

MiniKeg Instructions



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Thanks for buying a Kegland MiniKeg from BrewKegTap! The MiniKegs are quite easy to use but these instructions should help you get the best use. These instructions aren't meant to be complete but give you some basic information. YouTube is a great resource for further, more detailed information.

We sell a variety of MiniKeg kits with different regulator and tap options so not all these instructions and tips will apply to your kit.

Before you use your MiniKeg you will likely want to trim the silicon dip tube (definitely for 5L) - aim to get the dip tube to sit in one corner - you don't want it so long it loops back upwards, and not so short it doesn't reach the bottom..! Trimming at an angle is also advised (see troubleshooting). We find 32cm for the 5L (pushed fully on) works well.

Tips and ideas for use

Carbonate and Serve - Fill your MiniKeg with your own homebrewed beer and use either priming sugar or CO2 from a regulator to carbonate and serve (this will use more CO2 than just serving).

Mobile serving - Already have beer in a larger corny keg? Transfer carbonated beer from a larger corny keg using a transfer line so you can take beer easily to a picnic / BBQ etc. If you are planning to drink all the beer on the same day you don't need to worry too much about purging the air (specifically oxygen) from the MiniKeg before filling. Just transfer the beer via a beer line connected to the beer outs on the larger corny and the MiniKeg and pull the PRV on the MiniKeg lid to release pressure as it fills.

Make your beer last longer - If you want to keep beer in the MiniKeg for an extended period it's worth fully purging the MiniKeg of air before filling. The best way to do this is to fill the MiniKeg with a no-rinse sanitiser (such as Starsan) and then push it all out using CO2 - this way you create a 100% CO2 atmosphere in the MiniKeg so there is no oxidation of the beer whilst filling and storage. This will use a fair bit of CO2 though and so probably best reserved if you have a large CO2 cylinder.

Keep it in the fridge - The 5L MiniKeg is a great size to keep next to the lettuce (or anywhere else..) in your kitchen fridge. On its side it fits nicely in the fridge and a mini CO2 charger and party tap are very small to keep on top - this is a good compact solution if you are tight on space or share the fridge with others.

Trouble-shooting

Only gas coming out the tap! - This can be due to the dip tube floating at the start of serving a keg. You need to tilt or invert the MiniKeg so the bottom of the dip tube is below the liquid level whilst dispensing liquid - once the dip tube is full of liquid it will sink and not cause any further issues. This can also be due to not trimming the dip tube.

Nothing coming out the tap or very slow flow - the dip tube may be sucking onto the side of the minikeg - cut the bottom at an angle so this is less likely to happen.

Too much foam! - This can be due to a number of reasons. Using a non flow-control keg mounted tap with carbonated beer under pressure will result often in too much foam (we warn of this on the MiniKeg listing). The non flow control taps are best used with a lower pressure in the MiniKeg or with lower carbonated (real-ale style) beer. If you are using a party tap or pluto gun you should be able to trim the 3/16" (thin) beer line so that you get a good rate of pour without too much foam (shorter line = quicker pour and more foam).

Happy Mini-Kegging!

If you have any doubt about how to use this equipment or have any other inquiries please email us on jonny@brewkegtap.co.uk for assistance