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WIRELESS WEIGHING INSTRUCTIONS.



M2400 Wireless Laptop Scale System

Kit Information:

IN SERVICE:	05-24-2018	Hammock Helicopter
S/N:	18-FF24B5	M2400-4-10CS
Red:	TA905987	FF15EE
Blue:	TA905994	FF1393
Yellow:	TA905999	FF15E2
Green:	TA905991	FF0B9A

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Certificate of Calibration

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10K: ASTM/NIST Traceable Master Cell: S/N U-8226 Morehouse Report No. U-8226F2222

10K: NIST Traceability: Dead Weight Force Machine S/N M-9500 NIST Lab no. 684/289871-17

Calibration due date according to ASTM E74-18A: June 22, 2024

All readings were taken in compression. Calibrated @ 23.0°C / 32% RH

Customer: Hammock Helicopter

Date of Receipt: 08/04/23

Kit Calibrated: Good

Channel 1 (Replaced Module)

FF ID: FD2ACE			Cal Cycle: 365 Day		
Cell S/N: TA905987		Calibrated on: 08/16/2023		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5		Calibration due: 08/16/2024		Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Channel 2

FF ID: FF1393			Cal Cycle: 365 Day		
Cell S/N: TA905994		Calibrated on: 08/16/2023		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5		Calibration due: 08/16/2024		Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Channel 3 (Replaced Module)

FF ID: FD29B2			Cal Cycle: 365 Day		
Cell S/N: TA905999		Calibrated on: 08/16/2023		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5		Calibration due: 08/16/2024		Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Channel 4

FF ID: FF0B9A			Cal Cycle: 365 Day		
Cell S/N: TA905991		Calibrated on: 08/16/2023		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5		Calibration due: 08/16/2024		Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Calibration Technician Conducting the Calibration: **George Moussavi**

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Customer: Hammock Helicopter

Date of Receipt: 08/04/23

Kit Received: Repair Required

Channel 1 (DAMAGED WIRELESS)					
FF ID: FF15EE		Tested on: 08/16/2023		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905987				Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500		#DIV/0!			
2000		#DIV/0!			
4000		#DIV/0!			
6000		#DIV/0!			
8000		#DIV/0!			
10000		#DIV/0!			

Channel 2					
FF ID: FF1393		Tested on: 08/16/2023		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905994				Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	497	-0.60%			
2000	1999	-0.05%			
4000	4000	0.00%			
6000	6002	0.03%			
8000	8003	0.04%			
10000	10003	0.03%			

Channel 3 (DAMAGED WIRELESS)					
FF ID: FF15E2		Tested on: 08/16/2023		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905999				Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500		#DIV/0!			
2000		#DIV/0!			
4000		#DIV/0!			
6000		#DIV/0!			
8000		#DIV/0!			
10000		#DIV/0!			

Channel 4					
FF ID: FF0B9A		Tested on: 08/16/2023		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905991				Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%			
2000	2002	0.10%			
4000	4002	0.05%			
6000	6004	0.07%			
8000	8003	0.04%			
10000	10002	0.02%			

Technician Conducting the Test: George Moussavi



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10K: NIST Traceability: Dead Weight Force Machine S/N M-4644 NIST Lab no. 822/255038-95

Calibration due date according to ASTM E74-13a: March 16, 2019

All readings were taken in compression. Calibrated @ 23°C / 58% RH

Customer: Hammock Helicopter

Date of Manufacture: 05/23/18

Kit Calibrated: Good

Channel 1					
FF ID: FF15EE		Calibrated on: 05/25/2018		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905987		Calibration due: 05/25/2019		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Channel 2					
FF ID: FF1393		Calibrated on: 05/25/2018		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905994		Calibration due: 05/25/2019		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	4999	-0.02%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Channel 3					
FF ID: FF15E2		Calibrated on: 05/25/2018		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905999		Calibration due: 05/25/2019		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7001	0.01%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Channel 4					
FF ID: FF0B9A		Calibrated on: 05/25/2018		Cal Cycle: 365 Day	
Cell S/N: TA905991		Calibration due: 05/25/2019		Mfg. Type: M2400	
Kit S/N: 18-FF24B5				Cell Type: 10K Cell	
Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %	Load Applied Lbs	Channel Reads	Accuracy %
500	500	0.00%	7000	7000	0.00%
1000	1000	0.00%	8000	8000	0.00%
2000	2000	0.00%	9000	9000	0.00%
3000	3000	0.00%	10000	10000	0.00%
4000	4000	0.00%			
5000	5000	0.00%			
6000	6000	0.00%			

Calibration Technician Conducting the Calibration: Michael Fisher

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your purchase of our wireless scale system please read and understand the entire instructions, as wireless weighing is a little bit different than traditional wired systems. Wireless weighing has evolved in the past few years, it has many good points and applications but first you must consider all the variable conditions and system operation to insure your readings are correct.

This system uses the 2.4 Ghz range to transmit and receive. In standard conditions its range is about 100ft and signal strength is one of the most important considerations. Transmission and receiving is conducted using a "Base Station" USBBS for short and a load cell installed "Receiver Transmitter" RT for short. The system also is capable of being used with a lap top computer or a PC type computer with the proper software installed.

DESCRIPTIONS

Computer:

Our system can use most PC type computers and laptop's running Windows applications such as Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, 8 and 10. The software can be downloaded directly to a computer as well as programming software to set up, configure, calibrate, monitor and read your scale system components. Depending on your order configuration, you may have purchased a laptop with your kit or chosen to have Aircraftscales.com configure your own computer. Either way, the software works the same across the board.

The USBBS uses your computers USB port for connection and power, just load the software for the indication, plug in your USBBS and launch the application. The scale indicator will read on your computer as well as be available for other functions. The beauty of our system and using a laptop computer is that the system becomes completely portable, and can connect to your existing printer.

Software:

Your software will come preinstalled on the laptop if a full system was purchased from Aircraftscales.com. If you provided us with your laptop, it will be preloaded and tested on your machine or a USB key with the software was provided with your kit so it can be loaded by your personnel.

The software package consists of three applications which will in turn make folders and provide shortcuts on your computer; we recommend shortcuts to the Desktop for easy operation.

Your computer or USB key also contains very important files. One for the logging/indicator, one for a quick view indicator, and three or four for the load cells RT's. These files contain the recovery programming to reprogram your system should the need arise and or you decide to change computers.

Back Up your software:

If your system has the software pre-loaded, we advise that you back up your software as soon as possible. Copy the install folder installed in the documents section. Copy the M2400 Log 100 files. Copy the T24 file set which holds your module information.

From this file, you can now copy your software onto another laptop computer for back up and use should your primary computer fail. Keep in mind, the system used must be Windows based, 32 bit or higher and can be a PC, Laptop or a tablet running Windows full 32 bit or higher software.

LOG 100 Program Launch: Plug in the USSB antenna to the USB port!

On the laptop, power up to the desktop screen, on the screen you will see the LOG 100Log24 Icon short cut, click on the short cut to launch the logging indicator.

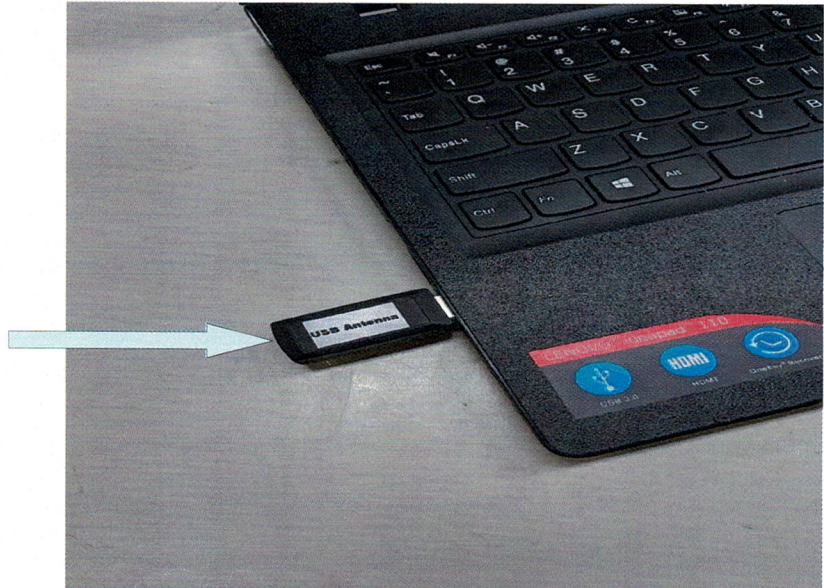


USB Antenna:

Your kit was supplied with a USB Antenna.

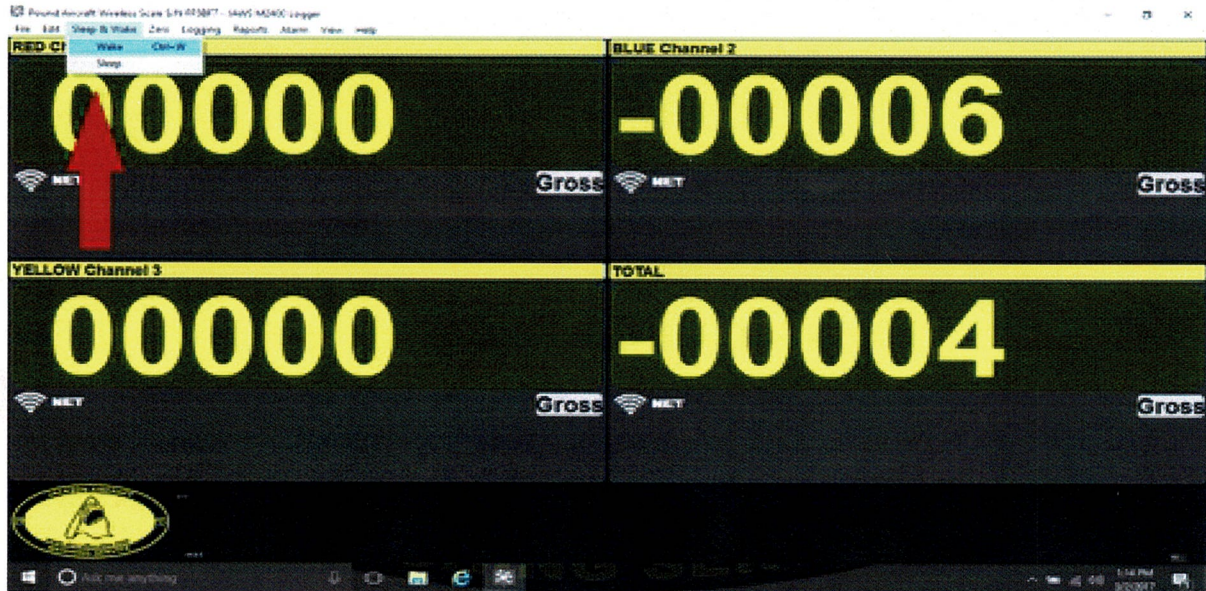


Plug in the USB antenna as shown below:



Logging/indication:

The indication for the system is displayed on the M2400 logger application. Your system is already set up or the USB key software is loaded that has the configuration of the system. When you launch the application, it starts the program and displays the basic indicator with the scales in a “Sleeping” condition. Shown below is the screen shot opening of the system.



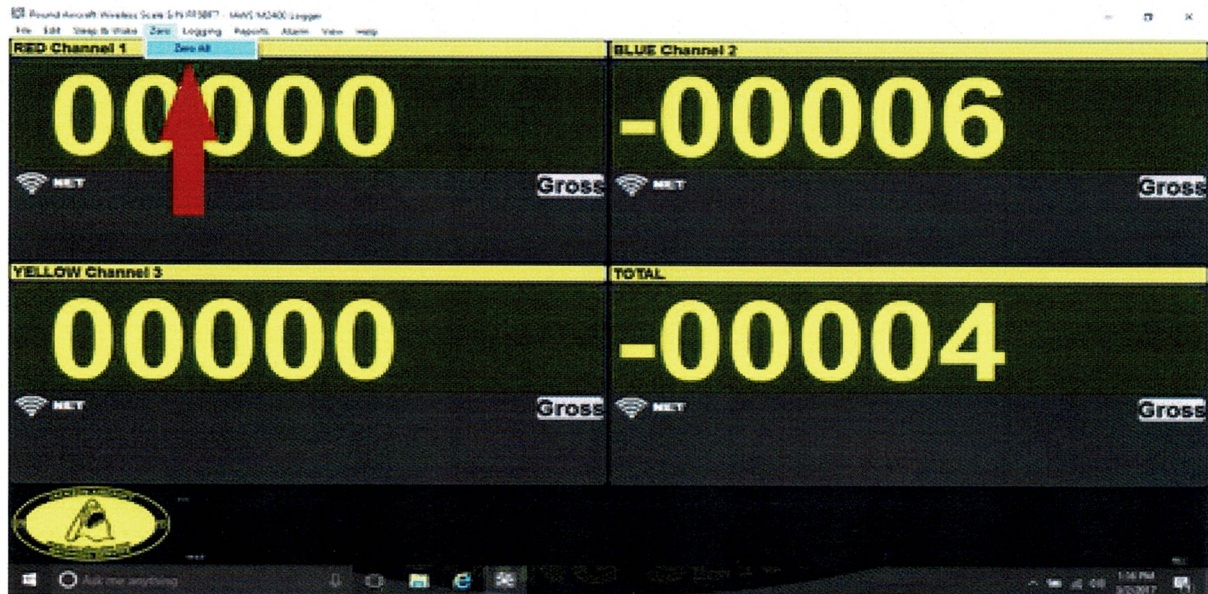
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Keep in mind that the USBBS must be plugged in or else you will get a warning that the “Base Station was not found. It’s now time to “Wake” your cells RT’s and make contact with the base station. On the menu highlight the selection as shown:

If your cells do not wake up, you will have to focus the transmission beam between the cells and the base station, the system is a line of sight type application, keep waking till the display is full.

Each cell RT has a logo on the case, the base station and tripod also has a logo on it. Point the logos at each jack point so as to focus on the base station. This may require you to relocate the base station antenna and tripod to a point in front of the aircraft where all the cells can be seen at the same time. Depending on the length of the aircraft and conditions, you may also be able to place the antenna behind the nose or tail point when weighing.

Zero All Command to “Zero all Channels” Click two times to zero channels and total.

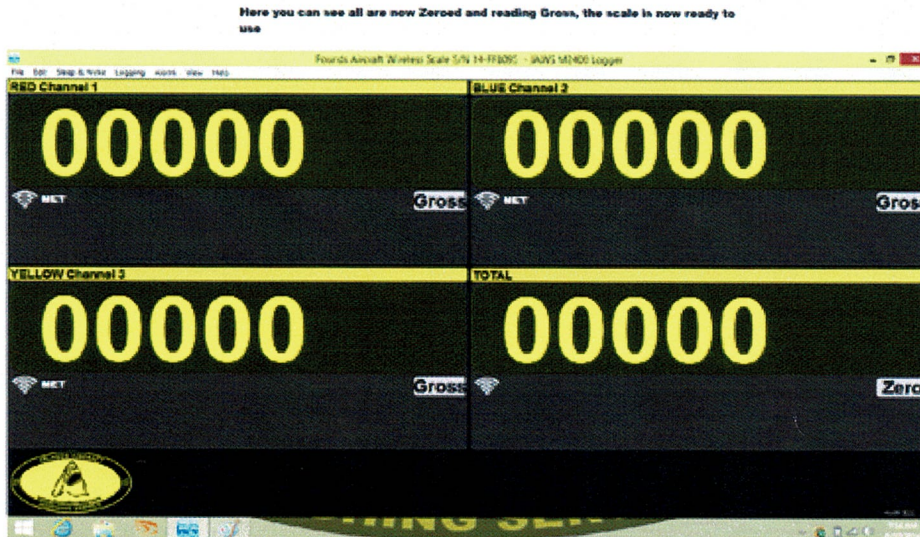


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Scale system is now operational and ready to Zero each channel till Gross is displayed.

Use the Zero All dropdown command to zero, click it two times, once to zero the channels and once to Zero the total.

You can always Zero each cell by the Gross to Zero button on each scale box. Click the Gross till Zero is Displayed indicating that the unit needs to be Zeroed. Click the Zero button to turn it back to Gross and the display will read -00000- on the displays.



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With the cells in position and contact made and your now in communication with the base station, you will want to check your LQI and strength meter on each cell. Again, you may have to move around to gain the best strength and “Full Bars” is always the best condition to take your readings.



This indication is just like your cell phone, strong signal and full bars are the preferred indication.

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OPERATION:

You're now reading all the cells and ready to operate the system. Check each channel for 'Zero' and zero the scale using the zero all button or the on screen zero for each channel till the unit reads "Gross". Red cell is channel 1, Blue cell is channel 2, and the Yellow cells are channel 3, Green cell is channel 4.

We advise that you center the cells in position and jack the aircraft onto the cells, loading them with weight. Check your jack centering and position and let the cells sit with a load for 5 minutes to allow the cells to adjust. Lower the aircraft and ensure the cells have air gap from the jack points and then "Re Zero" or check your "Gross" reading is -0- again.

With the aircraft and kit now ready and warmed up, jack the aircraft up and clear the ground with the wheels and check level. You can now read all three channels directly from the indication on your screen. Once the readings are taken you can lower again, check for zero and drift, and that is it, you're complete for the first weighing.

If during any time the indication goes into a "red indication" it means that you temporarily lost signal. If the indication comes back and you establish communication with the unit again, all you have to do is verify that you have LQI signal and that the unit is indeed reading the weight.

Lost communication is not a reason to stop the process or start and stop again. The system will pick up the weight reading from the transmitter and display it in real time. The transmitter at no time stopped with its process nor transmission, so the weight reading is continuously transmitted.

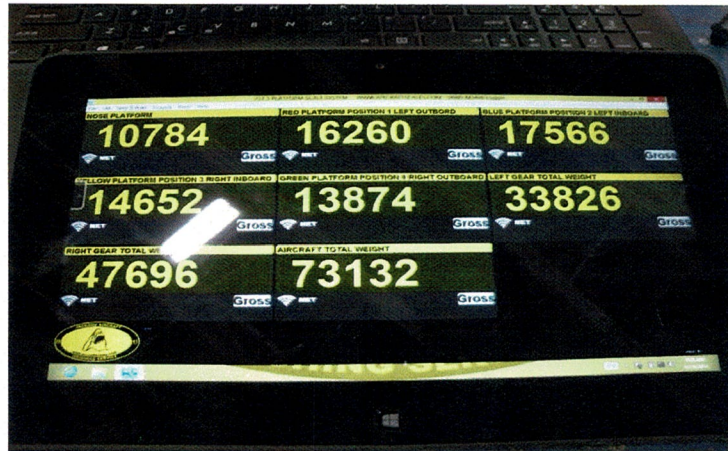
SYSTEM TIME OUT:

The system is programmed to run on a 30 to 60 minute cycle once the unit has been waked up. If you leave the system unattended or take more than 60 minutes to conduct your weighing the system will re-enter the sleep mode and shut down the transmitters to save battery power.

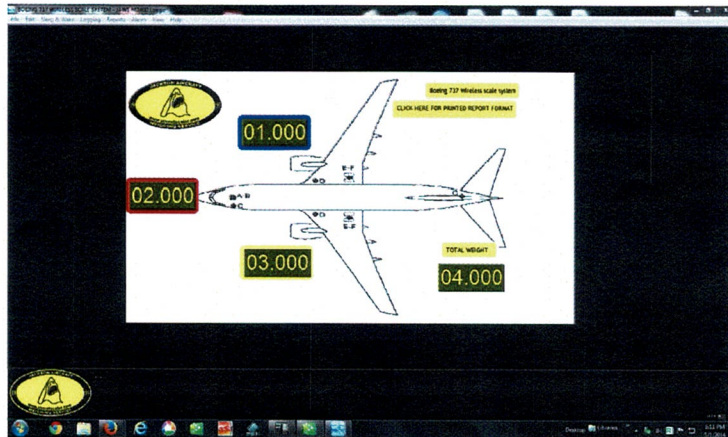
If the system does time out, you may need to close the M2400 logger and then "re-open" the logger and then "Wake" the cells.

Screens

Under “View” in the drop down, select “All Channels” and your system will display all the channels as well as the totalizers for each set of scales.



Here you can see the read out of the scales on your laptop computer. Notice that the scale reads out as a total weight. Each main has two read outs, each tire and then the side totals. The last read out is the total of all scales.



On your drop down “view” select “Visual” here you can see the MAP page; it shows the optional aircraft in picture format and the read outs are displayed as live tiles. The scale totals will be seen in these tiles and the entire page can be printed out as a full report using the report feature in the program.

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Printing a report

Reports can be printed in two formats: Standard Report and MAP report. These reports are generated in your web browser and are HTML based. You can print your reports by using the print function in your browser. Go to your browser tools, print, select print preview or just print.

In your drop down menu you will see "Reports" while in the "All Channels" mode, select the Standard Aircraft Report, once selected you will be prompted to input your specific data on the weighing. Once complete, click next and your report will be exported to your web browser.

You can save and name your reports, print your reports, and generate as many reports that you like to. When saving your reports make sure you rename your report so you can find it later. Also remember where you saved your report in the files.

Select "Mapping" and you will be sent to the live tile map screen. Once there you will take a snap shot of the weighing using your print report command as above or you can click the print report box displayed in the MAP and your report snapshot will be taken.

Saving your MAP report is the same; it is generated in the web browser and can now be saved or printed.

BATTERY LIFE IS EVERY THING!

It is not recommended to leave the transmitters on for long periods as this will run the battery down in each unit, place the system in sleep mode if it is not being used. However if you are using the system for expected long periods to take your readings it is recommended that you use the wake feature to restart the time out to insure that no sleeping is triggered mid-stream of a weighing process.

Loss contact with a cell will not cause the cell to sleep; the light on the transmitter will stay lit and show that the cell is active. If however a cell is observed as not having the light on, it may have gone into sleep mode, so check each cell's light if sleeping is suspected.

SHUT DOWN SLEEP MODE:

Once you have completed your operation place the cell transmitter into "Sleep Mode". This is very important to save battery life and extend operations. To place the system in sleep mode, select the mode from the menu at the top of the indicator shown as "SLEEP & WAKE" mouse over and select SLEEP to shut down the transmitters.

Once the units are in sleep mode they will remain there till a WAKE signal is sent from the base station to again command operation.

BATTERY LIFE AND OPERATION:

The batteries used are standard AA type batteries that can be found most anywhere in the world. Battery life will be altered by several factors; Amount of times used, settings for transmission data, heat or cold, and quality of type of battery used.

The system is recommended to be used on a Duracell or Energizer brand battery. These are industry proven batteries and their life and output are proven to work with your wireless system to give you the longest and strongest signal. Use of cheap off brand batteries will result with less than expected performance and life.

If the scale is not to be used for long periods of time, we recommend that the batteries be changed every six months to ensure power requirements as well as capability is maintained in a ready state. Battery change will not affect the calibration nor cause any issues with the system.

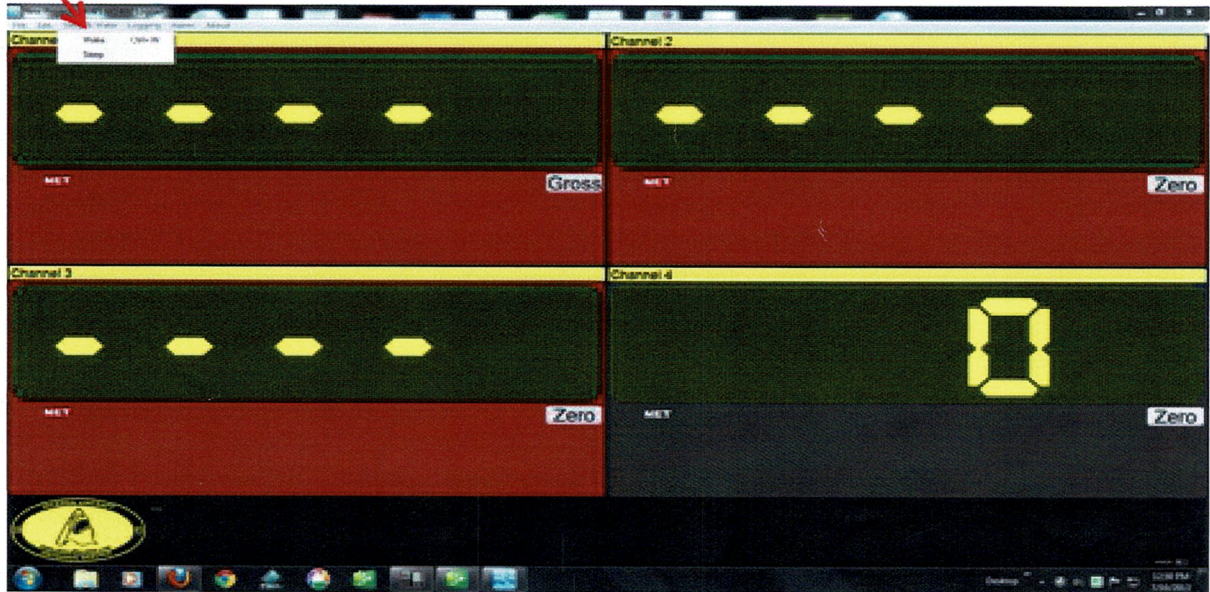
Always check your strength of signal, if a weak signal cannot be resolved, change the batteries on the transmitters and re-try the system again. Fresh batteries will insure that you have a proper voltage and endurance as well as a stable result while weighing.

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Don't forget to put the modules to SLEEP when finished!



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Jack Top Kits

Pre weigh set up of cells and adapters

***Not all kits have cell tops.**



Note: It is very important that the cell top jack pad adapters are screwed in all the way as shown with no air gap, adapter must bottom on the cell top.

Note: Improper use may result in damage

Below is a picture of an improper install, note that the adapter is not all the way bottomed and there is an air gap. Cells with air gap will read incorrectly, can be damaged and may cause damage to the aircraft.



Always inspect each cell adapter prior to use or when changing adapters.

Platform Kits

Proper use of chocks

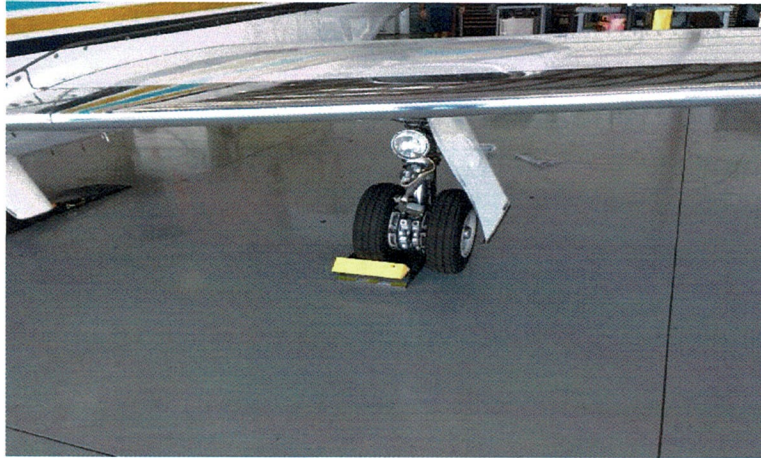
Note: Ramps are only to be used as shown.



Warning

Proper use of chocks is required to prevent the aircraft from rolling off of the platforms. Personnel engaged in the operation of placing the aircraft onto the platforms must be trained in the use of the tow vehicle, scale placement and use of chocks on the platforms. If improper set up is used and personnel are not trained in the procedure, damage to the aircraft can result. If the aircraft is allowed to roll off of the platforms they, or the aircraft may be damaged.

Wheel off ground for dual wheel applications



Note: Center the wheel directly on the center of the platform.

Proper ramp placement and wheel alignment



Always check to make sure the wheel off the platform is not touching the floor.

Note: This placement of the ramp is the same for single wheel applications.



Warning

Ramp to platform placement must be used as shown. Ramp to platform placement; ramps are only approved to be used lengthwise. If improper set up is used and personnel are not trained in the procedure, damage to the aircraft can result. If the aircraft is allowed to roll off of the platforms they, or the aircraft may be damaged.

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Scale instructions for set up and use of the wireless digital system:

1. Connect the base station USB plug to your lap top or PC computer.
2. Screw in the cell to jack pad adapter and cell to jack one inch adapter or position platforms.
3. Power up the computer and locate the indication M2400 Logger software in the center of the desktop, launch the software to show the indicator on the computer screen.
4. The unit is now ON and displays all available channels. Wake the transmitters by using the wake command. All channels should wake and now indicate on the indicator, check LQI signal strength and make adjustments in the transmitter to receiver locations as needed to obtain the highest strength number of bars.
Press the Zero all function to "0" the indicator for each channel, or press Zero till GROSS is indicated; The scale should now display GROSS and "0" with no weight on the cells.
5. The scale is now ready for use; place the load cells on top of the jacks, jack and level the aircraft as per the aircraft manufactures instructions. Lower the aircraft and recheck the scale zero, jack and level the aircraft again as per the aircraft manufactures instructions.
6. **Safety note:** Use extreme caution jacking with these cells for large jets. No misalignment or side loading.
7. Read the weight of each channel as indicated. Red is channel #1, Blue is Channel #2, Yellow is Channel #3, (optional Green is Channel #4) (optional Orange is Channel #5).
8. Ensure that during the process that all channels remain on and the LQI signal strength is strong with bars showing like your cell phone.
9. After recording the weight of the channels, lower the aircraft and check for "scale drift" on each channel. If the scale does not return to "0"
10. Positive number should be deducted from the total weight of each channel
11. Negative number should be added to the total weight of each channel.
12. Repeat the above procedure at least once to confirm weight readings.
13. Turn the unit OFF and return all item to the case

Do not attempt to make any adjustments to the scale, only use the functions as noted above. If you have any questions please contact Jackson Aircraft Weighing Service.
www.aircraftscales.com Bus: 561-281-6179 larryjackson@jawsscales.com

Scale troubleshooting for use of the wireless digital system:

Unit powers up, display reads large weight numbers:

Allow the unit to initialize, numbers may run down toward -0- if the unit must be zeroed <0>. Press the <0> function and check for a 0 reading. The zero reading may be unstable at first and drift, wait for the cell to completely power up and stabilize and check zero. Do not move the cell from the top of the jack; let the cell stabilize prior to jacking the aircraft. Check for signal strength on the LQI indication (bars like your cell phone), move the transmitters and or receiver so that the logo stickers are towards each other.

Unit powers up, but still drifts and will not hold a zero reading:

This can be caused by several factors:

Check transmitter location and or receiver location, this is a line of sight system, ensure all transmitters have a clear line of sight to the receiver.

Cell transmitters are too far away or have interference with the base station receiving them, relocate base station antenna, retest LQI signal.

Cells came from cold to hot or hot to cold storage; let the cells stabilize to the temperature of the area being used for at least one hour. Place cells in "Sleep" mode during this time to conserve battery life.

Batteries in transmitters are low. Replace batteries in all transmitters and restart the system.

Too much RF in the area and or interference with signal in the 2.4 Ghz range. This may require reposition to another hangar or weighing location, or waiting for the RF to stop (wireless telephones)

Unit indicator became unstable while the aircraft was on the cell:

The system must be allowed time to adjust to the current temperature. Large drifts or changes are signs that the system must be allowed to adjust to the local climate.

Let the aircraft down and check zero, if the indicator has more than 3x the division (1lb division x3=3lbs) re zero and re weigh. If not add negative numbers to the total or subtract positive numbers from the total and record as "scale drift"

Loss of signal, check LQI meter and or make adjustments to the antennas for line of sight.

Low batteries; change all transmitter batteries.

Unit weighs heavy or light:

The 25K and 50K per cell scale kit is designed for use with large aircraft; this system is not intended to be used for small aircraft with small jack points, and weighs less than 5,000lbs total.

Check all jack mounting and cell to jack point contact points, side loading and or jacks that are not properly aligned or level in the vertical can cause false readings.

Suspect one cell of weighing too heavy or light:

Rotate cells from point to point and confirm weights in rotation. Aircraft was jacked improperly, jack legs are lifting or load cells are being cocked, check for air gap between the load cell and top of jack ram.

One cell confirmed bad:

Continue to rotate cells and record readings, after 3-rotation average the readings of the known good cells and record weights.

Scale readings from rotation are different at the same point weighed:

Jacking the aircraft level is very important. A load cell can become “cocked” on the jack ram and the angle of deflection can cause errors. Ensure the aircraft jacks are “set” in position and all legs are on the ground. Jack legs “lifting” are signs of a jack not properly located under the jack point.

Jacking the aircraft on un-level ground can also produce error. If necessary “shims” may need to be placed under a jack leg to “level the jack” then jack the aircraft in a level position. Some aircraft have excessively high nose conditions when level on jacks. Make sure the nose is brought up first to a level position, and then jack the mains to raise the aircraft evenly.

Cell reads low:

Ensure the wheels are off of the ground, jacks do sometimes “bleed down” allowing contact before the reading can be made.

I have a three wheel aircraft, how do I weigh it?

Follow the helpful hint page and set up instructions included with the set. Follow the aircraft manufactures instructions for weighing and configure the aircraft. Once the aircraft is on the scale, record the weights and apply them following the manufactures weighing form and formulas for determining weight and balance on your aircraft.

I have a five wheel aircraft, how do I weigh it?

For five wheel aircraft it will be necessary to have one wheel hang off the side of the scale. Locate the platform so that the inside wheel is off of the platform and the outside wheel is centered on the platform. Make sure that the hanging tire does not contact the floor as this will result in a false reading at reduced weight. If this procedure cannot be accomplished it may be necessary to remove one wheel by normal maintenance procedures. Weigh the wheel and record its weight. Weigh the aircraft and add the removed wheel weight to the final weight. Reinstall the removed wheel following the manufacture’s procedures.

The aircraft does not pull onto the scales easy.

Do not force the aircraft onto the scale! Only trained and qualified personnel are to be used to place the aircraft onto the scale system. Insure that the proper tow bar and tug size are used to perform the process.

I still can’t get the aircraft onto the scales.

Jack the aircraft and place the platforms under each wheel. Use of chocks is mandatory for this procedure, both in front and in back of the wheel to prevent roll off.

Aircraft weighs more or less than the old recorded weight.

Always check into why the aircraft weighs more or less than the previous weight. Changes in weight of more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% require examination of the records to account for the weight change. If a large weight change occurs, you must account for the weight change or have the scales inspected for calibration and correct weight readings.

The aircraft tires are too big for the scale.

Keep in mind, the scale has its size limits. All weight must be placed on the live weighing surface, centered lengthwise. Scale handles are always positioned to the outside of the tire. Never roll the aircraft tire over the handle as the scale may flip or the handle may break off.

I can't get the aircraft onto the scale in the center of the platforms when towing.

You must drag or pull the aircraft in a straight line prior to placement of the platforms. Once the platforms are in line, drive the tug straight and pull the aircraft onto the platforms. If necessary jack the aircraft to place the platforms.

I lined up the aircraft straight and still can't get it on the platforms straight.

Check the platforms for skidding. Sometimes the platforms will slide on very slick painted floors. If so, place a piece of cardboard box under the platform and ramp to stop the platform from skidding out.

I still can't get it on the platforms straight.

Jack the aircraft and place the platforms under the wheels. Use of chocks is mandatory for this procedure, both in front and in back of the wheel to prevent roll off.

Jacking, jack placement, floor condition, load cell mounting, leveling jacks and aircraft, considerations

Jacking:

When jacking an aircraft the manufactures instructions must be followed or damage to the aircraft may result due to improper jacking. Follow the aircraft manufacture requirement for the type and capacity of jack to be used, use only quality jacks, inferior jacks can result in jacking issues and or load cell mounting issues. One-inch mounting must be used to mount the load cell to the top of the jack. Jacks without this mounting should not be used.

Jack placement:

Jack placement is critical to proper load cell performance. Jacks should never be placed in position over drains, large cracks or severely unlevelled floor conditions. Floor condition and level should be considered prior to placement of the aircraft and jacks in the hanger. Determine the level and pitch of the hanger floor, locate the aircraft either nose uphill or downhill depending on the level of the aircraft as it sits on the floor. Jacking an aircraft in a wing low to high condition must be avoided to prevent side loading the jacks, load cells and trapped fluid running inside the wing.

Floor condition:

The condition and level of the floor is a factor in proper jacking and load cell performance. Floors should be surveyed for drains, level, pitch to the drains, cracks, power outlets and other items located on the floor. In general the floor pitch will run to the drain(s) located in the center of the floor or front across the hanger doors. Check the floor pitch and locate the aircraft accordingly.

Load cell mounting:

Load cells are mounted on the top of the jack using a one-inch hole located in the top of the jack. One-inch studs are supplied with the load cells, locate the threaded hole on the bottom of the load cell and screw in the stud adapter. Make sure the adapter is screwed all the way into the load cell, there should be no air gap between the stud and cell, and studs must fit flat in full contact with the bottom of the cell.

Load cells are mounted on the top of the jack ram, check the top of the jack for the mounting interface. Most quality jacks will have a removable jack point cup held in place with a removable pin, remove the pin and cup to expose the load cell mounting hole. Mount the cell with the stud connected to the top of the jack, the cell must always fit flush with full bottom contact to the top of the jack ram.

Leveling jacks and the aircraft:

When jacking the aircraft on load cells it is important to raise the aircraft in a level position to prevent load cell cocking and side loading. It is also important to level the actual jack by checking the center of the cylinder for vertical level.

Jack leg lifting is a sign of an improperly placed or unlevelled jack, improperly jacked aircraft, or poor hanger floor placement of the aircraft and jacks. This can cause the aircraft to jump off of the jack and drive the load cell into or through the wing or nose skin.

Once floor pitch and level is surveyed, locate the aircraft in a nose high or nose low position. Locate the jacks in position with the load cells mounted and zeroed, make contact with the jack points and slightly jack the aircraft. If the nose of the aircraft is not level and low, raise the nose jack to level the aircraft or adjust the main jacks accordingly. At this time the vertical level of the jack cylinders should be checked, jack legs should be checked for lifting and adjustment to the jacks should be made.

In some instances the jack legs may have to be shimmed to level the jack. What needs to be done is to raise the aircraft in a level condition straight up, with no jack leg lifting or side loading on the load cells.

Once the aircraft is leveled and the jack level is corrected check the load cell to top of jack ram for air gap. There must not be any air gap between the top of the jack ram and the bottom of the load cell, if air gap exists, remove the aircraft from the jacks and recheck all of the above conditions.

Jack the aircraft in a level condition and clear the wheels to apply full weight to the load cells. Read the weight of the cells and record the results. Lower the aircraft, with all weight removed from the load cell, check the zero of the load cells, cells should return to zero within a couple of minutes. If cells do not return to zero, re-zero the channels and reweigh the aircraft.



Considerations:

Only use trained personnel in jacking and weighing an aircraft. Aircraft can be damaged or incorrect readings can be obtained by improper use of jacks and load cells.

Use of the proper size scale system and cell rating is required to achieve the desired results, do not use a large jet 50,000lb per cell, 150,000lb kit to weigh a 5,000lb aircraft.

Consider the weight of the aircraft and its expected weight; determine a target weight within +/- 50lbs for light aircraft or +/-100lbs for larger aircraft. If the aircraft weight is not within the target limits the aircraft and its inventory must be checked for condition. Extra weight or missing weight must be explained and accounted for. If the conditions do not explain the increase or loss suspect improper jacking or scale damage. Load cells are delicate instruments, if dropped they must be returned for inspection and calibration.

Large weight changes and center of gravity changes must be explained and understood.

Only trained personnel should be used to calculate the weight, CG and release the aircraft after weighing. If you are not getting the result you expect and your jacking application is correct, suspect that the scale has been damaged or is out of calibration limits. Return the scale for inspection and calibration to Jackson Aircraft Weighing Service for service; do not send the unit to a un-knowledgeable scale facility.