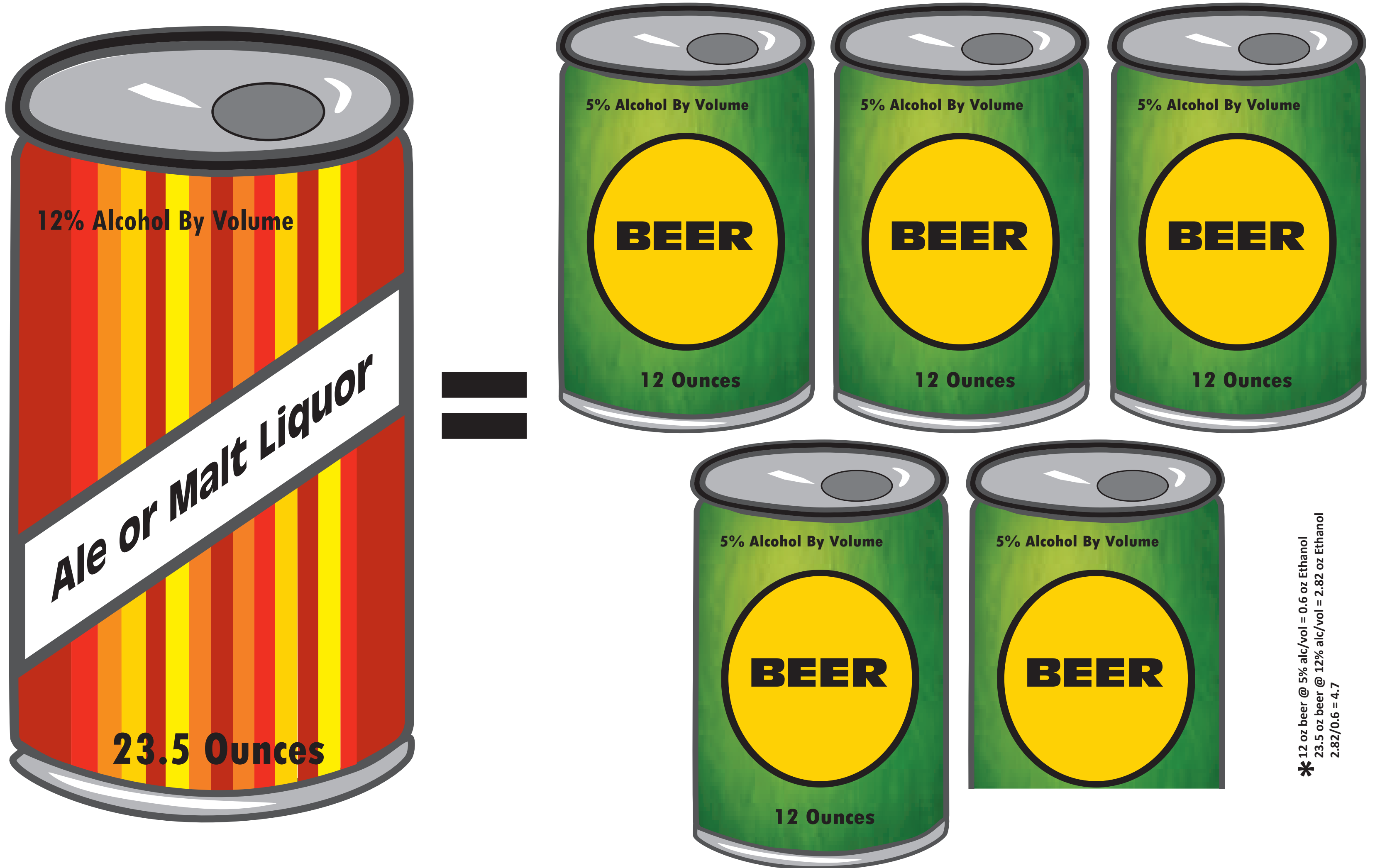


Alcohol By Volume

Impacts Standard Drink Size

The alcohol in one 23.5 ounce malt beverage (12% ABV) equals the alcohol in 4.7 beers (5% ABV).*



* 12 oz beer @ 5% alc/vol = 0.6 oz Ethanol
 23.5 oz beer @ 12% alc/vol = 2.82 oz Ethanol
 2.82/0.6 = 4.7

Alcohol by volume (ABV) is simply the amount of ethanol in a drink compared to the entire volume of the drink. Alcohol concentration varies widely by beverage. Want to know the alcohol content of a canned or bottled beverage? You can start by checking the label, however not all beverages are required to list the alcohol content on the label.

Measurement Definitions

Alcohol by Volume (ABV) - Represents the volume of liquid that is ethanol compared to the entire volume of the drink.

Alcohol by Weight (ABW) - Represents the weight of the liquid that is ethanol compared to the entire weight of the drink.

Alcohol Definitions Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code §1.04

Ale or Malt Liquor - A malt beverage containing more than four percent of alcohol by weight. (Generally 5.1% or more ABV.)

Beer - A malt beverage containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume and not more than four percent of alcohol by weight, and does not include a beverage designated by label or otherwise by a name other than beer. (Generally 5.1% and under ABV.)

Distilled Spirits - Alcohol, spirits of wine, whiskey, rum, brandy, gin, or any liquor produced in whole or in part by the process of distillation, including all dilutions or mixtures of them, and includes spirit coolers that may have an alcoholic content as low as four percent alcohol by volume and contain plain, sparkling, or carbonated water and may also contain one or more natural or artificial blending or flavoring ingredients.

Wine - A product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of juice of sound ripe grapes, fruits, berries, or honey, and includes wine coolers.

Standard Drink

Standard drink charts are helpful, however they may not reflect customary serving sizes. If you want to know how much alcohol is in a cocktail or a beverage container, try one of the alcoholic beverage calculators at <http://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov>.



Don't drink until 21!