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MY FLAIR BOTTLE BEAT UP YOURS...

By Rob Husted



So many choices but which is the best... ? The [Flairco](#) bottle is the original practice bottle, a unique creation from the deep dark depth's of **Dean Serneels** mind. So we compared some of the top Flair practice bottles against each other to find out which one is the best. We put six different brands through four different tests to see which practice bottle would still be standing on top at the end. We have heard the term "knock off's" but are they "knock off's" or just improvements on the original? Lets find out...



When we mentioned this review to some of the distributors a handful of them were a little hesitant in wanting to participate. So to keep things fair we will not use the actual names of the brands but give them code words instead. The first Flair practice bottle we tested will be called "**China 1**", the second is "**China 2**", the third is called "**Flip**", the fourth is called "**Singapore**", the fifth is called "**Cant**" and finally the sixth is called "[Flairco](#)".



We start our review off with "*Weight and Balance*". **China 1** had a weight of 16oz but the balance of the overall bottle was more oval shaped rather than circular like a real bottle. **China 2** had a weight of 17oz and again a more oval shape rather than circular so the balance was a little off. **Flip** had a weight

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of 17oz and the balance good as well. **Singapore** had a real light weight of 16oz and hollow feel to it and the balance was decent but not perfect. **Cant** had a slight heavy feel to it and a weight of 17 1/2oz and the balance was off slightly. **Flairco** had an almost ideal weight at 17oz and the balance of the bottle seemed almost perfect.



Next we moved on to "Shape". This could be an involved category depending on where you live and what bottles you like to Flair with. So we tried to be as broad as possible with this category to be fair. **China 1** had a great and practical shape to its bottle with a neck diameter of 1.3" and a base of 3.1". **China 2** had a good shape but the neck of the bottle was a little skinny with a neck diameter of 1.3" and a base of 3.2". **Flip** had a good sliming shape better for bottle and tin work but again the neck of the bottle was a little skinny with a neck diameter of 1.3" and a base of 3.2". **Singapore** had a basic shape and the neck of the bottle was a little fat with a neck diameter of 1.5" and a base of 3.2". **Flairco** had a good shape and great neck with a neck diameter of 1.4" and a base of 3.2".

On to "Texture". The texture of the bottle is real important when practicing Flair as well. If it is too sticky and not smooth it can cause problems and on the other hand if it is too slippery it might release from a tin real well but what good is it if it keeps slipping out of your hands? **China 1** had a good grip but the seams of the bottle were raised and not flush with the rest of the bottle. **China 2** had a slick texture with not a whole lot of resistance to give a good grip. **Flip** had a slightly slick surface which again makes it great for bottle tin work and the only Flair practice bottle tested that had a translucent bottle that you could actually see through... pretty cool! **Singapore** had a decent grip on one side of the bottle and on the other side of the same bottle it had a kind of abrasive texture to it...??? and again the seams of the bottle were raised and not flush with the rest of the bottle. **Cant** had a great grip and good feel to it. **Flairco** had a great grip and great familiar feel to it.

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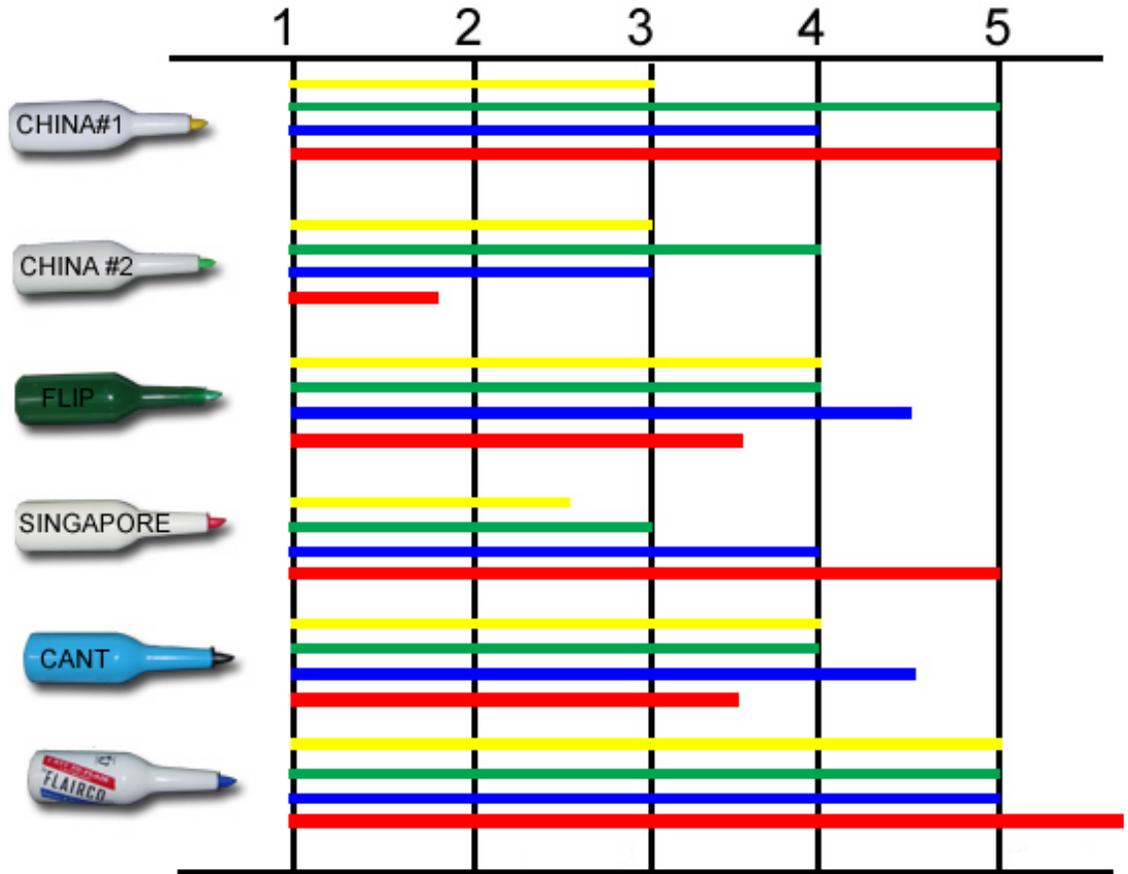
Now on to probably one of the most important factors... "Durability". This test was so intense I almost lost a tooth... We took the original **Flairco** bottle and see how it beat up the competition with 100 impacts on each bottle... **China 1** took a major beating but after 100 solid hits it had some small cracks but still intact. **China 2** was probably the weakest one out of the bunch, and within 16 hits it split in two. **Flip** stood its ground for a while but shattered within 50 hits. **Singapore** surprisingly stood the test of time and survived 100 hits as well. **Cant** stood out as long as it could but within 50 hits, it to shattered. **Flairco** went above and beyond. We took the same bottle we used to test on the other bottles (500 hits) and then took another **Flairco** bottle and tested that same bottle with another 100 hits. In the end it had some paint smeared off but perfectly intact.

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We compiled all the data and put together this easy to read chart displaying our data.



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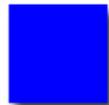


WEIGHT & BALANCE



SHAPE

DURABILTY



TEXTURE

FLAIR PRACTICE BOTTLE TESTING SCALE



In closing, for the most part if you just want a Flair practice bottle to play around with and are not that serious about wanting to learn the art of Flair bartending then just about any of the products mentioned will do... but if you are serious about becoming a better bartender and want to become a professional Flair bartender then get the best product the first time and use what the pros use... [Flairco](#).

Remember which is the only Flair practice bottle to put their name right on the front of the bottle the only practice bottle endorsed by the [FBA](#)? All in all I give the [Flairco](#) practice Flair bottles five [Flairco's](#) out of five. What else would you expect...?



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