

# Barrel Anatomy

There are several key elements that make up the anatomy of a barrel.

- **HEAD**  
The head fits tightly into the barrel to create a liquid tight seal.
- **HOOPS**  
Made of steel; Barrels can have 6 or 8 hoops.
- **RIVET**  
The metal bolt used for uniting the ends of the steel hoops.
- **STAVE**  
Strips of wood placed edge to edge to form the sides of a barrel.
- **BUNG HOLE / BUNG**  
A hole precisely drilled into the barrel for filling and emptying. The bung is a stopper placed in the bung hole.

