



Home Brew Kit Instructions for:

## SMASH American Ale

Extract Kit

*This Pale Ale is designed to be more of a session beer with moderate alcohol level (around 4.5%, but a decent hop level for a Pale Ale of just under 30 IBU. If you prefer higher alcohol you can add 1 lb of Dextrose sugar or light DME at the beginning to raise the alcohol level around 1%.*

### Kit Contents and hop boil Schedule:

#### **Fermentables**

Extract:

5 lb Liquid Malt Extract – Golden Light

#### **Hops**

<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Variety:</u>	<u>Boil Time:</u>	<u>Use:</u>
1/2 oz. Magnum	Pellet	Boil: 60 min	Bittering
1/2 oz. Magnum	Pellet	Boil: 5 min	Aroma

#### **Yeast**

Fermentis / Safale - American Ale Yeast US-05

## Instructions:

### **SANITIZE**

Clean all of your brewing equipment with a cleaner such as “Brew Clean” and then Sterilize with a certified sterilizer such as “San Step”. With San Step you will not need to rinse.

### **START BOIL**

Bring your wort to a gentle, rolling boil. Add approximately half of the Liquid Malt Extract at this time by gently stirring it into the gentle, rolling boiling water. Now you want to follow the brewing Schedule that starts on the back (or following) page:

### **Brewing Schedule:**

- Set Timer for 60 Minutes and keep water boiling at a gentle rolling boil.
- Add your first hops (as scheduled above for 60 minutes)
- After 40 minutes add the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of your malt extract.
- \* Optional - After 50 Minutes you should add your Whirlfloc tablet (or other clarifying agent) and your yeast nutrient. These are optional and you should consult the instructions on the packages to confirm this is the proper time to add!
- After 55 minutes add your aroma hops.
- At 60 minutes you are done and you can remove the pot from the heat source.

## **After Brewing:**

- Cool down your wort to around 70°F using a wort chiller or ice bath in your sink. The faster you cool down the wort the better. If you are using a wort chiller and your water is too warm to reach 70°F you can finish with an ice bath.
- Sanitize primary fermenter, lid, cork, air lock, aeration stone/hose, funnel, wine thief and any other items that will touch your wort!
- Top off fermenter with water to desired batch size and take an original gravity reading with your sterilized hydrometer.
- Aerate wort by shaking, rocking, splashing, or with aeration stone.
- Pitch yeast per manufactures directions.
- Fit with airlock and/or blow off tube for high gravity or dark beers.
- Move your fermenter to a cool, dark location. Fermentation should start in around 24 hours, but it can take up to 36 hours to begin. Within 4 to 6 days the bubbling will stop. At this point we recommend you take a final gravity reading with your sanitized hydrometer and record it on your ABV% calculator.

**ABV (alcohol by volume) Calculator:** (OG \_\_\_\_\_, minus FG \_\_\_\_\_) x 131.25 = Alcohol %

## **Bottling or Kegging?**

You can either bottle or keg your brew when completed. If you are kegging please instructions on our website: [www.kegconnection.com](http://www.kegconnection.com) . If you are bottling you will need to add about 5 oz. of priming sugar to bottling bucket (or carbonating tablets directly in bottles) and bottle your beer. Bottling beer adds a couple weeks of wait time. If you force carbonate in a keg you can drink the beer

### **BOTTLE:**

Using your siphon setup and bottling wand, fill the bottles 10 to within approximately one inch of the top of the bottle. Use a bottle capper to apply sanitized crown caps.

**Kegging:** See videos and written instructions on [Kegconnection.com](http://Kegconnection.com). Includes transferring, kegging and force Carbonating!