



## How do you enter partial kegs in an Inventory?

It is difficult to accurately estimate the amount of beer in an open keg for your Barkeep Inventories.

- Some users will lift a keg and attempt to guess the amount of beer still inside it. The results could be very inaccurate.
- There are also dolly-like tools available that attach to a keg – when you lean the keg back a gauge estimates the contents. This would be better than just lifting the keg, though you still will not get the accurate reading you need. We do not recommend this method.

## Can I weigh kegs?

Yes, this is the best method to get an accurate quantity for a partial keg.

## What kind of scale can I use?

For larger Items like kegs you will need to use a higher capacity scale such as a floor scale or freight scale. You will also have to enter the weight manually. BarkeepApp currently does not support any high capacity scales with Bluetooth capability.

## Is weighing a keg manually different from weighing bottles?

No. You can follow the same instructions in the [Barkeep User Guide](#) for manually weighing bottles and entering weights. And, just like with bottles, you will need for your Item to have both an Empty Keg Weight and Full Keg Weight.

### Different Keg Sizes?

Just like with bottles, kegs come in different sizes. When you add any draft beer to your Items list, be sure that the keg size is correct (e.g., 15.5 gallons, 13.2 gallons, etc.).

Item Name	Category	Bottle Size	Bottle Units	Price	Bottle Type	Default Case Size	Supplier	Empty Bottle Weight	Full Bottle Weight
Bud Ice 1/2 Barrel	Domestic Draft Beer	15.5	gal	\$46.00	Keg		ABC Beers	0 oz	0 oz
Bud Light 1/4 Barrel	Domestic Draft Beer	7.8	gal	\$46.00	Keg		ABC Beers	0 oz	0 oz
Budweiser Keg	Domestic Draft Beer	15.5	gal	\$92.00	Keg		ABC Beers	528 oz	2,576 oz
Guinness Keg	Imported Draft Beer	13.2	gal	\$146.00	Keg		ABC Beers	0 oz	60 oz
Lagunitas Keg	Specialty Draft Beer	15.5	gal	\$135.00	Keg		Specialty Beer Ltd.	0 oz	60 oz
Stella Keg	Imported Draft Beer	13.2	gal	\$132.00	Keg		ABC Beers	400 oz	2,176 oz

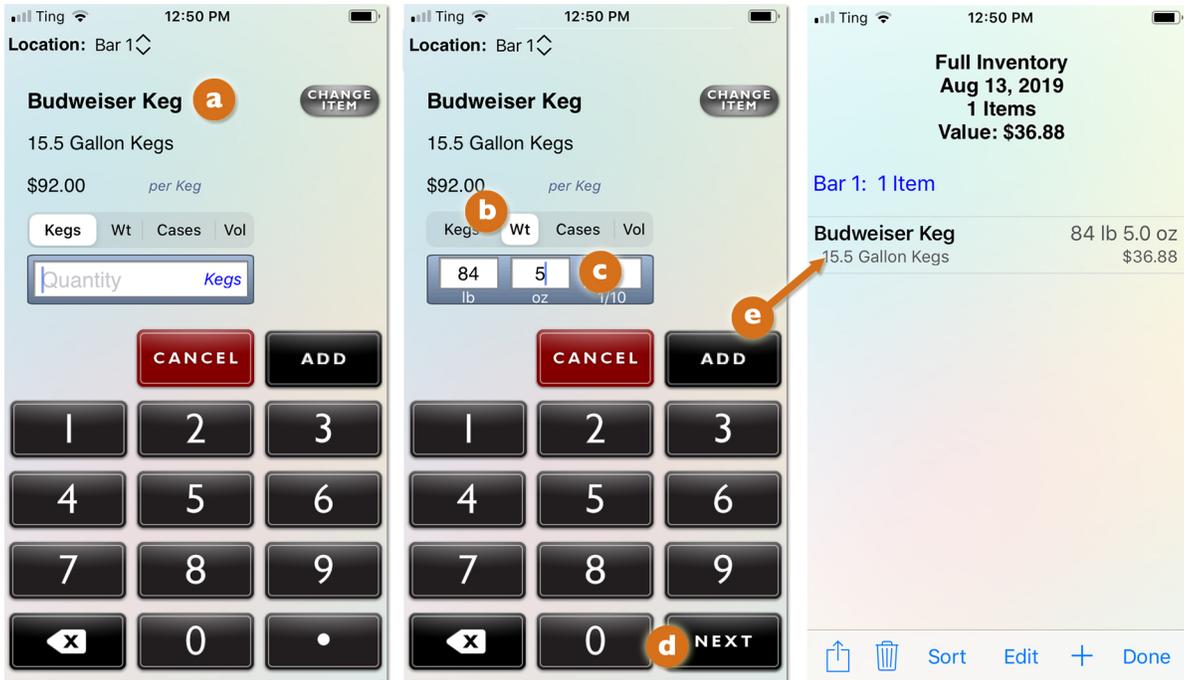
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## Manually Weighing Kegs

Below are instructions for users who weigh their kegs with a digital scale and then enter the weight manually.

To weigh a keg and manually add the amount to an Inventory:

1. Select the Item. **a**
2. Switch the quantity format **b** from Kegs to Wt.
3. Be sure that your Keg Weight Format set in Barkeep matches the format used by your scale.
4. Place your keg on the scale. **c** Enter the weight of the partial keg.
5. You can move between the weight fields (lb, oz, 1/10) by pressing the **NEXT** button. **d**
6. Press **ADD** to add **e** the Item to your Inventory or **CANCEL** to discard it.



**Reminder:** If you are using a floor scale, be sure set the tare weight of your dolly or hand truck.

## Keg Weight Formats

You also can set a different Keg Weight Format that conforms to the scale you use. When an Item's Bottle Type is **Keg**, Barkeep automatically uses the Keg Weight Format you set for kegs.

See the [Barkeep User Guide](#) for details about weight formats.

## Where can I purchase a keg scale?

Barkeep offers the **Accuteck** digital shipping scale — it is an excellent fit for weighing kegs. The scale comes with an extended digital screen for convenient use. It is designed to hold up to 440 lbs. We highly recommend weighing your kegs to get accurate usage reports and have found this scale to work very well. It is durable, easy to use, and very reliable.

[visit our online store at barkeepapp.com](https://www.barkeepapp.com)

**Note:** The **Accuteck** is not a Bluetooth digital scale. Users will have to manually enter weights into BarkeepApp during an Inventory.

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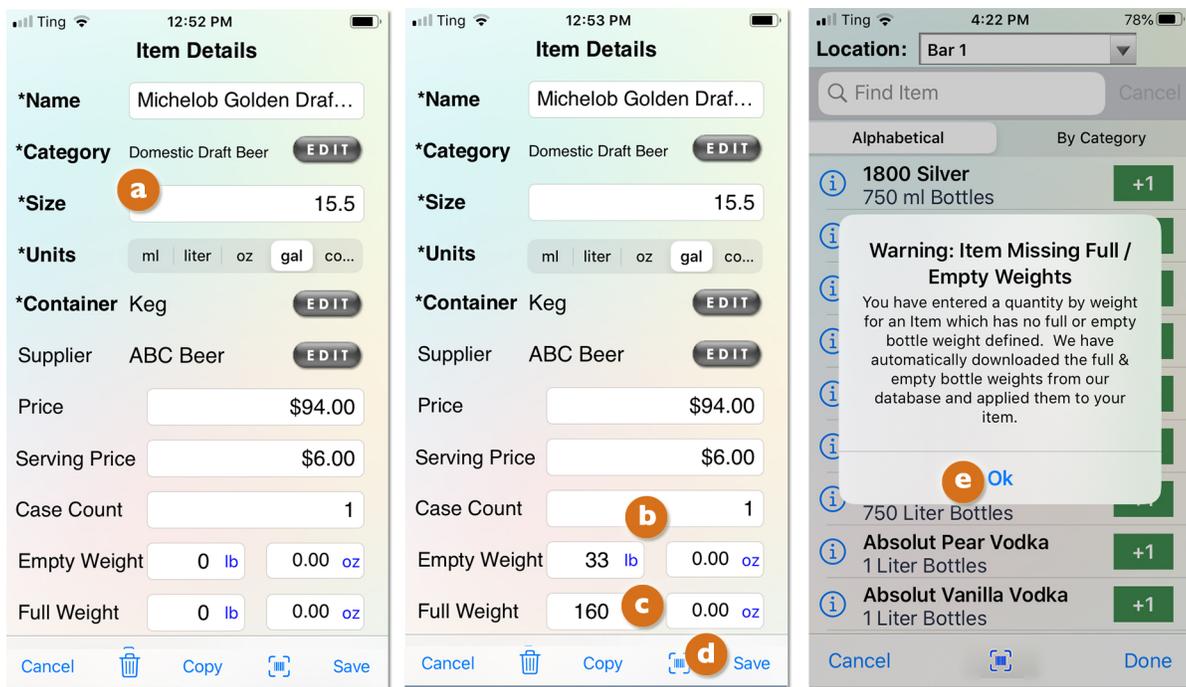
## Full and Empty Keg Weight

Typically, a standard 15.5 gallon keg has a Full Weight of about 161.5 lbs. and an Empty Weight of 33 lbs. For complete accuracy, it is best to weigh a full and empty keg of the particular Item.

Many Items in the Barkeep database already have the Full and Empty Keg Weights. If that information needs to be added, you can add and edit information manually. After you weigh a full and empty keg, read the weight from the scale and enter the information into your Item's details.

To add the Full and Empty Keg Weights:

1. Select the Item you wish to edit (e.g., **Michelob Golden Draft**) on your Items List.
2. This will take you to the Item Details screen **a** where you can add the Full and Empty Keg Weights for the Item.
3. After weighing a full and empty keg, enter the Full Keg Weight (160 lbs.) **b** in the "Full Wt" field and the Empty Keg Weight (33 lbs.) **c** in the "Empty Wt" field.
4. Press to **Save** the changes or select **Cancel** to discard them. **d**



**Note:** Before you see the warning, **e** BarkeepApp will automatically search for missing keg weights in the Barkeep Database. If the Full and Empty Weights are still missing, you will receive a warning but still be allowed to enter the weight manually.

For additional information on weighing Items see the [Barkeep User Guide](#).

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## How do you count Keg Deposits?

When you complete a Receiving Inventory, we recommend that you verify that the amount of beer and other Items on the invoice matches the amounts that you actually received. This step will help you to spot and correct any errors in your Barkeep data and make sure all your Reports are accurate.

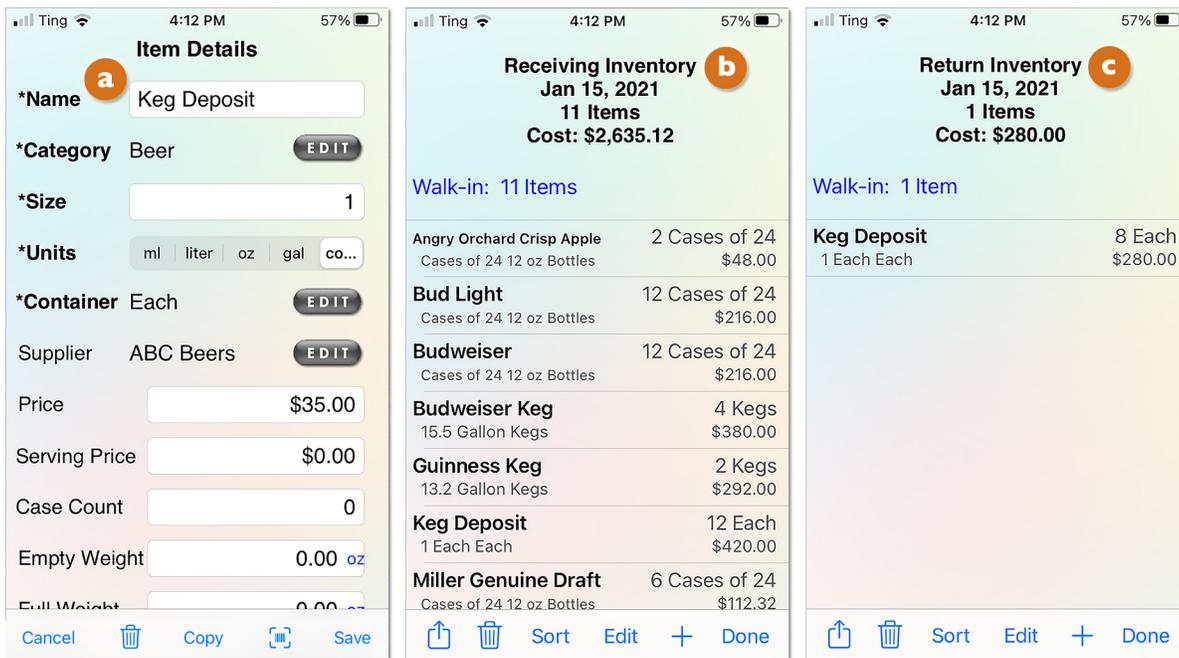
But, if you don't count keg deposits, the grand total on the Supplier's invoice will not match the total value of your Receiving Inventory. Below are a few options for managing keg deposits with Barkeep.

**Option 1 – Ignore keg deposits.** Do not count them, do not factor them in.

But when you verify costs from a Supplier's invoice to your Receiving total you will have to deduct the keg deposit costs or match the amount to a subtotal on the invoice.

**Option 2 – Count keg deposits.** Typically, keg deposits show up as a separate line item on your Supplier's invoice, i.e., they are not included in the price per keg of beer.

Start by creating an Item called Keg Deposits. **a** We recommend keeping the keg deposit cost separate from the actual Items of draft beer for more accurate Reports, including determining Pour Cost.



## Counting Keg Deposits and Returns in two Inventories

- As part of your Receiving Inventory add in all the Keg Deposits. **b**
- If you return kegs, create a separate Return Inventory. **c**

## Counting Keg Deposits and Returns in one Inventories

- As part of your Receiving Inventory add in all the Keg Deposits.  
If you return kegs, create a separate line with a negative entry for the kegs you returned. **d**

Index	Item	Location	Quantity	Quantity Type	Price	Case Size	Cost
11	Keg Deposit 1ea	Walk-in	-8	Each	\$35.00		-\$280.00
10	Keg Deposit 1ea	Walk-in	12	Each	\$35.00		\$420.00
9	Sierra Nevada Keg 15.5gal	Walk-in	2	Kegs	\$185.00		\$370.00
8	Miller Genuine Draft 12oz	Walk-in	6	Cases	\$0.78	24	\$112.32

**Note:** We recommend you consistently use the same option for managing keg deposits.