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Alcohol measurements

Alcohol measurements are units of measurement for determining amounts of beverage alcohol.

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Beer measures



Full and half pint beer glasses

Name	US customary units	Imperial units	Metric units (approx.)	Notes
snorkel	2 <u>US fl. oz.</u>		59.15 milliliters (mL)	
nip		$\frac{1}{3}$ <u>imp. pint</u>	189.42 mL	<u>Barley wine</u> was usually bottled in nips ^[1]
small	$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>US pint</u>		236.59 mL	
half		$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>imp. pint</u>	284.13 mL	
large	1 <u>US pint</u>		473.18 mL	
<u>pint</u>		1 <u>imp. pint</u>	568.26 mL	
bomber	22 <u>US fl. oz.</u>		650.62 mL	
<u>flagon</u>	1 <u>US quart</u>		946.35 mL	
40	40 <u>US fl. oz.</u>		1.18 <u>liters</u> (L)	<u>Malt liquor</u> is often bottled in "40's"
pitcher	60 <u>US fl. oz.</u>		1.8 L	Can also be 32 or 48 US fl oz. Note that a 60 US fl oz pitcher is 4 US fl oz less than 4 US pints.
growler	64 <u>US fl. oz.</u>		1.89 L	
pin		4.5 <u>imp. gal.</u>	20.46 L	
pony keg	7.75 <u>US gal.</u>		29.33 L	Quarter <u>US beer barrel</u>
anker	10 <u>US gal.</u>		37.85 L	
<u>firkin</u>		9 <u>imp. gal.</u>	40.91 L	2 pins
<u>keg</u>	15.5 <u>US gal.</u>		58.67 L	Half <u>US beer barrel</u>
<u>kilderkin</u>		18 <u>imp. gal.</u>	81.83 L	2 firkins
<u>US barrel</u>	31 <u>US gal.</u> ^[2]		117.35 L	2 kegs
<u>UK barrel</u>		36 <u>imp. gal.</u>	163.66 L	2 kilderkins
<u>hogshead</u>		54 <u>imp. gal.</u>	245.49 L	6 firkins or 3 kilderkins
<u>puncheon</u>		72 <u>imp. gal.</u>	327.32 L	2 barrels
<u>butt</u>		108 <u>imp. gal.</u>	490.98 L	2 hogshead
<u>tun</u>		216 <u>imp. gal.</u>	981.96 L	3 puncheons or 2 butts

Liquor measurements

The following table lists common sizes for liquors and spirits.^{[3][4]}

Name	<u>US customary units</u>	<u>Imperial units</u>	<u>English units</u>	<u>Metric units (direct conversion)</u>	<u>Metric units (legal/convention)</u>	Notes
Hint	$\frac{1}{128}$ tsp ^[5]					
Drop	$\frac{1}{64}$ tsp ^[5]					
Dash	$\frac{1}{8}$ tsp ^[5]					
Bartender's Teaspoon (U.S.) or Splash ^[5]	$\frac{1}{8}$ fl oz ^[6]					
Count	0.5 fl oz			14.8 mL	15 mL	Using calibrated pour spouts that restrict flow to 0.5 fl oz/s
Bartender's Tablespoon (U.S.)	$\frac{3}{8}$ fl oz ^[6]					
$\frac{1}{6}$ Gill (Imp.)				23.7 mL	25 mL	Legal serving of spirits (Gin, rum, vodka and whisky) defined in 1963 Weights and Measures Act (1963-1984)
Shot (U.K.)					25 mL	Legal serving of spirits (Gin, rum, vodka and whisky) in the U.K. since 1985. ^[7]
<u>roquille</u> (France)					~29.75 ml	A measure of spirits ^[8] in the Ancien Régime of France (before 1795), being $\frac{1}{32}$ of a French pinte (~952.1 ml).
Shot (U.K.)					35 mL	Legal serving of spirits (Gin, rum, vodka and whisky) in the U.K. since 1985.
$\frac{1}{5}$ Gill (Scottish)						Traditional Scottish spirits measure
$\frac{1}{4}$ Gill (Irish)						Traditional Irish spirits measure
Pony (U.S.)	1.0 fl oz				30 mL	Defined as $\frac{1}{2}$ of a jigger. ^[9] Was used to measure a cordial.

Pony (Eng.)			$\frac{3}{4}$ fl oz			(6 dram) May be derived from holding a "pennyworth" of beer.
<u>Jigger</u> (U.S.)	1.5 fl oz				45 mL	Typical size after U.S. Prohibition, but varies
<u>Short shot</u> (U.S.)	1.5 fl oz				45 mL	[10]:12
Jigger (Imp.)		$\frac{1}{8}$ Gill			35.52 mL	Legal U.K. spirits measure from 1826 to 1984, for Gin, rum, vodka and whisky.
Jigger (Eng.)			1.5 fl oz			(3 tablespoons, 2 pony)
Jigger (U.S.)	2.0 fl oz				60 mL	Before U.S. Prohibition ^[10]
Hooker			2.5 fl oz			1 $\frac{1}{4}$ jigger ^{[10]:12} (5 tablespoons)
Snit	3.0 fl oz			88.72 mL		Two jiggers.
<u>Gill</u> (U.S.)	4.0 fl oz			118.294 mL	120 mL	Pronounced "jill", historically equivalent to two jacks, half a cup, or a quarter pint. ^{[11][12]}
Gill (Imp.)		5.0 fl oz		142.065 mL		Pronounced "jill", historically equivalent to two jacks, half a cup, or a quarter pint. ^{[11][12]} May also be an eighth of a pint in Scotland, or half a pint of beer in parts of England. ^[13]
Jack						Historically equivalent to two jiggers or handfuls, or half a gill. ^{[11][12]} No longer in general use.

Liquor bottles

Name	<u>US customary units</u>	<u>Imperial units</u>	<u>Metric units</u>	Notes
<u>Miniature</u>	1.7 US fl oz	1.8 Imp fl oz	50 mL	Typically served on airline flights. Also known as a "nip" in certain locales.
half pint	6.8	7.0	200 mL	Called a <u>naggin</u> in Ireland. ^[14] Called a "dickie" in Canada.
shoulder	11.8	12.3	350 mL	Common in Ireland; also called a " <u>daddy naggin</u> " ^[15]
pint	12.7	13.2	375 mL ^[16]	Called a mickey in Canada.
European spirit bottle	23.7	1 pt 4.6 fl oz	700 mL	Common worldwide outside the Americas.
<u>fifth</u>	25.6	1 pt 6.4 fl oz	750 mL	Formerly 0.2 gal. or 25.6 oz., equivalent to 757 mL. Called a "two six" or "26er" in Canada; as in 26oz, also known as a "BOTII" in Kenya.
1.14 liter	38.5	2 pints	1.14 L	Referred to as a "40" in Canada and a liter in the United States.
half gallon	59.2	3 pts 1.6 fl oz	1.75 L	Also known as a "handle", due to most 1.75 L bottles having a handle. Called a "60" or "60-pounder" in Canada; as in 60oz.

Wine measurements

The following table contains various measurements that are commonly applied to wine.^[17]

Name	US fluid ounces (approx.)	Metric units	No. of 750 mL bottles	Notes
Quarter bottle	6.3	187.5 mL	$\frac{1}{4}$	Also known as a piccolo, pony, snipe or split
Chopine	8.5	250 mL	$\frac{1}{3}$	<u>Bordeaux</u> region
Half bottle	12.7	375 mL	$\frac{1}{2}$	Also known as a demi
Bottle	25.4	750 mL	1	
Litre	33.8	1 L	$1\frac{1}{3}$	Popular size for Austrian wines
Magnum	50.7	1.5 L	2	
Double Magnum	101.4	3 L	4	Bordeaux region
Jeroboam	101.4	3 L	4	<u>Champagne</u> region
Jeroboam	152.2	4.5 L	6	Bordeaux region
Rehoboam	152.2	4.5 L	6	Champagne and <u>Burgundy</u> regions
Imperial	202.9	6 L	8	Bordeaux region
Methuselah	202.9	6 L	8	Champagne and Burgundy regions
Salmanazar	304.3	9 L	12	
Balthazar	405.8	12 L	16	
Nebuchadnezzar	507.2	15 L	20	
Melchior	608.7	18 L	24	

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