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Manual

Laboratory Balance

PCE-WS 30



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1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a compact scale from PCE Instruments.

The compact scale PCE-WS 30 is designed for professional weighing and has a memory function. This compact scale is an ideal device when you need to determine weights up to 30 kg. The scale has adjusting feet and fixation for the levelling as well as a water-level inside the housing. Previous taring can be entered via keyboard. With the integrated RS-232 interface and the optional software kit you will be able to transfer the weight data to a computer or portable. This compact scale has a power supply of 240 V or it can be powered by means of a rechargeable internal accumulator which gives you a chance to move the scale everywhere.

2 Safety instructions

Please follow the safety instructions below to avoid damaging the device:

- Do not let the scale get wet or place it in an environment with extreme temperature or humidity
- Do not shock the scale and do not exceed its capacity. *This can cause permanent damage*
- Only use the scale with the included AC power supply or the internal battery.
- If you don't use the scale over a longer period, please remove the battery.
- Do not expose the scale to direct sunlight.
- Before using the scale, please put it on a stable platform and adjust its feet to level it out.

Please, read this user's handbook carefully and completely, before you put it into service for the first time. The usage of the device may take place only through carefully trained staff.

- The device may only be used in approved temperature range
- The opening of the case should only be done by qualified personnel of the PCE Instruments.
- The instrument should never be placed with the user interface (e.g. keyboard side on a table)
- You should not make technical changes on the device
- The appliance should only be cleaned with a damp cloth / use only pH-neutral cleaner

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We expressly point to our general guarantee terms, they can be found in our general terms of business.

If you have any questions please contact PCE Instruments.

3 Specifications

Technical specifications	
Scale model	PCE-WS 30
Weighing range [max.]	30 kg
Readability [d]	0.5 g
Minimum weight	0.5 g
Memory	99 readings
Taring range	100 %
Measuring units	g / kg / lb
Display	Large LC display with 6 digits
Calibration	Via external calibration weight
Weighing pan	230 x 310 mm
Operating temperature	0 ... +40 °C
Power supply	Adapter 230 V / 50 Hz or internal battery (both included)
Housing	ABS plastic
Interface	RS-232
Software kit	Optional
Dimensions	Aprox. 320 x 320 x 125 mm
Weight	Aprox. 2.8 kg

Delivery contents

1 x compact scale PCE-WS 30

1 x mains adapter

1x instruction manual

4 Keypad functions



Numeric keys used for entering weight limits



Decimal point key



Zero key. This key will reset the zero.



Tare key. Press this key to subtract the weight of containers.



Press this key to save the indicated value.



Press this key to clear the memory.



Press this key to delete the entered values from the display.



Press this key to switch between the different measuring units.



Pressing this key deletes set weight limits.



With this key, you can set the upper weight limit.



With this key, you can set the lower weight limit.

5 Operation

5.1 Turn the scale ON/OFF

Remove all objects from the tray and turn the scale on by pushing the power switch to the “ON” position. The scale will perform a self-test and zero. After that, it will switch to the weighing mode. To turn the scale off, push the power switch to the “OFF” position.

5.2 Zero the scale

When there are no objects on the tray and the scale doesn't indicate “0”, you can manually zero it by



pressing the key.

The zeroing function is only available if the deviation is within $\pm 2\%$ of the measuring range.

5.3 Tare function

By using the tare function, you can determine the net weight by subtracting the weight of an object, like a container for example.



To do so, place the object on the tray and press the key. The tare function is now activated. If you now remove the object from the tray, its weight is indicated as a negative value on the display.



If you press the key again, you cancel the tare mode.

5.4 Set weight limits

You can set weight limits which trigger an alarm signal, when exceeded.

To set up the upper weight limit, enter the desired value and press the  key to confirm the input.

To set up the lower weight limit, enter the desired value and press the  key to confirm the input.

By pressing the  key, you can eliminate the existing weight limits.

Note: All weight limits have to be entered in kg.

5.5 Select the measuring unit

To switch between the measuring units kg, g and lb, use the  key.

5.6 Memory

You can save the indicated value, after it stabilized, by pressing the  key. The display now shows the number of saved values (max. 99).

If "OL" is indicated on the display, this means that the internal memory is full.

To clear the memory, press the  key.

5.7 Adjust the settling time

You can adjust the settling time of the scale, if necessary.

To do so, hold the  key when turning the scale on, until the current settling time appears on the display. Пb0 is the slowest and Пb6 is the fastest value.

By pressing the  key, you can confirm the selected value.

5.8 Adjust the readability

To adjust the readability, hold the  key when turning the scale on, until the current readability appears on the display. Now you can select a value by using the  key. To confirm your selection,

press the  key.

5.9 Adjust the backlight

To adjust the backlight, hold the  key when turning on the scale, until it has finished the self-test. The display now shows the current setting.

"AUTO" The backlight is turned on/off automatically

"ON" The backlight is always on

"OFF" The backlight is always off

Use the  key to select a setting. After that, press the  key to confirm.

5.10 Adjust the data transfer settings (RS-232)

Hold the  key when you turn on the scale, until the self-test is finished. Now the display should

show the "Baud Rate" settings. Here you can choose between 2400, 4800 and 9600 by using the 

key. To confirm the selection, press the  key.

Next you can choose between "ST" and "Co".

"ST" (stable)

The data is only transferred if the value is stabilised

"Co" (continue)

The data is transferred continuously

Press  to confirm the selection.

5.11 Calibration

You can calibrate the scale by using an external calibration weight.

To do so, hold the  key when you turn on the scale until the self-test is finished. You should now

see "CAL" on the display. Press the  key again. The display should now show "0".

Now you can enter the weight of the external calibration weight which you want to use for the calibration by using the numeric keys.

Note: The weight has to be entered in kg. We recommend a calibration weight which covers ca. 2/3 of the measuring range of the scale.

Next, put the weight on the tray and press the  key to start the calibration. The calibration is now finished.

5.12 Recharge the battery

If the battery voltage is low an indication appears on the display.

If this is the case, please turn off the scale and start charging the battery. While the battery is charged a yellow LED is glowing. When the battery is fully charged this LED turns red.

It takes about 12 hours until the battery is fully charged.

5.13 Interface protocol

DATA FORMAT

HEAD1 , HEAD2 ,			DATA								UNIT		CR						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
HEAD1 (2BYTES)												HEAD2 (2BYTES)							

OL - overload

NT – net weight mode

ST – stable

US - unstable

DATA(8BYTE)

2D (HEX) = “ - ” (negative sign) **20** (HEX) = “ ” (blank)

2E (HEX) = “ . ” (decimal point)

UNIT (4 byte)

g= 20 (HEX) ; 20 (HEX) ; 20 (HEX) ; 67 (HEX)

kg= 20 (HEX) ; 20 (HEX) ; 6B (HEX) ; 67 (HEX)

ct= 20 (HEX) ; 20 (HEX) ; 63 (HEX) ; 74 (HEX)

ozt= 20 (HEX) ; 6F (HEX) ; 7A (HEX) ; 74 (HEX)

CR= OA (HEX) ; OD (HEX) ;

Transmission example

1. Ex. : stable net + 0.168 g

HEAD ,	HEAD ,	DATA	UNIT	CR
ST ,	NT ,	+ 0.168	g	OA, OD

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