

# How to Attach Your Tap Handle to the Tap

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One question we frequently get asked from our new brewery clients is: "How do I get my new custom tap handle to face forward?" Many people new to the world of operating a tap lineup mistakenly believe that how a tap handle is due to tap handle itself. In fact, it's a simple part of the tap called the collar that allows you to orient your tap in the desired direction every time.



1. **Admire your awesome custom tap handle and decide which way it should face.**
2. **Screw the tap handle down to gently meet the collar. Do not tighten.**
3. **Unscrew the tap handle just enough so that it faces the desired direction.**
4. **While holding the tap handle in place, twist the collar up to meet the handle until snug.**
5. **Voila, you're done! No tools needed.**

As any bartender can tell you, bars are a messy place. You should be cleaning your tap lines every couple of weeks. While you're doing that, you should also be removing the tap handles and cleaning the tap assembly, including the collar. This will keep away sticky buildup that can cause your handles to get stuck.

Want some tips on how to keep your tap handles clean without ruining the paint and finishes? Check out our [Tap Handle Care Guide](#) in the Open section of Tap Room Ops in the Start A Brewery Library.



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