

True Story Whiskeys

Weight-Based Inventory Training Guide

Introduction

Because our whiskey bottles are designed with a premium, opaque finish, inventorying by sight isn't possible. However, weighing bottles is a simple, accurate, and reliable method to track usage and ensure your bar stays stocked with your guests' favorite pours.

This guide will walk you through the process of using a weight-based inventory system for True Story Whiskeys.

Step 1: Gather Your Tools

- A digital scale (preferably with a tare function)
- Inventory tracking sheet or inventory app (like Partender, BevSpot, or Barventory)
- The True Story Whiskeys **Weight Reference Guide** (provided below)

Step 2: Understanding the Weight Reference Guide

Every True Story Whiskey bottle has a known weight when full, empty, and partially filled. Use the following guide as a reference:

- **Full Bottle:** 1568g (1.6kg) (*liquid at 60F; with no closure*)
- **Half Bottle:** 1217g (1.2kg)
- **Quarter Bottle:** 1041.5g (1.04kg)
- **Empty Bottle:** 866g (0.9kg) (*Glass only avg*)

***Note:** Weights above are based on averages. Ambient temperature will change the density of the liquid which can cause some discrepancies in the volume to weight calculation. The density of the liquid decreases as temperature increases, and this can lead to the same volume of whiskey weighing "less" at the same physical volume. For example, bottles filled in August average around 680g of liquid while February is 702g. Both are equal to 750mL of liquid based on ambient temperature.

Step 3: Step-by-Step Weighing Procedure

1. **Turn on the Scale:** Ensure it's situated on a flat, stable surface.

2. **Zero/Tare the Scale:** If the scale has a tare function, reset it to zero.
3. **Weigh the Bottle:** Place the bottle on the scale and note the weight.
4. **Compare with the Guide:** Match the weight to the closest reference point to determine how much whiskey remains.
5. **Record the Measurement:** Document the weight in your inventory sheet or app.


Example Entry:

Date	Bottle	Weight (g)	Approx. Volume	Bartender Initials
2/15/25	True Story Rye	1325g	60% full	AB
2/15/25	True Story Bourbon	1150g	45% full	AB

Step 4: Interpreting Usage & Restocking

To track usage over time:

- Weigh bottles weekly and compare weights week-over-week.
- Calculate consumption by subtracting the new weight from the previous weight.
- Use this data to forecast when to re-order and avoid stockouts.

 **Pro Tip:** Schedule inventory checks during quieter shifts to ensure accuracy and minimize disruption.

Additional Tips for Success

1. **Be Consistent:** Weigh bottles at the same time each week to track usage trends accurately.
2. **Standardize Procedures:** Train all staff to follow this method to avoid discrepancies.
3. **Utilize Technology:** Use inventory apps that allow you to enter weights directly and generate reports automatically.
4. **Regularly Calibrate Your Scale:** Check that your scale is accurate by weighing empty bottles regularly.