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THE CIGAR MENU

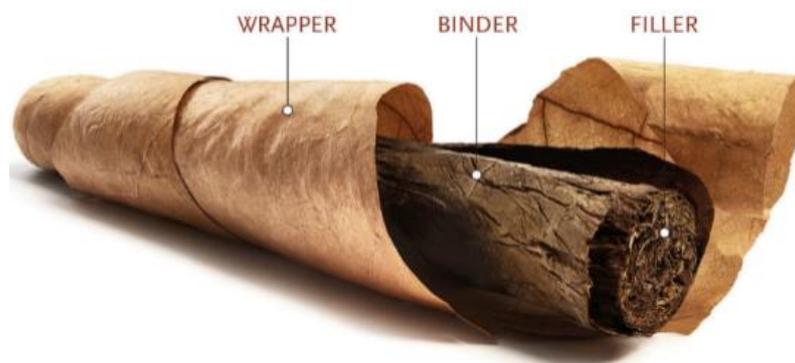
*"A cigar ought not to be smoked solely with the
mouth, but with the hand, the eyes & the spirit"*

Zino Davidoff

AN INTRODUCTION

HOW IS A CIGAR DEFINED?

A cigar can come in all shapes, sizes, strengths, colours, flavours, prices... There are several countries which produce cigars across the world, each with different characteristics. You can think of them like wine, different regions, soils, temperatures, climates all add to the variety in each cigar. To be considered a cigar each one must have the following 3 components.



Wrapper: This is a thin leaf that dresses the exterior of the cigar, this is used more for appearance than taste.

Binder: Underneath the wrapper is the binder, this is used for the construction of the cigar and holds it all together.

Filler: The main body of the cigar, this is where the majority of the character, aroma, flavour & strength can be found.

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HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO CHOOSE?

For Havana (Cuban) cigar brands, we can separate them into 5 tiers regarding their flavour from light to full. For all cigars you can also get a slight indication of how they will smoke as the length & ring gauge can alter the delivery of smoke, temperature the tobacco burns at, flavours on the palate and so on.

The ring gauge of a cigar is the size of its diameter, it is expressed in 64ths of an inch, so a 32-gauge ring is 1/2 an inch and so on.

In terms of length of cigar, they can measure from just 3 1/2 inches (90mm) all the way up to over 9 inches (230mm)!

Here's a few key points to note when finally deciding what cigar you would like...

- Heavy Gauge cigars burn slowly and deliver a higher volume of smoke that covers the palate with the full mixture of flavours.

- Thinner cigars burn quicker and deliver a more concentrated flavour giving a sharper taste.

- Longer cigars allow the smoke to cool slightly as it travels to the palate.

- Cigars are tactile products and for some people it is all about the feel in the hand and between the lips. Some smokers will be loyal to a certain style or brand of cigar.

Havana cigar brands by flavour

Full	Bolivar Cohiba Behike Montecristo Linea 1935 Partagás Ramón Allones Saint Luis Rey
Medium to full	Cohiba Linea Clasica Cohiba Maduro 5 Cuaba Diplomáticos José L. Piedra Juan López Montecristo Romeo y Julieta Linea de Oro Vegas Robaina Vegueros
Medium	Cohiba Linea 1492 La Flor de Cano La Gloria Cubana Montecristo Open Punch Quintero Romeo y Julieta Sancho Panza Trinidad
Light to Medium	El Rey del Mundo H. Upmann Por Larrañaga San Cristóbal
Light	Fonseca Hoyo de Monterrey Rafael González Quai d'Orsay

NOW TIME TO SMOKE...DECISIONS, DECISIONS



H. UPMANN (1844)

Herman Upmann was a German banker who so loved Cuban cigars that he moved to Havana to set up as both a banker and a cigar producer. Although his bank closed in the early 1920's his cigars live on.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Coronas Major</i>	42	5 1/8	30	£30



ROMEO Y JULIETA (1875)

Named after Shakespeare's play that had proved popular when read to the rollers. At one point Romeo y Julieta produced up to 20,000 different bands for its cigars. It is also the brand that made the first cigar named after Sir Winston Churchill.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
Churchill: <i>Wide</i>	55	5 1/4	60	£42



MONTECRISTO

MONTECRISTO (1935)

The bestselling hand-made cigar brand in the world. Named after the Alexander Dumas' novel "the count of Montecristo", which was a firm favourite when read to the cigar rollers at the factory where it was founded.

The brand was launched almost exactly 100 years after the book was first published.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Petit Edmundo</i>	52	4 3/8	30	£30
<i>No.2</i>	52	6 1/8	1 hour	£40
<i>No.5</i>	40	4	25	£18



PARTAGAS (1845)

Don Jaime Partagas is the man widely credited with starting the tradition in 1865 of having rollers read to while they worked. Sadly, Don Jaime was fatally wounded on one of his tobacco fields several years later.

Today the Partagas Serie D No.4 is the bestselling Havana cigar in the world.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Serie D #4</i>	50	4 7/8	45	£35
<i>Serie P #2</i>	52	6 1/8	1 hour	£40



COHIBA
Habana, Cuba

COHIBA (1966)

Havana's flag ship brand was created for the late President Fidel Castro. Production began in 1966, but the cigars were not released to the public sixteen years later. Cohiba is an ancient Taino Indian word for the bunches of tobacco leaves that Columbus first saw being smoked by Cuba's original inhabitants. So, it was the first name of a cigar - in Cuba at any rate.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Siglo #1</i>	40	4	20	£30
<i>Mini Cigarillos (10)</i>	21	3 1/4	10	£22



HOYO DE MONTERREY (1902)

Hoyo de Monterrey was the first brand to introduce a Petit Robusto in 2005, the 50-ring gauge size with a shorter length to suit those who like thicker formats, but do not always have the time to enjoy them.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Epicure NO.2 Tubos</i>	50	4 7/8	45	£33



DAVIDOFF (1958)

Davidoff is a Swiss premium brand of cigars. The cigars are produced in the Dominican Republic & Honduras. The tobacco is sourced from the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, Ecuador, Honduras & the United States of America.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
Signature Range:				
2000	42	5 1/16	25	£27
Winston Churchill:				
Belicoso - Traveller	47	4 1/2	20	£15
Aniversario Range:				
Entreacto	43	3 1/2	20	£18
Yamasa Range:				
Robsuto Tubos	43	3 1/2	20	£38



PLASENCIA (1865)

Plasencia Cigars are the leading producer of premium cigars and the largest producer of tobacco in Central America. The Alma Fuerte Series Generacion V blend is full bodied, and it's made with aged tobacco taken from Plasencia's vast library of vintage leaf. While the primary component is Criollo '98, Alma Fuerte is a blend of tobacco from four growing regions: Esteli, Condega, Jalapa and Ometepe.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
Sixto I	60	6	2 hours	£32



CAMACHO (1961)

Camacho Cigars stand out from the crowd, and not just because of the brightly coloured bands! Made in Honduras their incredible flavour is produced by the infamous Corojo seed, a special strand of seed that has provides Camacho Cigars with their distinctive and irreplaceable taste. The legendary smoke is smooth yet distinct, offering a classic cigar that packs a punch.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Nicaragua Robusto</i>	52	5	45	£22



PSYKO SEVEN (2013)

This cigar was created to help you disconnect from chaos and commotion... well, they succeeded. Made in the Dominican Republic, the Psyko Seven features an eye-pleasing Dominican wrapper that covers a Mexican Sumatra binder. Psyko Seven's specially blended filler, made of seven tobaccos from six different countries, has redefined the meaning of complexity with a balanced combination of mild to bold flavours designed to tantalise your senses.

	Gauge Size	Length	Enjoyment Time	Price
<i>Natural Robusto</i>	50	5 1/2	45	£21

OUR CONNOISSEUR'S CHOICE

SCOTLAND

	25ml
Bowmore 26-year-old	34
Dalmore King Alexander	22
Arran Amarone Cask Finish	8
Arran Sauternes Cask Finish	8
Johnnie Walker Blue Label	22
Loch Lomond The Open '19-year-old	20
Macallan Rare Cask	27
Macallan 18-year-old	30
Glencadam 17-year-old Triple Cask Port Wood	18
Clynelish 1995 20-Year-Old Bottle 367/601	30
Ardbeg Dark Cove	40

AMERICA

Pappy Van Winkle 23-year-old	80
George T. Stagg	70

LOUIS XIII

by Remy Martin

15ml	70
25ml	125
50ml	200