - 14.7$ = $\left\{ 25.4/0.70 \right\} - 14.7$ = 36.3 - 14.7= 21.6 psi (round to 22 psi)

Static Resistance Vertical lift (laucet height above center of keg): 12 ft.

Static resistance = 12 ft × 0.5 lb./ft. = 6.0 lb.

EXAMPLE 2: FORCED-AIR 10-FOOT RUN

In this example of a forced-air system, the beer cocker is directly over the bar. There is a 10 ft. fall from the center of the kegs to the faucet height, and the total run length is also exactly 10 ft.

Beer Conditions

 Beer temperature:
 33°F

 Beer carbonation:
 2.8 volumes CO2

 Dispensing gas:
 100% CO2

We know the gauge pressure needed to maintain carbonation is 11.7 psig (see table B.1 in Appendix B).

Static Resistance

Vertical fall: 10 ft. (faucet is 10 ft. below the center of the keg)

Static resistance = 10 ft. × -0.5 lb./ft. = -5.0 lb.

Note that the resistance here is negative. Because there is a drop between the keg and the faucet, the static resistance is contributing to the pressure applied by the gas to the beer.

Balance

The applied dispensing pressure of 11.7 psi combined with the 5 psi of static pressure (i.e., negative 5 lb, static resistance) must be balanced by the total system resistance. This balancing has to come from dynamic resistance imparted by the beer line restriction of 16.7 lbs.

Dynamic resistance required = 11.7 + 5 = 16.7 lb.

Beer Line Restriction

Examples on Pages 41 and 42



Example 1... our 2.5 vol ale at 39 deg F

Absolute pressure consideration: SEA LEVEL

Somm

= resistance

ABLE 3.2. DETERMINATION OF PURE CO, EQUILI OLUMES OF CO, AND TEMPERATURE						RIUM GAUGE PRESSURE (PSIG) FOR GIVEN					
	1	Volumes of CO.									
Temp. (°F)	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1
33	5.0	6.0	6.9	7.9	8.1	9.8	10.7	11.7	12.6	13.6	14.5
34	5.2	6.2	7.2	8.1	9.1	10.1	11.1	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0
35	5.6	6.6	7.6	8.6	9.7	10.7	11.7	12.7	13.7	14.8	15.8
36	6.1	7.1	8.2	9.2	10.	11.3	12.3	13.4	14.4	15.5	16.5
37	6.6	7.6	8.7	9.8	10.	11.9	12.9	14.0	15.1	16.1	17.2
38	7.0	8.1	9.2	10.3	11.	12.4	13.5	14.5	15.6	16.7	17.8
39	7.6	8.7	9.8	10.8	11.9						
40	80	91	10.2	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.6	15.7	16.8	179	19.0

Example 1 ...our 2.5 vol ale at 39 deg F

Absolute pressure consideration: DENVER

(11.9 psig+2.5 psig+14.7 psig) / (17 psig+14.7 psig)

92% CO₂, and 8% nitrogen... NOT 14.4/17 = 55 % plus 15 %!

"Atmospheric pressure decreases by about 1 psi per 2000 feet gained in elevation. To account for this loss of pressure, a good rule of thumb is to add 1 psi to the regulator setting for every 2000 feet gained in elevation" - Page 18



Absolute pressure consideration: Beer at 39 deg F in keg...2.65 vol CO 36 in of 1/4 in vinyl*the + 2 ft 3/16 vinyl** +20 ft of ¹/4 in. bg.ner*** beer line.

TABLE 3.2. DETERMINATION OF PURE CO, EQUILIBRIUM GAUGE PRESSURE (PSIG) FOR GIVEN VOLUMES OF CO, AND TEMPERATURE

Volumes of CO												
2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1		
5.0	6.0	6.9	7.9	8.8	9.8	10.7	11.7	12.6	13.6	14.5		
5.2	6.2	7.2	8.1	9.1	10.1	11.1	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0		
5.6	6.6	7.6	8.6	9.7	10.7	11.7	12.7	13.7	14.8	15.8		
6.1	71	8.2	9.2	10.2	11.3	12.3	13.4	14.4	15.5	16.5		
6.6	7.6	8.7	9.8	10.8	11.9	12.9	14.0	15.1	16.1	17.2		
7.0	8.1	9.2	10.3	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.5	15.6	16.7	17.8		
7.6	8.7	9.8	10.8	11.9	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.3	17.4	18.5		
8.0	9.1	10.2	11.3	12.4	13.5	14.6	15.7	16.8	17.9	19.0		
8.3	9.4	10.6	11.7	12.8	13.9	15.1	16.2	17.3	18.4	19.5		
8.8	9.9	11.0	12.2	13.3	14.4	15.6	16.7	17.8	19.0	20.1		
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13.5 psig by interpolation

Source: Data from Methods of Analysis, 5th ed. (Milwaukee, WI: American Society of Brewing Chemists, 1949). Nate: Values assume sea-level altitude. Add 1 psi for every 2000 ft. above sea level.





Absolute pressure consideration:

Beer at 39 deg F in keg...2.65 vol CO₂ 36 in of 1/4 in vinyl*line + 2 ft 3/16 vinyl** +20 ft of ¹/4 in. barrier*** beer line.

a)Hydrostatic head = 0.45 psi/ft vertical b)The combined friction of beer line.

(13.5 psig+14.7 psig) / ([14.55+2.25+2] psig + 14.7 psig

= 83% CO₂, and 17% nitrogen... NOT 13.5/19.1 = 71 % plus 29 %!

Resistance in dispense:

jumper choker trunk * (3 ft)(0.85 psi/ft) = 2.55 psig **(2 ft)(3 psi/ft) = 6.0 ***(20ft)(0.3 psi/ft) = 6.0 psig

= 14.55 psig

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Туре	Size	Resistance (lb./ft.)*	Volum (fl. oz./f
vinyi/ nexibie	916 ID	3.00	1⁄6
vinyi/ nexible		0.85	1/3
Vinyl/Accible	³ ∕16" ID	0.40	1/2
vinyl/flexible	3∕8" ID	0.20	3/4
Vinyl/flexible	½" ID	0.025	11/3
Barrier	1 //" ID	0.30	1/3
Barrier	716" 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



GAS BLENDERS















On-site nitrogen generators





8.50 X 11.00 m <













QUESTION FROM BRIDGET & KEN TALK



"If the serving lines rise 6 feet above the keg, travel to the tap location, and then drop 6 feet to the taps, is the static resistance zero? All of the line is identical all the way to the taps and the trunk line is maintained at the same temp as the cold room and glycol chilled all the way to the taps. distance is 33 feet." Thank you & hoping everyone progresses back to precovid-19 business **ASAP!**



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