

80 to 100 proof
60 to 70 proof
50 to 60 proof
40 to 50 proof
0 to 40 proof

Pousse Café Illustration

When preparing a layered drink, a bartender divides the glass into 1/5, 1/4, 1/3, or into 1/2. The layers are poured to look symmetrical, rather than by ounces. This is done for appearance purposes. Some liqueurs do not "float" according to their proof. Proof is a general rule for layering. The deciding factor is actually the specific gravity of the liqueur.