

Draught Knowledge

Changing a CO₂ Tank

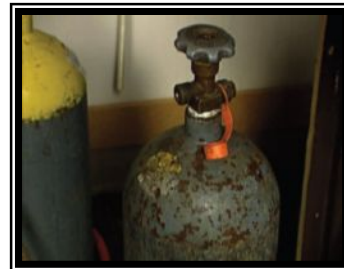
How to change a CO₂ Tank:

Turn empty tank's drum valve off. You cannot begin changing the CO₂ tank until you have turned off the drum valve on top of the empty tank by turning the valve clockwise all the way. This is necessary to keep any gas that might remain in the tank from escaping once you remove the regulator.



Remove coupling nut. Loosen and remove the coupling nut on the regulator from the neck of the CO₂ tank by turning it counterclockwise with the crescent wrench or CO₂ tank key.

Remove dust cap from new tank. Before you do this, take a second to contemplate the fact that a new CO₂ tank has 850 pounds per square inch of pressure in it. So, you have to handle it carefully. Now, turn the outlet of the tank away from you and hold the tank securely. Take off the dust cap, then give the tank a little blast of air to blow off any foreign material that might be in the outlet by quickly opening and closing the drum valve.



Attach and tighten regulator to new tank. Use a CO₂ washer made out of fiber or plastic, and tighten the coupling nut.

Open tank drum valve. Gradually open the drum valve by turning it counterclockwise until it is completely open.



Pour a beer. Pour a beer just to make sure that everything has been completely set up.