

# BEGINNER'S VAPING GLOSSARY

## *The Most Basic and Essential Terms*

**18650** - The most popular battery size for advanced e-cigs. They give a decent battery life with less bulk than 26650's, the largest battery size.

**510** - The most common and popular style of atomizer. 510's get their name from the length of the connector, 5mm and the 10 threads that run along them. When you look at the bottom of your tank or RDA, you are looking at the male part of the 510 connection. The female section of the 510 is inset into your mod.

**ADV** - Short-hand for "All Day Vape". This refers to an individuals favorite flavor of e-liquid that they can enjoy all day long, for an extended period of time, without getting tired or fatigued from it.

**APV** - "Advanced Personal Vaporizer" usually consists of a separate atomizer & battery.

**Airflow** - The part of most tanks & atomizers that allows more air to be received in the process of vaping, allowing for more vapor production as well as cooler vapor. It is usually adjustable by use of an airflow ring.

**Amps** - Amperage (amps) is the flow of energy along a circuit. Batteries with higher amps can handle atomizers with lower resistances without overheating.

**Analog** - The slang term for a tobacco cigarette.

**Atomizer** - The component of an e-cig that houses the coil and wick. The battery supplies the power to heat the coils within the atomizer which then is able to convert the e-liquid to vapor.

**Atty** - Slang term for atomizer.

**Battery** - The most important component to an e-cigarette. Batteries power the atomizer that converts the e-liquid into vapor. They can be rechargeable or one-time use. They can also be built-in or removable from the device.

**Box Mod** - A type of APV that is square in shape. They offer more power than tube mods.

**Cig-a-like** - A type of e-cigarette that is made to closely resemble a traditional (analog) cigarette.

**Coil** - The wrapped wire that is used to vaporize the e-liquid by creating an electrical circuit. Housed within the atomizer. Insulated with saturated wicking material.

**Cutoff** - A safety feature in e-cig's that automatically stops you from taking a drag on your e-cig if you take a drag for too long. This also prevents it from overheating in the event it accidentally fires in a pocket, etc.

**Deck** - The flat base area on the atomizer where the positive and negative posts sit.

**Drip (Dripping)** - The act of applying the eliquid directly to the coils of an atomizer. Usually an RDA.

**Drip Tip** - An accessory that replaces the stock mouthpieces of atomizers that allows drops of eliquid to be applied directly to the atomizer without removal of the tip.

**Dripper** - Another name for an RDA. (see Rebuildable Atomizer)

**Electronic Cigarette** - Term used for the device that is used to produce vapor that can be inhaled by the user.

**E-Liquid** - The liquid that is vaporized when using an electronic cigarette.

**Flooding** - Can occur when too much eliquid is put into the atomizer. Indicated by a gurgling sound and the performance of the atomizer can also be compromised. Prevent this by not "over-dripping".

**Kanthal Wire** - Type of wire used in high wattage devices. Used to make coils.

**Leaking** - When e-liquid leaks from the atomizer/tank. Can cause damage to the e-cigarette device if the juice starts leaking into the battery.

**MG strength** - The amount of nicotine (in milligrams) per one milliliter of e-liquid. For example, a 3mg e-liquid would contain 3mg of nicotine in each 1mL of liquid.

**MOD** - Short for "modification". Now mainly used to describe any e-cigarette device other than the "cig-a-likes".

**Nicotine (Nic)** - Found in natural tobacco & added to some e-liquids to stimulate the nicotine hit in traditional cigarettes. Available in varying levels to help people gradually decrease the amount of nicotine they consume.

**Ohm** - Standard unit and measure of electrical resistance. A lower number indicates a lower resistance, meaning it will heat faster.

**Organic Cotton** - Commonly used to wick atomizers. Organic cotton burns quicker than other materials, such as silica, but offers a cleaner, more intense flavor.

**Pen Style** - An e-cig that is shaped like a pen. Typically found in very basic starter kits.

**PG** - Propylene Glycol. One of Two base substances used in e-liquid.

**Priming** - The act of preparing a wick/coil to vape. Usually done by adding a few drops of liquid to soak the wick/coil and taking a few pulls to draw the liquid into the coil without heating the coil.

**Rebuildable Dripping Atomizer / RDA** - Rebuildables are used mostly by advanced users. They allow vapers to adjust resistance, change out different wicks and experiment with various setups to achieve their preferred vaping experience.

**Tank** - A refillable glass chamber that houses the e-liquid.

**Throat Hit** - The sensation you experience when vapor hits the back of your throat. Many users enjoy recreating that feeling similar to what traditional cigarettes provide. PG is the ingredient in e-liquid that helps achieve this.

**Vaping** - The use of an electronic cigarette.

**Vapor** - What results from the atomization of e-liquid. The e-liquid is applied to a wick/coil which is then heated to produce the vapor that is inhaled/exhaled.

**Vapors Tongue / Vapor's Fatigue** - A problem some vapors can experience when vaping a single flavor for too long. The taste buds become desensitized to it. Prevent this by switching up the flavor every so often or switching to a stronger flavor.

**Venting a battery** - The instance where a battery is taken beyond its specifications and gas is released from the battery. You do not want this to happen. Practice proper battery safety.

**VG** - Vegetable Glycerine. One of the Two base substances used in e-liquid.

**Voltage (Volt)** - Refers to the electrical potential of a power source. For our purposes, when paired with resistance it creates wattage.

**Watts (wattage)** - The amount of raw heat that the atomizer coil uses to vaporize you eliquid. The higher the wattage, the more vapor is produced.

**Wick/Wicking** - The material wrapped around the heating coil that soaks the eliquid to be evaporated. Usually made from organic cotton.

**Wire** - The material used to make an atomizers coil.

**Wire Gauge** - Refers to the thickness of the wire used to create the atomizers coil.

**Wrap** - The number of revolutions used in the wrapping of a coil. The more wraps the coil has, the higher it's resistance.