

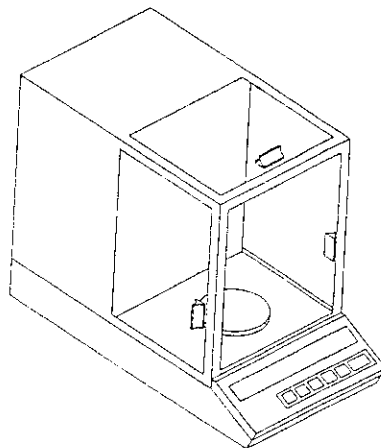
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NOTICE

A-SERIES

Electronic Analytical Balances

Operating Instructions



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Congratulations on choosing a **Fisher Scientific A-Series Balance**. Your **A-Series Balance** is a precision unit designed and engineered to the most rigorous standards in order to give you years of weighing service.

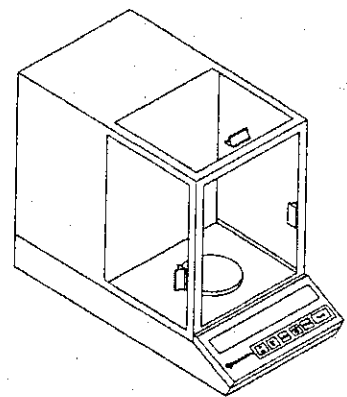
- ☒ First, check the contents of the shipping carton. You should find the following:

- A-Series Manual
- A-Series Balance
- Weighing Pan
- Power Cord

- ☒ Next, follow the instructions for installing your balance. (See pages 4 -5.)

- ☒ Now you're ready to begin using your **A-Series Balance**. To take advantage of its many features, carefully read your operating manual. It contains step-by-step procedures, examples, and other vital information.

- ☒ Finally, remember to return your completed warranty card within ten days and to record all purchase information in the space provided inside the front cover of your manual.



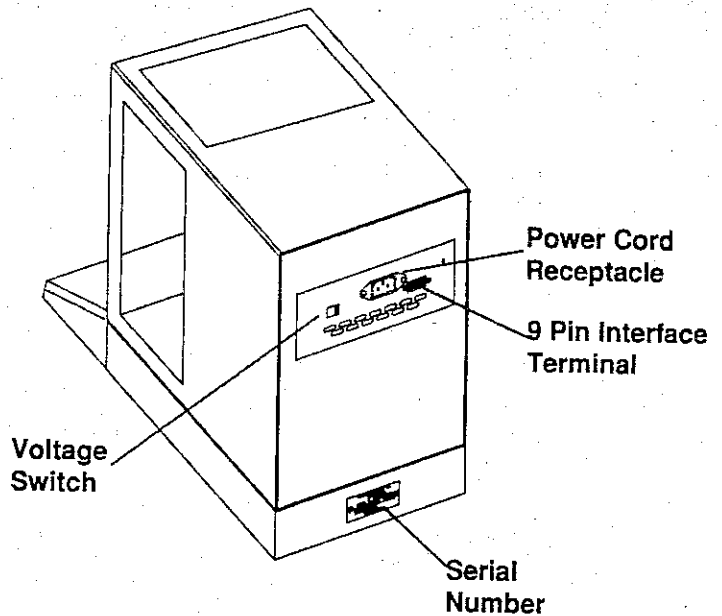
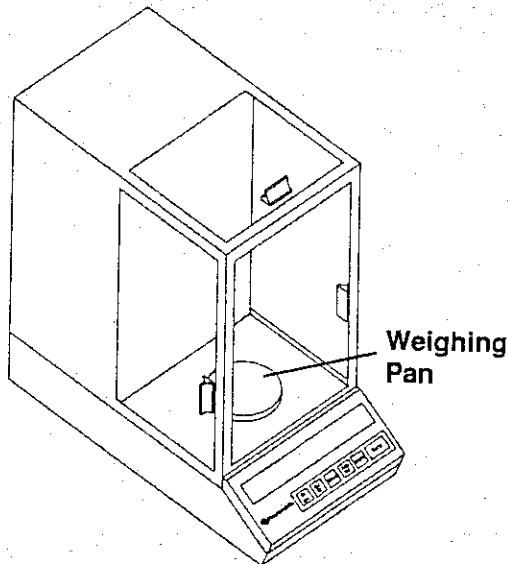
Fisher Scientific A-Series Balances

Specifications

Model	A-160	A-250	A-200D	A-200DS
Capacity	160g	250g	200g/100g	200g/31g
Readability	0.1mg	0.1mg	1/0.1mg	0.1mg/0.01mg

Common Specifications and Features For All Fisher Scientific A-Series Models

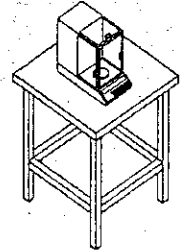
- Electrical Requirements 115/230 vac 50/60 Hz
- Response Time Variable,
- Controls Silicone Rubber Keyboard, 5 Keys plus Tare
- Display, Numeric5" Vacuum Fluorescent, seven segment character
- Display, Message25" Vacuum Fluorescent, 14 segment, 10 characters
- Pan Diameter 3 1/4" (8.25 cm)
- RS-232 Bi-directional Interface, 5 different formats
- Automatic Calibration with built-in weights



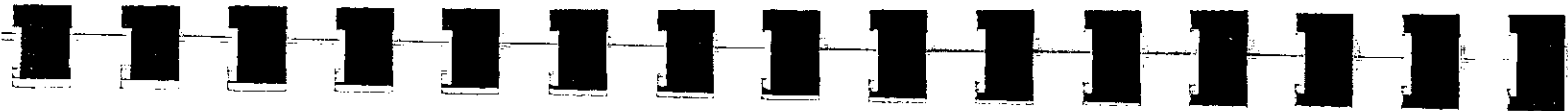
PREPARATION

Select a suitable work area.

- ☐ Work area should be relatively free from drafts and vibrations.
- ☐ Work surface should be level and rigid.
- ☐ Line voltage to the balance should be reasonably constant and free from fluctuations. It is **not** advisable to use an outlet that is shared with fluorescent fixtures or other electrical equipment that draws voltage in an inconsistent manner.
- ☐ Do **not** locate near magnetic materials or equipment/instruments which use magnets in their design.
- ☐ Avoid areas which have variations in room temperatures or have excessive room temperatures. Room temperatures above 105°F/40°C or below 60°F/15°C could affect balance operation and accuracy.




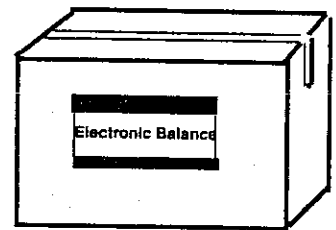
Choose your work site carefully to obtain the best weighing results.



INSTALLATION

Set up your balance by following these steps:

- ☐ Remove balance and all accessories from the carton. There is no internal packing or tie downs inside the balance.
- ☐ Level the balance by using the level bubble and the leveling feet located underneath the base.
- ☐ Place the weighing pan on the balance.
- ☐ Insert power cord into the receptacle located on the rear panel of the unit. Firmly push in the plug.
- ☐ Balance model designation is displayed during start-up message.
- ☐ Allow a 60 minute warm up period.
- ☐ Do **not** unplug your balance. Fisher Scientific Electronic Balances are designed to be continuously plugged in.
- ☐ When the unit is **not** in use, press the  key to turn the displays **OFF**.



This is a precision electronic instrument. Handle with care to ensure years of trouble-free use.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

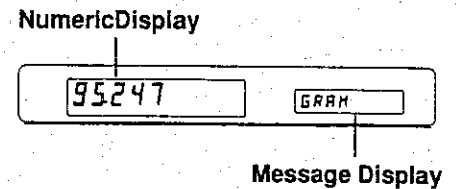
Dual Display

Your balance features two displays (a Numeric Display and a Message Display) to give you complete weighing information.

Numeric Display

The Numeric Display continuously shows your weighing results.

The number of decimal places displayed depends on the balance model.



Message Display

The Message Display uses text to clearly provide weighing information.

During a weighing application, the Message Display continues to show the weighing mode, *GRAM*.

During the Set Up procedures, the Message Display shows the options as you cycle through the selections.

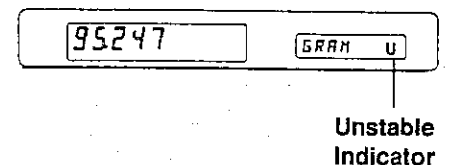
Whenever the balance is unstable, an indicator (U) appears on the far right side of the Message Display. When the balance has stabilized, the indicator disappears.



Unstable Indicator

Always make sure your balance is stable before and after each step of your weighing operation.

The letter *U* appears on the far right of the Message Display whenever the balance is **not** stable. It disappears when the balance becomes stable.

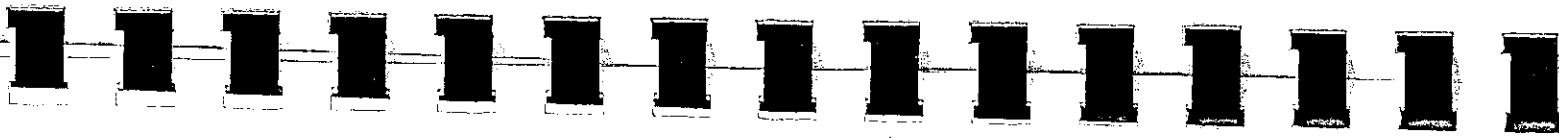
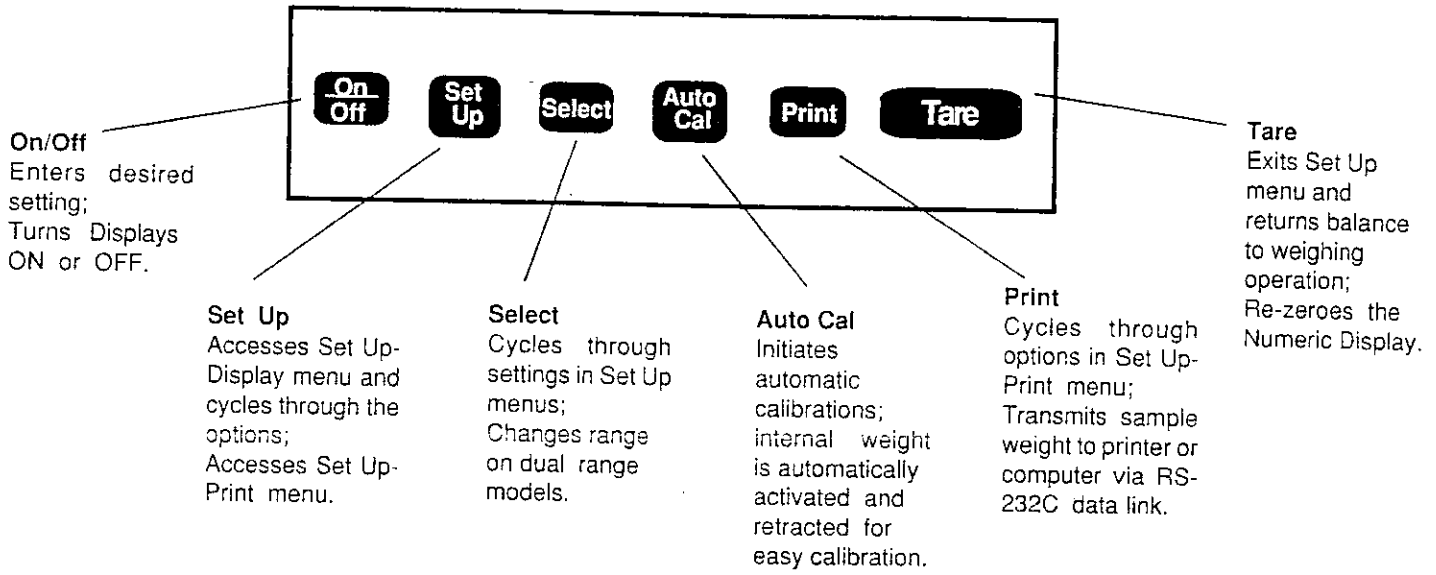


Beeper

An audible BEEP is emitted whenever a function is activated. This signal ensures you that the key you pressed is working. If you press a key and a BEEP is **not** heard, press the key again until the BEEP is heard. However, some keys are disabled in some functions and therefore will **not** BEEP.

To turn the BEEPER *OFF* or adjust its length, see the **Set Up-Display** Section.

A-Series Keyboard



Default (Factory) Settings

Your balance is pre-set at the factory to correspond to the most common user requirements. Listed below are the factory settings that are activated when the balance initially is turned on.

<u>Menu</u>	<u>Setting</u>
Set Up-Display	
Filter	Filter Normal
Auto-Zero	Auto- Zero On
Beeper	Beeper Long
Range	Automatic Range (Model 200D) Manual Range (Model 200DS)
Set Up - Print	
Print	Single
Baud	Baud 300
Print Format	Type 1
Zero Print	Zero Print On
Parity	Parity Off
Interval	No Interval

Additional settings are listed in the Set Up sections of this manual. You can easily change the factory settings to any of these options by following the procedure outlined in that section. For a complete list of all the settings available on your **A-Series** Balance, see **Appendix A**.

Basic Weighing

If you have properly installed your balance and allowed adequate warm-up time, you are now able to do any basic weighing application without further adjustments. The factory settings (see page 12) are automatically activated when the balance is powered up. Just calibrate your balance (see page 18) and then follow the three easy steps listed below:

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Tare** key to zero the Numeric Display.
2. Place sample to be weighed on the weighing pan.
3. When the unstable indicator disappears on the Message Display, you are ready to record the value on the Numeric Display.

DISPLAYS SHOW

-----	TARING
then	
0.0000	GRAM
value	GRAM U
value	GRAM



Taring (Zeroing)

Balances have tare capabilities up to their total weight capacity. (Check your balance capacity with the specifications for your model on page 2.)

To weigh a sample in its container with the Numeric Display showing the weight of the sample, use the following Tare Procedure:

PROCEDURE

1. Place sample container on pan, wait for the unstable indicator (U) to disappear, and then press the **Tare** key.
2. Now place sample in its container.
3. When the balance is stable, the Numeric Display shows the weight of the sample.

Auto Cal

All **A-Series** Analytical Balances feature Auto Cal with an internal weight calibrated to NBS standards for accuracy. To use the automatic calibration feature:

- Allow the balance to warm up for at least 60 minutes;
- Wait for the Unstable Indicator (*U*) to disappear on the Message Display.

Then use the following procedure:

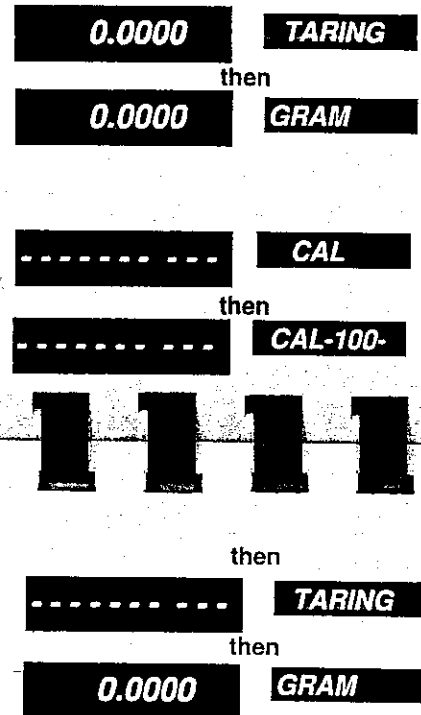
(Model **A-160** with a 100 gram internal weight is used as an example in the procedure.)

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Tare** key to zero the Numeric Display.

2. Press the **Auto Cal** key.

DISPLAYS SHOW



Model **A-200DS** features two internal weights (125g for the coarse range and a 25g for the fine range) and should be calibrated in both ranges.

Using External Weights

External calibration weights also can be used for calibration purposes. Use one of the following permissible calibration weights :

Calibration Values Model A-160

- CAL 50 = 50.000g
- *CAL 100 = 100.000g
- CAL 150 = 150.000g

Calibration Values Models A-250, A-200D

- CAL 50 = 50.000g
- *CAL 100 = 100.000g
- CAL 150 = 150.000g
- CAL 200 = 200.000g

Calibration Values Model A-200DS

- CAL 10 = 10.00000g
- CAL 20 = 20.00000g
- *CAL 25 = 25.00000g
- CAL 100 = 100.0000 g
- *CAL 125 = 125.0000 g
- CAL 200 = 200.0000 g

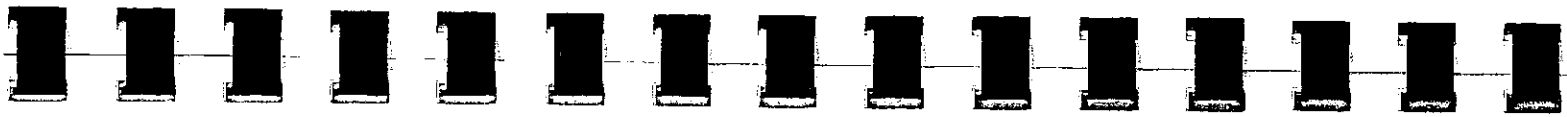
*Value of the internal weights is supplied with the balance; however, offsets are **not** used when calibrating with external weights.

To calibrate using an external weight:
 (A 100 gram weight is being used as an example in the procedure.)

PROCEDURE

1. Remove samples from the weighing pan.
2. Press the **Tare** key to zero the Numeric Display.
3. Place 100 gram calibration weight on the weighing pan and wait for the unstable indicator to disappear.
4. Press the **Auto Cal** key.
 If weights being used are out of range or the balance capacity is exceeded, the Message Display shows *NO CAL* and does not complete calibration.
5. Remove weight.

DISPLAYS	SHOW
0.0000	GRAM
0.0000	TARING
100.000	GRAM
100.000	CAL-100-
0.0000	GRAM



Modifying The Calibration Variance

Corrections can be made to the calibration values to compensate for the difference between the actual weight being used and the desired value. This feature allows the calibration values to be altered to match "known weights". Values can be altered as much as ± 199 digits from the ideal value.

Altering the Cal 100 internal value on **Models A-160, A-250, and A-200D** will change the internal calibration variance as set by the manufacturer. Likewise, altering the Cal 25 or the Cal 125 on **Model A-200DS** will change the the internal calibration variance. The pre-set values are noted on the back of the balance.

The "offsets" established in the procedure on the next page remain in memory until altered by the user. The same procedure must be used to alter the "offsets".

Dual Range

Two A-Series Models are designed as dual range balances:

A-200D

A-200DS

These models provide a fine range to increase readability by a factor of 10. In the Set Up Menu (See page 33) ,you can program the dual range models for Automatic Range or Manual Range.

AUTO R (Automatic Range) allows the balance to change from fine range to coarse range when the capacity is exceeded.

MANUAL R (Manual Range) keeps the balance in the fine range.

Press the **Select** key to change range. However, when changing to the fine range, make sure the weighing pan is empty and the samples to be weighed do not exceed the fine range capacity.

The position of the decimal point on the Numeric Display identifies the weighing range. One decimal place is added when weighing in the fine range.

(For Example: coarse range - 150.0000g
fine range - 25.00000g)



When your balance is changing ranges, it always tares. The displays show

DISPLAYS SHOW

four place models

value **WORKING**

then

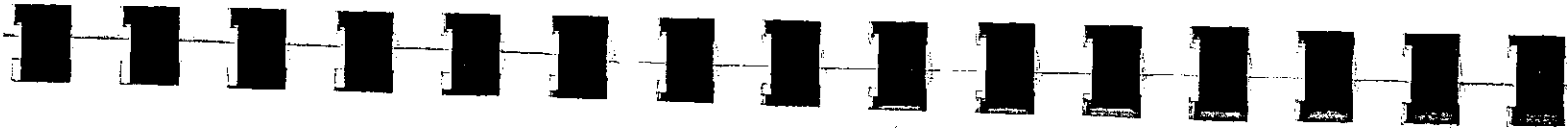
0.000 **GRAM**

five place models

----- **WORKING**

then

0.0000 **GRAM**



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To modify the calibration variance, use the following procedure:

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Auto Cal** key.
2. Press repeatedly the **Set Up** key until the calibration value to be modified is displayed.
3. Press the **On Off** key to choose the value.
4. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to select either the plus or minus sign.
5. When the desired sign is displayed, press the **On Off** key to choose it.
6. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to change the most significant digit. (Digits 0 - 1 cycle as you press this key.)

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

CAL

CAL -100-

V + 00.0 mg

V - 00.0 mg

V - 00.0 mg

V - 10.0 mg

V - 10.0 mg

V - 12.0 mg

V - 12.0 mg

7. When the desired digit is displayed, press the **On Off** key to choose it.
8. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to change the next digit. (Digits 0 - 9 cycle as you press this key.)
9. When the desired digit is displayed press the **On Off** key to choose it.
10. Repeat Steps #8 and #9 for each additional digit.

The balance returns to normal operation after all of the digits have been selected.



BALANCE CONFIGURATION

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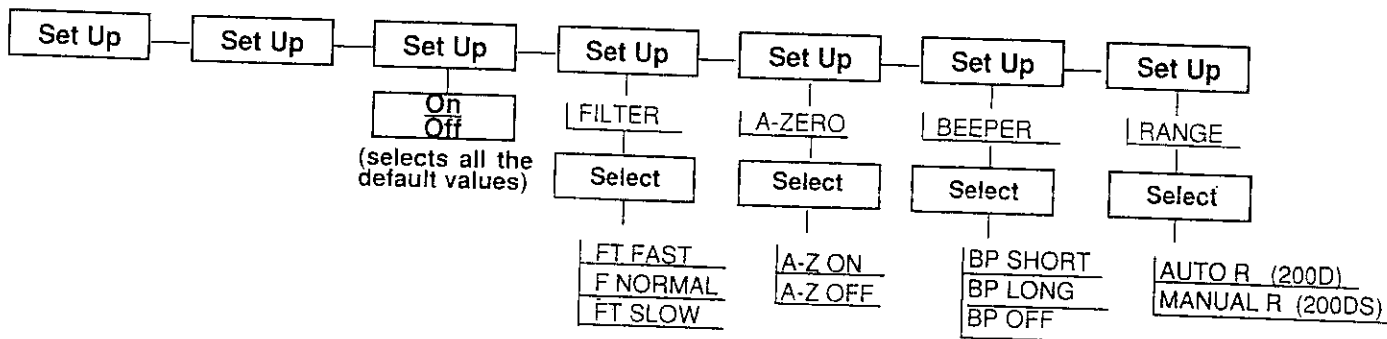
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Set Up

The **Set Up** key is used to access the Set Up-Display Menu and the Set Up-Print Menu. These menus provide other settings that you can select in order to adapt your balance to fit a particular weighing situation.

Set Up-Display

The shaded parameters indicate the default (factory) settings.



The **Set Up-Display** menu is used for the following options:

- Default Sets the parameter to default settings
- Filter Optimizes response to vibrations by changing the update speed
- Auto Zero Automatic re-zero of display
- Beeper Sets beeper control
- Range On dual range models, selects method for range change

Default Values





Initially, the Default Values are activated when your balance is powered up. These settings, listed below, remain in memory until changed by the user.

- Filter Normal
- Auto-Zero On
- Beeper Long
- Range Automatic (200D)
- Range Manual (200DS)
- Print Single
- Baud 300
- Type 1 Output
- Zero Print On
- Parity Off
- Auto Print

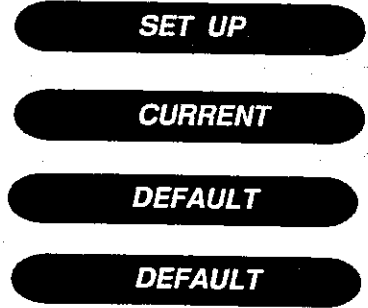
However, If any of the settings have been changed you can quickly re-set all the default values by using the procedure on the next page.

Re-setting The Default Values

PROCEDURE

1. Press the  key.
2. Press the  key again.
3. Press the  key again.
4. Press the  key to choose all the Default Values.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS



Filter

It is possible to optimize the balance response to compensate for varying conditions, including building vibrations, drafts, surface vibrations, etc. Three settings are available - Filter Fast, Filter Normal, and Filter Slow.

Filter Fast Used under ideal conditions; provides the fastest response time; at this setting, the balance is much more susceptible to vibrations and drafts.

Filter Normal Used under standard lab conditions; operates at moderate speed.

Filter Slow Used in areas with vibrations and drafts; averages more readings at a slower rate.

We recommend that you try various Filter Settings to determine the most suitable setting in relation to your environment and/or usage.

Filter cont..

PROCEDURE

1. Press repeatedly the **Set Up** key to advance to *FILTER*.
2. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.
FT FAST
F NORMAL
FT SLOW
4. When the desired setting is displayed, press the **On Off** key to choose it.
5. Either press the **Set Up** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing mode.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

FILTER*setting**setting***A-ZERO****TARING**

Auto-Zero

Auto-Zero helps maintain a zero display reading (when the balance has been Tared to zero) in a less than ideal weighing environment. This feature automatically corrects for zero drift .

A-Z ON (Auto-Zero On) Automatically compensates for zero drift.

A-Z OFF (Auto-Zero Off) Turns off this correction feature.

PROCEDURE

1. Press repeatedly the **Set Up** key to advance to *A-ZERO*.
2. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.
A-Z ON
A-Z OFF
4. When the desired setting is displayed, press the **On Off** key to choose it.
5. Either press the **Set Up** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing mode.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

A-ZERO*setting**setting***BEEPER****TARING**

Beeper

The volume of the audible BEEPER can be adjusted or turned OFF. Three settings are available:

- Beeper Short Sets a softer tone for less than a second.
- Beeper Long Sets a louder tone for approximately one second.
- Beeper Off Turns off the tone.

PROCEDURE

1. Press repeatedly the **Set Up** key to advance to *BEEPER*.
2. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.

BP SHORT
BP LONG
BP OFF
4. When the desired setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.
5. Either press the **Set Up** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing mode.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

- BEEPER**
- setting*
- setting*
- RANGE**
- TARING**



Range

On dual range models, there are two settings:

- Auto Range** Sets your balance to automatically change range when lower capacity is exceeded; also, with this setting, use the **Select** key to switch ranges.
- Manual Range** Keeps the balance from switching ranges when the capacity is exceeded; instead, the Message Display shows *OVER* when this occurs.

PROCEDURE

1. Press repeatedly the **Set Up** key to advance to *RANGE*.
2. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.

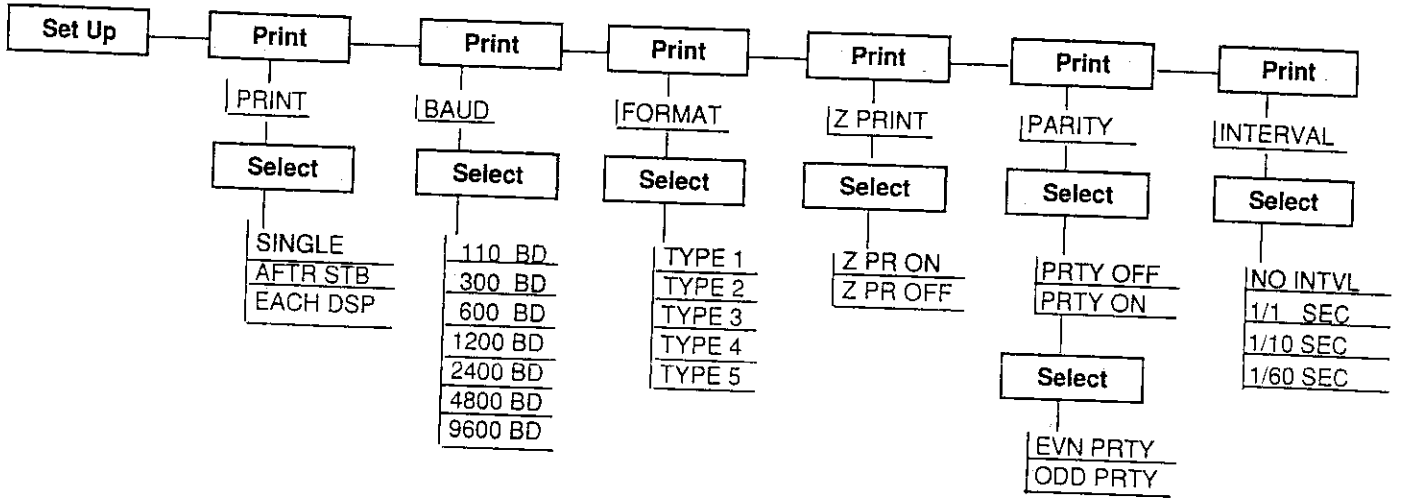
AUTO R
MANUAL R
4. When the desired setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.
5. Either press the **Set Up** key to begin the cycle again or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing mode.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

- RANGE**
- setting*
- setting*
- DEFAULT**
- TARING**

Set Up - Print

The shaded parameters indicate the factory settings.



Set Up - Print Menu

The **Set Up** key and the **Print** key are used to access the Print Menu in order to make the following settings:

- Print Allows the balance to send data to a computer or printer when interfaced;
- Baud Sets the transfer rate unit for serial data transmission in bits/second.
- Format Sets the format for the type of I/O string.
- Zero Print Permits balance to print at zero weight
- Parity Permits recognition of simple bit errors in data transmissions.
- Interval Adapts data transfer to match receivers of different speeds.

Print

The Print option allows you to select from three modes of printing a data string when the balance is interfaced to a computer or printer.

- Single: Sends a single data string from balance to printer or computer when the **Print** key is pressed.
- After Stability: Automatically sends a single data string after the display stabilizes.
- Each Display: Continually sends a signal through the I/O port.

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Set Up** key.
2. Press the **Print** key to advance to *PRINT*.
3. Press the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.
SINGLE
AFTR STB
*EACH DSP**
4. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

SET UP

PRINT

setting

setting

5. Either press the **Print** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing operation.

BAUD

or

TARING

* This option must be selected if you plan to adjust the interval setting.

Set Up-Print

Baud

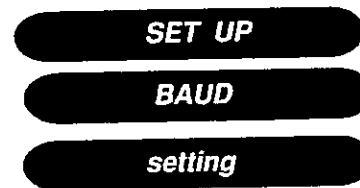
The rate at which data is input to and output from the balance can be selected. Choose the baud that matches the setting on the printer or computer used with the balance. Seven choices are available.

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Set Up** key.
2. Press repeatedly the **Print** key to advance to *BAUD*.
3. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.

110 BD	1200 BD
300 BD	2400 BD
600 BD	4800 BD
	9600 BD
4. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.
5. Either press the **Print** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing operation.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS



Format

This option sets the format for the type of I/O string. Five choices are available :

	Stable	Unstable
Type 1	1 + 0000.0002	U + 0000.0002
Type 2	S + 0000.0003 g	SD + 0000.0003 g
Type 3	ST + 0000.0003	US + 0000.0003
Type 4	+ 0000.0003	+ 0000.0003
Type 5	+0000.0003 grams	+0000.0003 UNSTABLE

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Set Up** key.
2. Press repeatedly the **Print** key to advance to *FORMAT*.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS



Set Up-Print

Format cont.

- 3. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.

TYPE 1
 TYPE 2
 TYPE 3
 TYPE 4
 TYPE 5

- 4. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.

- 5. Either press the **Print** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing operation.

setting

setting

Z-PRINT
or

TARING



Zero Print

The Zero Print Option selects whether or not to print at zero weight.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Press the **Set Up** key.
- 2. Press repeatedly the **Print** key to advance to Z PRINT.
- 3. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.

Z PR ON
 Z PR OFF

- 4. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.

- 5. Either press the **Print** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing operation.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

SET UP

Z PRINT

setting

setting

PARITY
or

TARING

Parity

The Parity Option permits you to set a control bit to check the accuracy of serially transmitted data. The Parity setting must match the printer or computer used with the balance.

Even Parity requires that the number of set bits must be even.

Odd Parity requires that the number of set bits must be uneven.

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Set Up** key.
2. Press repeatedly the **Print** key to advance to *PARITY*.
3. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.
PRTY OFF
PRTY ON
4. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On Off** key to choose it.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

SET UP

PARITY

setting

setting



- 5a. If you have set Parity *ON*, continue to press the **Select** key for the next setting; if you have set Parity *OFF*, skip to Step #6.
- 5b. Continue to press the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.
EVN PRTY
ODD PRTY
- 5c. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On Off** to choose it.
6. Either press the **Print** key to advance to the next option or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing operation.

setting

setting

setting

INTERVAL

or

TARING

Set Up-Print

Interval

The Interval Option selects the interval for data transfer to your printer. Four choices are available:

- No Interval Transfers data automatically when any change or update occurs.
- Print 1/1 second Transfers data once every second; however, this rate may vary depending upon the baud setting.
- Print 1/10 seconds Transfers data once every ten seconds.
- Print 1/60 seconds Transfers data once every 60 seconds.

PROCEDURE

1. Press the **Set Up** key.
2. Press repeatedly the **Print** key to advance to *INTERVAL*.

MESSAGE DISPLAY SHOWS

SET UP

INTERVAL



3. Press repeatedly the **Select** key to cycle through the settings.

NO INTVL
*1/1 SEC**
*1/10 SEC**
*1/60 SEC**

setting

* To use this setting, the Each Display (EACH DISP) must be selected as outlined in setting the Print Option. (See page 36.)

4. When the appropriate setting is displayed, press the **On/Off** key to choose it.

setting

5. Either press the **Print** key to begin the cycle again or press the **Tare** key to exit the menu and return to the weighing operation.

PRINT

or

TARING