

Acceptable Characteristics in Different Beer Styles

This is a simple listing of whether certain sensory characteristics, such as acetaldehyde or diacetyl, are acceptable in certain beer styles tested on the BJCP exam. Note that it doesn't list maximum permissible levels, whether the listed characteristic is expected or optional or whether it is acceptable in both aroma and flavor. It also doesn't describe the exact character of some traits.

Cat	Sub	Style	Acetaldehyde	Alcohol	Astringency	Biscuit	Bready	Caramel	Chocolate/Cocoa	Coffee	Diacetyl	DM S	Estery	Grainy	Nutty	Sulfury	Spice	Roast	Smoke	Toasty
1	A	Light American Lager	X									X	X							
1	B	Standard American Lager	X									X	X							
1	C	Premium American Lager	X									X	X							
1	D	Munich Helles										X								
1	E	Dortmunder Export										X				X				
2	A	German Pils										X				X				
2	B	Bohemian Pilsner									X									
2	C	Classic American Pilsner										X								
3	A	Vienna Lager		X																
3	B	Oktoberfest																		
4	A	Dark American Lager	X					X		X		X	X					X		
4	B	Munich Dunkel		X	X			X	X											X
4	C	Schwarzbier (Black Beer)						X	X	X								X		
5	A	Maibock/Helles Bock		X				X					X							X
5	B	Traditional Bock		X				X					X							X
5	C	Doppelbock		X				X	X				X							X
5	D	Eisbock		X				X	X				X							X
6	A	Cream Ale		X								X	X							
6	B	Blonde Ale						X			X		X				X			X
6	C	Kölsch											X			X				
6	D	American Wheat or Rye		X									X							
7	A	Northern German Altbier				X		X					X		X	X				
7	B	California Common Beer						X												X
7	C	Düsseldorf Altbier											X			X				

8	A	Standard/Ordinary Bitter						X			X		X						
8	B	Special/Best/Premium Bitter						X			X		X						
8	C	Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)		X		X		X			X		X		X	X			
9	A	Scottish Light 60/-						X			X		X				X	X	
9	B	Scottish Heavy 70/-						X			X		X				X	X	
9	C	Scottish Export 80/-						X			X		X				X	X	
9	D	Irish Red Ale		X				X			X							X	X
9	E	Strong Scotch Ale		X				X			X		X				X	X	
10	A	American Pale Ale				X	X	X					X		X				X
10	B	American Amber Ale		X				X	X				X					X	
10	C	American Brown Ale		X				X	X				X					X	X
11	A	Mild			X			X	X	X	X		X					X	X
11	B	Southern English Brown				X		X			X		X		X			X	
11	C	Northern English Brown Ale				X		X	X			X		X		X			X
12	A	Brown Porter				X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			X	X
12	B	Robust Porter		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X					X	
12	C	Baltic Porter		X				X	X	X	X		X					X	X
13	A	Dry Stout			X			X	X	X		X	X					X	
13	B	Sweet Stout						X	X	X		X						X	
14	C	Imperial IPA		X				X					X			X			X
13	D	Foreign Extra Stout		X				X	X	X		X						X	
13	E	American Stout			X			X	X	X		X						X	
13	F	Russian Imperial Stout		X			X	X	X	X		X						X	X
14	A	English IPA		X		X	X	X			X		X		X	X			X
14	B	American IPA		X				X					X			X			X
13	C	Oatmeal Stout						X	X	X		X	X					X	
15	A	Weizen/Weissbier					X						X	X				X	
15	B	Dunkelweizen					X	X					X	X				X	
15	C	Weizenbock		X			X		X				X					X	

