

UNIT 18

Foaming Checklists

	DIRECT-DRAW DRAFT SYSTEM	GLYCOL-COOLED DRAFT SYSTEM
Temperature		
	Check beer temperature at faucet, should be 38 °F	Check beer temperature at faucet, should be 38 °F
	Check cooler temperature, should be 38 °F	Check cooler temperature, should be 38 °F
	Check when keg came in, make sure it has been in cooler for 24+ hours	Check when keg came in, make sure it has been in cooler for 24+ hours
	(Note that some kegerators allow beer in the tower to warm up, so a few ounces of foam at the beginning of a pour is common in these systems)	If keg at 38 °F but beer at faucet warmer, check power pack and glycol chilling system for proper operation and temperature
Gas Pressure		
	Is regulator pressure set correctly (usually 12–14 psi)?	Is regulator pressure set correctly? (Applied pressure should be the same for all beers in the system)
	Is gas tank empty? (Check primary regulator gauge)	Is either the CO ₂ or nitrogen gas tank empty? (Check primary regulator gauge)
	Is gas reaching the keg? (Check valves and settings from tank to keg)	Is gas reaching the keg? (Check valves and settings from the keg back to each gas source)
		Is gas blend appropriate for the carbonation level in the beer at the applied pressure?
Equipment (and Everything Else)		
	Check beer hose for kink, crimp, pinch	Check beer hose for kink, crimp, pinch
	Check coupler washer for chip, crack, break	Check coupler washer for chip, crack, break
	Check faucet washer for chip, crack, break	Check faucet washer for chip, crack, break
	Check keg seal for rip or tear	Check keg seal for rip or tear
	Check for physical obstruction in coupler or hose	Check for physical obstruction in coupler or hose
	Check faucet for clogged vent holes	Check faucet for clogged vent holes