



BrewBuilt

X3 UNI

Jacketed Conical ASSEMBLY & INSTRUCTION GUIDE



WARNING



Read entire manual for important safety information before using your BrewBuilt X3 Uni Conical Fermenter. Failure to follow warnings could result in serious injury or death.

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GETTING STARTED

This guide will walk you through assembling and using your X3 Jacketed Conical Fermenter.

1. READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS FULL MANUAL

Before your first use, read through this full manual, and make sure you understand the use & warnings. Visit our BrewBuilt YouTube channel for additional assembly videos.

2. CLEAN THE CONICAL

Before your first use, clean and rinse the conical along with all the parts and fittings. This will remove any leftover oil or dust from the manufacturing process. We recommend using PBW cleaner. Do not use bleach.

3. WATER TEST

Once rinsed and cleaned, we recommend filling your conical with water and familiarizing yourself with its operations prior to your first use.

First Time Working With TC Clamps?

- Before you tighten down TC clamps, make sure the gasket is seated correctly into both flanges.
- Once the gasket is in place, loosen the clamp so it can be fitted around the flange ends.
- You do not need to use any tools for leverage when tightening TC clamps. Hand tightening is enough for a secure, leak-proof connection.

⚠ WARNING

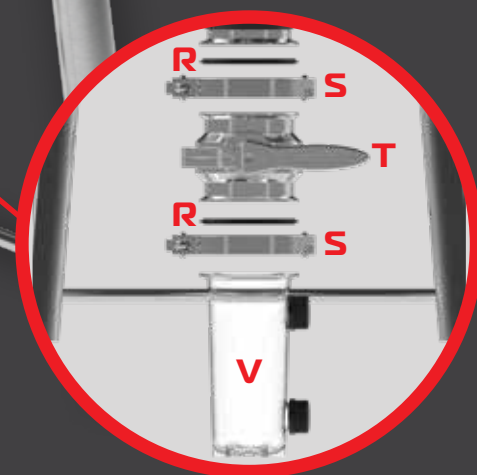
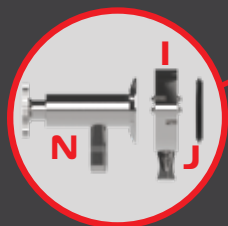
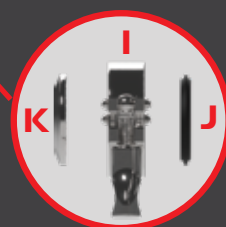
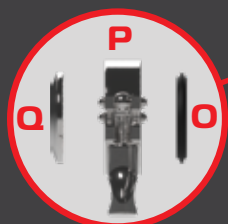
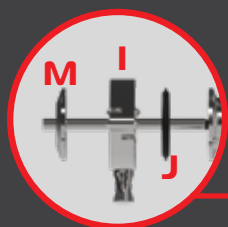
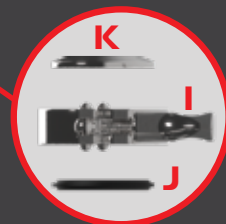
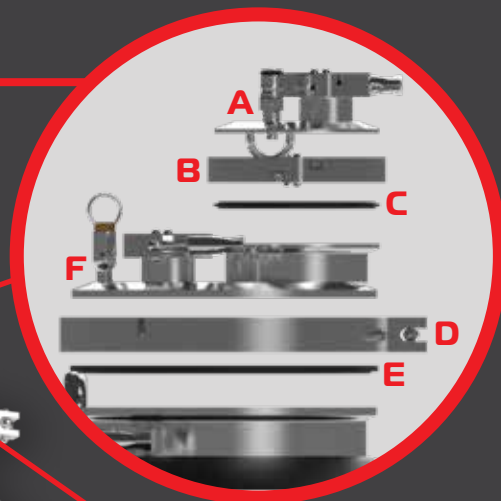
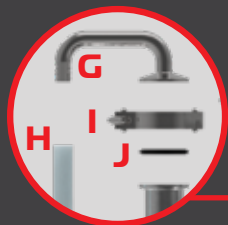
ALWAYS RELEASE PRESSURE from the fermenter before removing any TC connection, fitting, or accessory connected to the Fermenter. Read "**RELEASING PRESSURE**" on page 7 for how to release pressure from your Fermenter.

X3 Parts List

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY
A	4" Pressure Pack Lid	1
B	4" TC Clamp	1
C	4" TC Gasket	1
D	8" TC Clamp	1
E	8" TC Gasket	1
F	8" PRV Lid Cap	1
G	1.5" Blow-Off Barb	1
H	Silicone Blow-Off Tube	1
I	1.5" TC Clamp	7
J	1.5" TC Gasket	7
K	1.5" TC End Cap	4
L	Conical Body	1
M	1.5" TC Thermowell	1
N	1.5" TC Sample Valve	1
O	2" TC Gasket	1
P	2" TC Clamp	1
Q	2" TC End Cap	1
R	3" TC Gasket	2
S	3" TC Clamp	2
T	3" Butterfly Valve	1
U	Neoprene Jacket	1
V	Flex Chamber Collection Jar	1
W	3/8" Leveling Foot	4



X3 PARTS DETAILED



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read this entire instruction manual for important safety information before using your BrewBuilt X3 Uni Conical Fermenter.

⚠ WARNING Failure to follow these warnings could result in serious injury or death.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- Follow all instructions and warnings provided with cleaning agents when cleaning and sanitizing Fermenter.
- Do not pick up Fermenter when full.

PRESSURE HAZARDS

If sealed, the fermenter can be pressurized due to the production of CO₂ in fermentation or the introduction of compressed gas. When the Fermenter is pressurized, incorrect use can lead to a risk of fittings being launched with great force and causing serious injury or death. To reduce this risk, follow these precautions to safely pressurize and release pressure, and to prevent unintentional pressurization:

- Never use fermenter without BrewBuilt X3 PRV Lid Cap. Use without a proper Pressure Relief Valve can result in dangerous over-pressurization.
- Before removing any TC (Tri-Clamp) fittings, or accessories, release all pressure by opening the Pressure Relief Valve (PRV).
- Do not overfill your conical past the maximum volumes listed below. Overfilling can cause fermentation material called Krausen to clog the blowoff and airlock.
- Do not place pellet hops, whole hops, oak chips, or other items directly into the fermenter. Loose material can clog the blowoff and airlock. Use a mesh bag to contain these types of materials.
- Do not alter or change the Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) built into the lid cap.
- Pressurize with compressed gas only with the Pressure Pack with Clear Float Technology. Always use an approved CO₂ regulator, with a functional low-pressure gauge. Never exceed 15 PSI.
- Do not seal/cap an actively fermenting beer, except when using the BrewBuilt Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure.
- When the optional BrewBuilt Flex Chamber is installed always keep the bottom butterfly valve open, allowing CO₂ to be released. Failure to keep the valve open could cause the Flex Chamber to become over pressurized and explode.

ASSEMBLING THE X3 CONICAL

FEET

Thread each foot into the bottom of the legs on the Conical leaving about half an inch of thread visible. Adjust as needed.

BLOWOFF

Place a 1.5" TC gasket into an open blow-off port on the conical dome and fasten the Blowoff U Barb with a 1.5" TC clamp, ensuring that the U Barb is pointing downward off the side of the conical. Slide ½" Silicone tubing over the barbed side of the U Barb. It's easiest to start with one side and then work it around until the barbs are fully covered.

THERMOWELL

Place a 1.5" TC Gasket and Thermowell into one of the upper ports on the cone section of your conical and fasten using a 1.5" TC clamp.

SAMPLE VALVE

Place a 1.5" TC Gasket and Sample Valve into the open lower port on the front cone section and fasten using a 1.5" TC clamp. Make sure the Sample Valve is closed by turning it clockwise until it stops.

BUTTERFLY VALVE

The Butterfly Valve opens in one direction, be sure to install it so the valve handle opens downward away from the conical bottom. Place 3" TC Gasket and Butterfly Valve on the bottom port of the conical and fasten in place using a 3" TC clamp.

8" PRV LID CAP

Place the large 8" TC gasket and Lid Cap into the open port on the dome. Fasten using the 3-piece 8" TC clamp, being careful on installation to keep parts aligned until tightened down to help ensure a complete seal.

END CAPS

Place a 1.5" TC gasket into the open 1.5" TC port on the conical dome and fasten an end cap with a 1.5" TC clamp. Follow the same process to attach the other 1.5" end cap to the last open port on the front of the cone, as well as the two additional ports on the PRV Lid Cap. If not using a Heating Element (sold separately), then install a 2" gasket and end cap onto the side port on the cone section. Fasten with a 2" TC clamp.

GENERAL USE

SANITIZE — Always sanitize your Conical before filling it with wort. This includes opening your sample valve and dump ports to ensure sanitizer makes contact with every nook 'n cranny. We recommend Star San or a similar sanitizer. Never use a bleach solution as bleach will cause pitting and corrosion on the surface of the stainless steel.

FILLING — Your conical can be filled by dumping wort through the top, or pumped in via the sample valve.

⚠ WARNING *Do not overfill your conical past the maximum volumes listed below. Excess volume during fermentation can cause fermentation material called Krausen to clog the blowoff and airlock causing over-pressurization of the conical to occur.*

MAXIMUM FILL LEVELS:

- 7 Gallon X3 – 5.5 gallons liquid
- 14 Gallon X3 – 11 gallons liquid
- 25 Gallon X3 – 21.5 gallons liquid
- 38 Gallon X3 – 33 gallons liquid

FERMENTATION — With the blow-off barb and silicone blow-off hose connected, place the end of the silicone blow-off tubing into a bucket filled with water. We prefer the silicone tubing to a rigid stainless blow-off as silicone tubing is much easier to remove and clean between batches. Silicone also allows greater flexibility with regard to blow-off location.

⚠ WARNING *During fermentation, never close off/cap your X3 except when using the BrewBuilt Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure. This includes capping towards the end of fermentation!*

If you wish to add pellet hops, whole hops, oak, or any other loose material to the fermentation, we recommend using a mesh bag. Boil the mesh bag before use to ensure it's sanitized.

⚠ WARNING *Do not place pellet hops, whole hops, oak chips, or other items directly into the fermenter. Loose material can clog the blowoff and airlock causing over-pressurization of the conical to occur. Use a mesh bag to contain these types of materials.*

TEMP CONTROL — Controlling fermentation temperatures is one of the most important things you can do to make a better beer. The

Jacketed X3 Unitank is constructed with a stainless steel external welded 'jacket' for chilled liquid from a glycol chiller to flow through and cool your brew. This not only allows for easy temperature control without any additional hardware to clean, but performs double duty in helping insulate your conical further as well. Use is extremely simple, we sell & recommend our Insulated Tubing Kit which includes insulated tubing sets, auto-shutoff Quick Disconnects, as well as the TC fittings needed to connect to your Jacketed X3. This is a great option as it keeps your glycol from heating up on the way to your fermenter, & also provides an easy connection point that seals on both sides, so neither your lines nor your conical will leak fluid when disconnected. While you can always put your fermenter inside of a fridge or other temperature controlled environment, the external jacket will provide a clean and easy means of maintaining your desired temperature.

PLEASE NOTE: This unit comes with the jacketed exchanger, but still relies on a chilled liquid source for cooling. You will need a Glycol Chiller such as our IceMaster Max 2 in order to cool the liquid which will then cool your fermentation.

DUMPING YEAST AND TRUB — One of the other most significant benefits of a Conical Fermenter is the ability to dump yeast & trub from the bottom port. This couldn't be easier with the 2" TC Butterfly Valve on the bottom of your conical. Another added advantage is being able to harvest your yeast for use in future batches. Whether you're dumping trub, hops, or yeast, you will want to guide that slurry into a drain or receiving vessel like a bucket or jar. Be sure to spray the Butterfly Valve down with sanitizer before dumping. Also, remember that you will need to open one of the ports on the top of the conical to allow air to replace the liquid flowing out the bottom. Another option is the BrewBuilt Flex Chamber which connects to the bottom of the conical and allows you to collect and dump yeast and trub. Learn more about using the Flex Chamber in the X3 accessories section of this manual.

TRANSFERRING FINISHED BEER — Racking your beer with the sample port is as easy as hooking up some sanitized tubing and opening the valve. Remember that you will need to either open one of the ports on the top of the conical to allow air to replace the liquid that is flowing out. To transfer out of your X3 using CO₂ pressure, see the section under Pressure Package below.

USING YOUR X3 ACCESSORIES

Your X3 Jacketed Uni comes with additional accessories including the BrewBuilt Flex Chamber and Pressure Pack. You will find instructions for these products below.

THE FLEX CHAMBER

⚠ WARNING *When the optional BrewBuilt Flex Chamber is installed, always keep the bottom butterfly valve open, allowing CO₂ to be released. Failure to keep the valve open could cause the Flex Chamber to become over-pressurized and explode. When ready to remove the Flex Chamber, depressurize the system with the butterfly valve open. This allows any pressure to leave the Flex Chamber. After relieving all pressure in the system, you can close the butterfly valve and safely remove the Flex Chamber.*



The Flex Chamber is explicitly designed for use with a BrewBuilt X Series

Conical Fermenter. It attaches directly to the 2" butterfly dump valve and can be used for removing trub, harvesting yeast, and many other tasks.

PREPARING YOUR FLEX CHAMBER FOR USE EACH TIME

1. Soak or spray the Flex Chamber Collection Jar and all parts, including caps, gaskets, clamps, etc., with sanitizer before assembling and attaching it to your conical dump port.
2. Assemble your Flex Chamber by threading the caps onto the threaded ports.
3. Spray sanitizer into the closed butterfly valve on your conical dump port as well as the top of the Flex Chamber and its TC gasket. Fasten the Flex Chamber to the butterfly valve with a 3" TC clamp.

TIP: If you are connecting the Flex Chamber to a full X3 Conical, it's essential to understand some basic displacement concepts. The empty Flex Chamber is filled with gas (oxygen) that will be sent up through your beer. If this happens post-fermentation it could negatively impact the beer's flavor. See below to learn how to use your Flex Chamber side ports to flush with CO₂.

COLLECTING & DUMPING TRUB WITH FLEX CHAMBER

The ability to remove trub and hops sediment is one of the key advantages of a conical fermenter. With the butterfly valve open and the Flex Chamber attached, trub separates directly into the Flex Chamber, which can then be easily removed. Follow the process outlined next.

1. If you are using the conical with the Pressure Pack lid, make sure the entire conical system has been depressurized and that the bottom butterfly valve is in the open position. For instructions on releasing pressure see the section below titled "Releasing Pressure".
2. When you are sure the system has been depressurized, close the butterfly valve at the bottom of the conical.
3. Place a bowl or small bucket below the Flex Chamber to collect drips and un-clamp the Flex Chamber from the butterfly valve.

FLUSHING THE FLEX CHAMBER WITH CO₂

An optional step is to flush your Flex Chamber with CO₂ before attaching it. This will help eliminate oxygen from the Flex Chamber. You can easily do this by attaching a ball lock adapter (Part# KG500) to one of the threaded side ports. Here's how to effectively flush the Flex Chamber with CO₂.

1. Soak or spray the Flex Chamber and all parts, including caps, gaskets, clamps, etc., with sanitizer before assembling and attaching it to your conical dump port.
2. Attach the Flex Chamber Collection Jar to the bottom of the butterfly valve, keeping the butterfly valve closed. Remove the lower black side cap and install the KG500 ball lock adapter. Slightly loosen the top black cap on the Flex Chamber so CO₂ can escape while flushing.
3. Set the regulator on your CO₂ tank to its lowest possible setting i.e. 1–2 psi and connect your Ball Lock Gas QD to the KG500 ball lock adapter.
4. Allow gas to flow out of the Flex Chamber for a few seconds to ensure all the oxygen has been flushed. Tighten the black cap. You can replace the KG500 with the black cap or leave it in place for fermentation.

PRESSURE PACKAGE

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- Do not alter or change the Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) built into the Lid Cap.
- Pressurize with compressed gas only with the BrewBuilt Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure. Always use an approved CO₂ regulator, with a functional low-pressure gauge. Never exceed 15 PSI.
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- When the optional BrewBuilt Flex Chamber is installed always keep the bottom butterfly valve open, allowing CO₂ to be released. Failure to keep the valve open could cause the Flex Chamber to become over-pressurized and explode.

The Pressure Pack, specifically designed to work with BrewBuilt X3 Conical Unitanks, unlocks many possibilities. Apply low pressure before cooling to eliminate sucking oxygen back in. Use it to grab a sample or transfer finished beer to a keg in a true oxygen-free environment. The Clear Float allows sampling or transferring of the clearest possible beer from the top down! In this guide. Please read and follow the additional instructions that come with your Pressure Pack Kit.

INSTALLATION

Assemble the Pressure Pack lid per the diagram. **DO NOT USE TEFLON TAPE** to assemble threaded body connects as they seal with the included o-rings. When attaching the Pressure Pack lid to your X3 conical, be sure your TC gasket is seated correctly, and then tighten down the TC clamp. Follow instructions that come with your Pressure Pack lid.

TIP: A welded U-Hook on the bottom of the Pressure Pack Lid can be used to hang drawstring bags for flavoring additions.

APPLYING PRESSURE

FIRST TEST — First, take a moment and read the warnings above. For safety, we always recommend the first pressure test be made while the conical is filled with water. After the conical is filled with water, replace the u-shaped blowoff with an included TC end cap. Before connecting CO₂ pressure be sure you have a working, accurate regulator with a low-pressure gauge. We recommend setting your regulator to 1–2 psi to start with and always less than 15 psi. Connect your gas-in ball lock QD on your CO₂ draft system to the gas-in body connect located on the Pressure Pack. The gas-in body connect has a notch on the side, while the beverage-out body connect does not. With 1-2 psi applied to the conical, practice releasing the pressure by unthreading the PRV cap. Read the section on releasing pressure slowly as instructed in the section 'Releasing Pressure' below.

TRANSFERRING AND SAMPLING

The bev-out fitting is equipped with a unique floating dip tube that will pull beer from the top rather than the middle or bottom of the conical. We recommend using a ball lock jumper, a section of beer line with a beverage-out QD at both sides, to transfer beer from your X3 to the bottom of your keg. When applying pressure for sampling or transferring, start with a low pressure and increase only as needed. Keep in mind that your X3 Uni and Pressure Pack lid are rated at 15 psi, and the PRV will start releasing pressure around this point. **Never apply more than 15 PSI to your X3.**

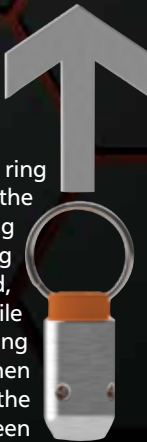
TIP: Filling your keg from the bottom up will keep splashing to a

minimum as beer will flow down the beverage dip tube and gently fill the keg from the bottom up. Lastly, pull up the PRV ring on the keg and set it in the open position to allow air (or CO₂ if you pre-purged the keg) to escape as your fresh beer flows in.

RELEASING PRESSURE

⚠ WARNING Before removing any TC fitting, or accessory, you must first release all pressure from your BrewBuilt Fermenter.

Releasing pressure can be achieved by pulling the ring on the Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) that is built into the Lid Cap (see image to the right). Slowly pull the ring until you hear the release of CO₂ (hissing) exiting the PRV. When the slow release of CO₂ has stopped, slowly unthread the PRV assembly. At any point while unthreading the PRV you hear additional CO₂ being released, stop and wait until the hissing stops. When no additional CO₂ is being released, slowly remove the PRV completely to ensure that all pressure has been removed from the Fermenter. Only then is it safe to begin removing fittings or accessories.



TRANSFER CLEAR BEER TO KEG UNDER PRESSURE

Push your finished beer into a keg using CO₂ so it never becomes exposed to oxygen—it's simple and fast using the Pressure Pack. Thanks to the Clear Float stainless steel floating pick up, you'll be transferring the clearest beer from the top down.

Once your beer is ready to be packaged into a keg, follow these instructions. **NOTE:** you will need a Corny Keg Ball Lock Jumper Line (beverage tubing with bev-out ball lock connectors at both ends).

1. Fill your keg with sanitizer solution. Push the sanitizer out using CO₂. Open the keg pressure relief valve to let CO₂ exit the keg during filling.
2. Attach your CO₂ tank to the gas-in post on your Pressure Pack lid and set it to around 10–12 psi.
3. Attach the Corny Keg Ball Lock Jumper Line to the bev-out post on your Pressure Pack lid.
4. Once you hook up the bev-out to the keg, beer will start flowing from the pressurized X3 Unitank into the unpressurized keg.
5. Once your beer has transferred, unhook the bev-out and gas-in connectors. Pressurize your keg.
6. Be sure to release any pressure from inside your X3 before opening it for cleaning.

FERMENTING UNDER PRESSURE

⚠ WARNING Follow all special warnings and instructions that come with the optional BrewBuilt Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure. Do not pressure ferment without using the optional Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure.

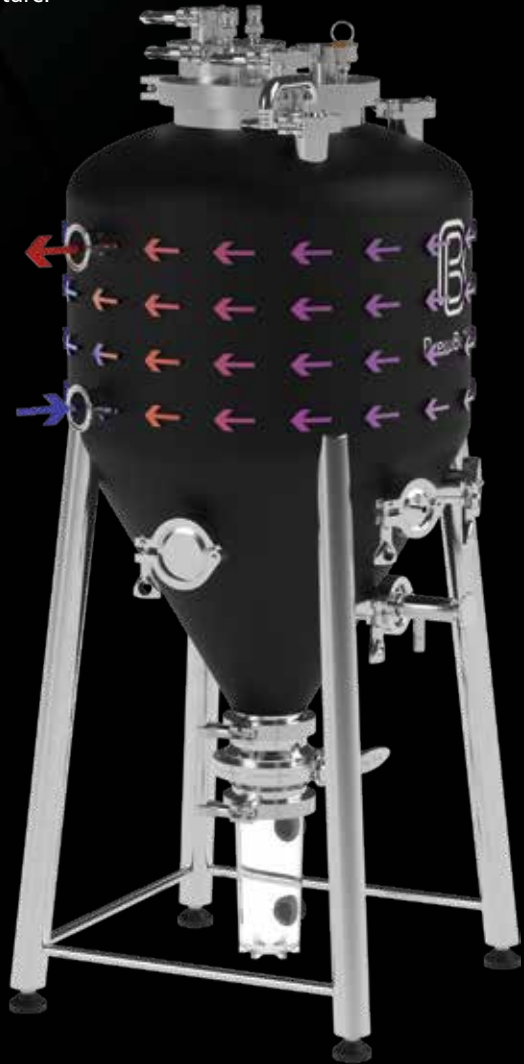
If you wish to ferment under pressure, or capture CO₂ at the end of fermentation, you must use the optional BrewBuilt Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure. The optional hardware kit comes with a commercial-grade pressure relief that connects to the 1.5" TC port on the lid. It also comes with an adjustable spunding valve. The spunding valve allows you to set a safe pressure to ferment. With the BrewBuilt Kit for Fermenting Under Pressure installed, there are three safety relief valves: the standard pressure relief valve welded into the PRV Lid Cap, the commercial 1.5" TC relief valve, and the PRV on the Spunding Valve. The Fermentation kit includes a no-foam krausen reducer, CellarScience® Foam-Axe (Part# AD105A) to reduce the chance that krausen could enter any of the PRVs.

TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Your new X3 Jacketed is constructed with an integral cooling layer. Using the secondary section of stainless steel layered on the cylinder of the unit, you can flow glycol or a cooled water source around your fermentation, cooling it as needed. We recommend an IceMaster series Glycol Chiller, combined with a Insulated Tubing Kit for the ultimate in temperature control.

For highest efficiency performance we recommend hooking up your cold glycol "in" feed to the lower port of the jacket, as shown in the image below.

When using an Icemaster Glycol Chiller, plug the thermal probe from the IceMaster directly into the thermowell installed on the Conical body. You can then adjust the Set Point on the IceMaster to your desired beer temperature. This will turn the IceMaster's recirculation pump on or off depending on whether your beer needs to lower temperature.



HAVE QUESTIONS?

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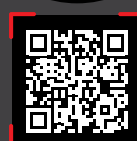
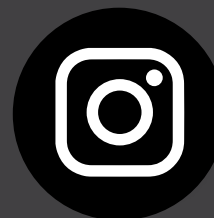
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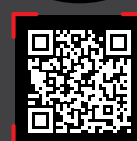
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