



USBC Supplement: Flats and Cones, Vol. 1

In this issue we'll explain how to use data stored on Flats and Cones (or what we refer to as Volume 1, taking its name after the BCCA book published in 2000). Seems just like yesterday. You can get to the USBC Supplement via our BCCA website Resources drop-down menu or directly at bcca-usbc-supplement.com.

The top image is the opening page of the Supplement (i.e., additional material/data to Volume 1). Click on the Volume 1 book cover (1) to go to the next page.

A second click on the word "Supplement" under the can images (2) will bring up the first page of the Supplement, with the default being Flats.

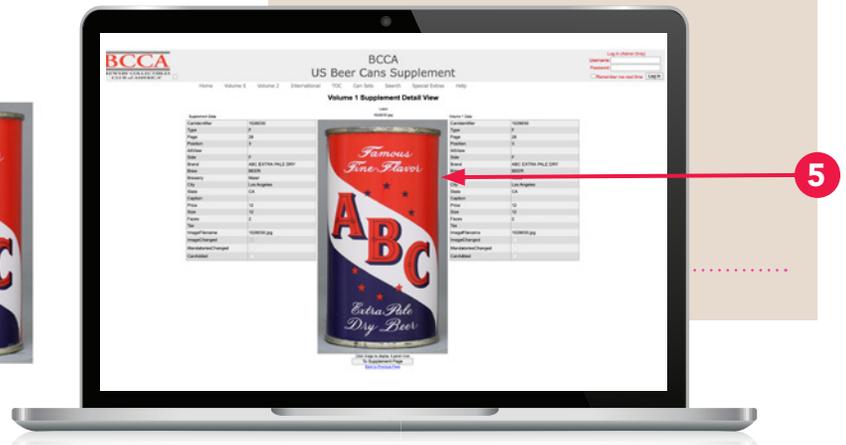
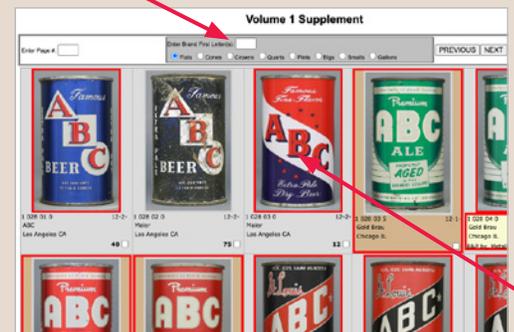
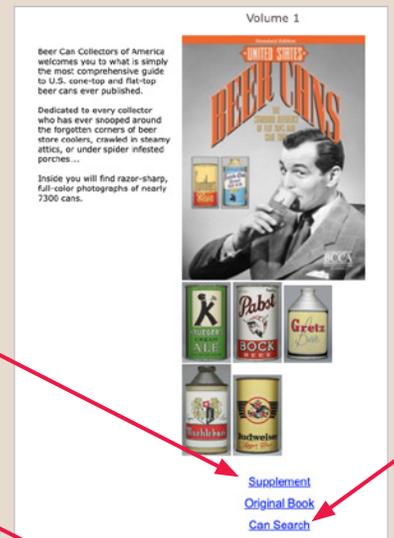
The header on this page (3) will allow you to set your query. You can enter Brand name letters (3 or 4) in the small box in the center. You can choose can type (Flats, Cones, Crowns, etc.) by clicking one of the small dots in the header gray box. You can also enter the hard-bound book page number for the can you're searching for into the box on the left side of the header. A click on a can image (4) will bring up a detailed view.

A click on the detailed view (5) will bring up five views of most of the original cans in Volume 1. Images with a red box around the picture indicate a new photo. Images with both a beige background and a red outer box indicate a can that was not in the original book. And a red box with a yellow background around the mandatories indicates a correction to the data.

You can Search for any parameter within the mandatories, i.e., Brand, City, State, Can Type, etc. You can reach Can Search via the Volume 1 drop-down menu or by clicking on the words "Can Search" (6) on the second opening page. A more extensive search can be made using the Search drop-down menu. The searching tools and techniques will be explained in greater depth in a future article.

That's all it takes. You can use your desktop, laptop, tablet or cell phone. If you haven't been to the site before, you're in for a treat.

Cans are displayed by brand in chronological order as best we know. Many collectors reach out for cans from just their city or state. With the search tool, you'll have a list of all the items in your range. The Supplement website often allows you to see details in many can images that may not be visible on the original book page. Plus, a lot of care has gone into the photography to best assure proper can colors.



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