Nitro Draught for the Homebrewer

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What is a Nitro Draught?

The term "Nitro" is a reference to the type of gas used in the carbonation process. It defines the difference between Nitrogen (N2) infused beers and their CO2 counterparts. A typical nitrogenated beer contains about 75 percent nitrogen and 35 percent carbon dioxide.

Nitrogen (N2)

- On Earth, the element forms about 78% of Earth's atmosphere
- It is an inert gas and needs high pressure to be forced into a liquid

Getting After It

- Choosing the Right Beer
- Equipment Needed
- Carbonation Process
- Pouring Your Accomplishment

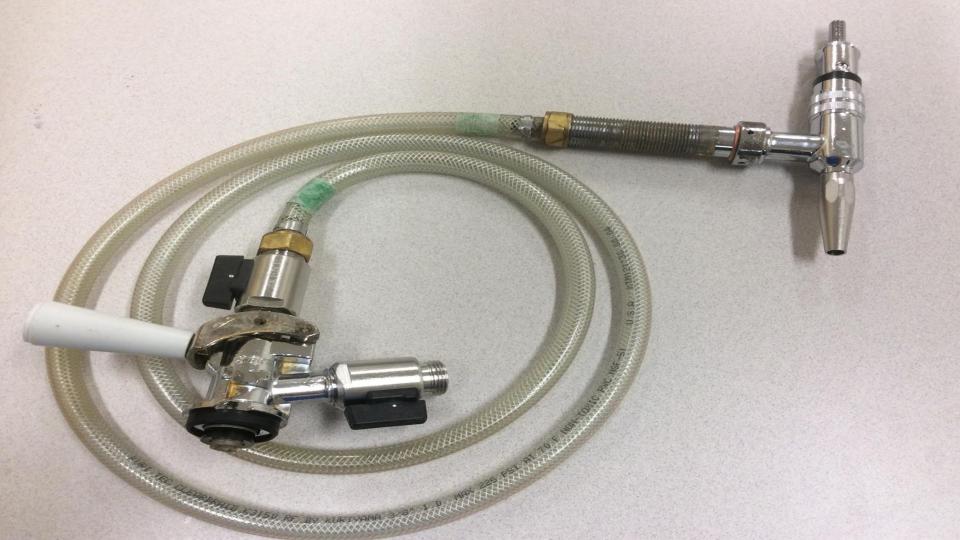
Choosing the Right Beer

- The Maltier the Better
- Use Finished Uncarbonated Beer
- Clarity is Key
- Allow for Headspace

Equipment

- Keg
- Tap and/or Proper Gas Fittings
- 75/25 Blend Gas Tank with Regulator
- Nitro Faucet
- Hoses and Gaskets





Carbonation Process

- 4 Gallons
- 40 psi
- 33–40 Degrees Fahrenheit
- 5 days

Pouring Your Accomplishment

- 25-30 psi
- Nitro Faucet
- 75/25 Blend
- 33–40 Degrees







