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## **BFW Platform Scales**

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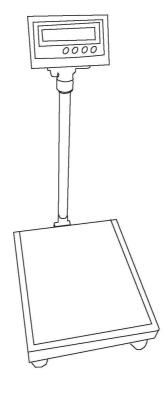
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The BFW Platform Scales are general purpose weighing scales. The scales have a large platform and are designed for industrial applications.

The main features are-

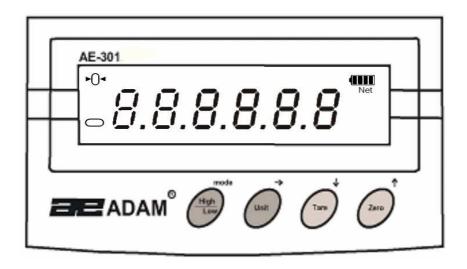
- Available in a range of capacities
- Single load-cell construction
- Overload protection
- Adjustable levelling feet
- Mild steel construction offering rugged structure
- Large stainless steel pan
- Supplied complete with AE 301 indicator
- Simple operation
- Zero Tracking
- Selectable automatic backlight
- Check-weighing with low and high limits
- Bi-directional RS-232 interface as standard
- Selectable communication mode
- Operation from internal rechargeable battery or mains power
- 4 weighing units (kg, g, ounce & pound)



## 2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

Model	BFW 75	BFW 150	BFW 300
Maximum Capacity	75 kg	150 kg	300 kg
Readability	5 g	10 g	20 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev.)	5 g	10 g	20 g
Linearity (±)	10 g	20 g	40 g
Tare Range		Full range	
Units of Measure	4 (kg, g, lb, oz)		
Stabilisation Time	2-3 seconds		
Operating Temperature	0℃ to 40℃		
Power supply	Re-chargeable battery located inside the indicator or mains power		
Display	Large LCD with backlight		
Calibration	Automatic calibration		
Scale Housing	Indicator: ABS Plastic		
	Platform: Mild steel base and stainless steel pan		
Pan Size (w x d )	470mm x 560 mm		
Dimensions	Base: 470 x 685 x 950 mm		
(w x d x h)	Indicator: 260 x 155 x 105 mm		
Net Weight	20 kg		

#### 2.1 KEYBOARD AND DISPLAY



## The display has the following symbols:

<b>►</b> 0<	The scale is at zero
Net	A weight has been tared, the display is showing the net weight
(1111	The battery symbol showing the state of charge. While the battery is being re-charged this symbol will show four bars
0	The weight is stable.

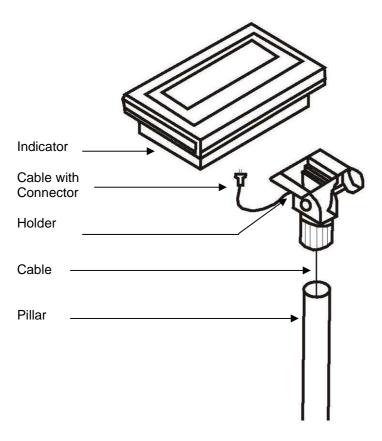
## The keys perform the following functions:

[High/Low/ Mode]	This key is used during setting of the user functions. It is also used during setting of the High and Low Limits for check-weighing facility and for setting the alarm function.
[Unit/→]	This key is used to change the weighing units while the scale is in the weighing mode. It is also used for advancing the digit while the scale is in the setting mode.
[Tare/ <b>√</b> ]	This key is used to deduct the weight of the container from the gross weight and thus to display the net weight only. It is also used to decrease the digit while the scale is in the setting mode.
[Zero/ 个]	This key is used to reset the zero position for accurate weighing while the scale is in the weighing mode.  It is also used to the increment digit during the setting mode.

#### 2.2 POWER SUPPLY

- Power can be supplied using an internal re-chargeable battery provided within the indicator case, or from mains power.
- If the battery is low on charge the symbol on the LCD will show just one bar meaning the battery needs to be recharged immediately. While the battery is being re-charged, this symbol will show four bars.
- With the internal re-chargeable acid battery, the battery life is approximately 60 hours. The battery life will vary depending on the use of the backlight.

#### 2.3 SETTING UP THE SCALE



- Unpack the scale by removing from the box.
- Thread the cable through the pillar and place the pillar in the upright position into the rear socket of the platform base and fasten the screw.
- Pull the cable through the holder, fix the holder to the pillar and slide the indicator into the bracket.
- Attach the cable to the interface on the indicator to complete the connection.
- Adjust the holder to the correct position and fasten the fixed screw handle to lock it in place.

## 3.0 OPERATIONS

#### 3.1 POWER

- Attach the mains adaptor to the power supply and plug the connector into the socket on the Indicator. The indicator will charge the internal battery whenever it is connected to the 220 VAC power supply.
- Push the ON/OFF switch at the back right hand side of the indicator to the ON position to power up.
- Push the ON/OFF switch at the back right hand side of the indicator to the OFF position to power down.

#### 3.2 ZERO FUNCTION

- For accurate weighing, make sure the top pan is empty and press the **[Zero]** key.
- The zero indicator →0← will be on.

## 3.3 TARE FUNCTION

- When the scale has a container on it press the **[Tare]** key.
- The Tare indicator Net will be shown.
- The display will show zero. If it does not show zero, press the **[Zero]** key.
- To clear the tare, remove the container and press the [Tare] key again. If the display does not show Zero press the [Zero] key which will switch the Tare Net indicator off, and return the scale to Zero.

#### 3.4 UNIT SELECTION

The indicator can be set for different units by pressing the [Unit] key. The options are kilogram, gram, pound and ounce. They can be enabled as needed (see section 6.2). Kilogram is always on.

#### 3.5 WEIGHING

- Place the sample on the scale platform. The weight will be displayed in the selected Unit.
- Wait until the stable indicator is displayed for accurate weighing.

#### 3.6 CHECK WEIGHING

Check-weighing is a procedure to sound an alarm when the weight of the sample on the scale meets or exceeds the pre-set Low and High values stored in the memory,

- Press the [Mode] key. The display will show "000.00 HI" with the first digit flashing for setting the High value. To set your limit, use the [Unit] key to advance the flashing digit, the [Tare] key to decrease the value of the flashing digit and the [Zero] key to increase the value of the flashing digit. Press [Mode] again to confirm the value.
- The display will now show "000.00 LOW" with the first digit flashing for setting the Low value. To set your limit, use the [Unit] key to advance the flashing digit, the [Tare] key to decrease the value of the flashing digit and the [Zero] key to increase the value of the flashing digit. Press [Mode] again to confirm the value and the display will return to normal weighing mode.
- Once the check weighing Limits are set and the alarm function is active, a beep will sound slowly when the sample weight is below the Low Limit. The beep will sound quickly if the weight is above the High Limit. If the sample weight is in between the Limits, the beep does not sound.

#### 3.7 ALARM

## 3.7.1 Over-load alarming

- When a weight on the scale is over the maximum capacity the beep will sound and the display will show Err.
- Remove the weight immediately to avoid any damage to the scale.

## 3.7.2 Low-load alarming

- If the top pan is not placed on the scale the beep will sound.
- Place the top pan on the scale before starting to weigh.

## 3.7.3 Low battery alarming

- When appears on the LCD, re-charge the battery.
- During re-charging, the symbol will show four bars.
- If this symbol appears, re-charge the battery immediately to avoid any damage to the battery.

## 4.0 USER PARAMETERS

The following parameters can be set by the user by entering the function setting mode. Press the **[Tare]** key while switching on the indicator. The first parameter will be displayed along with the settings done previously.

- The available parameters can be cycled through by pressing the **[Mode]** key.
- Not all parameters may be enabled. Some parameters may
  be set during the initial configuration and the user is not
  given access to them. In this case those will not be seen
  when the [Mode] key is pressed. To use any of the
  parameters see the corresponding section of the manual.
- Switch off and switch on again to return to weighing when settings are complete.

	Parameters	Description		
1.	BLT	Enable / disable the backlight		
2.	CHK	Enable / disable the check-weighing facility		
3.	FIL	Enable / disable the ADC filter rate		
4.	SDT	Sets the RS-232 output function. Options are 1, 2, 3 and 4.		
5.	PAT	Sets the following parity options-		
		8 n 1 - 8 data bits, no parity		
		<b>7 E 1 -</b> 7 data bits, even parity		
		7 01- 7 data bits, odd parity		
6.	BPS	Changes the baud rate for RS-232 transmission speed. Options are 1200, 2400, 4800 and 9600.		

#### 4.1 BLT = BACKLIGHT CONTROL

- The backlight can be either enabled or disabled.
- When "BLT" is displayed press the [Unit] key to change setting

"BLT= OFF" Backlight is disabled.

"BLT= ON" Backlight is enabled.

• Press the [Mode] key to store the setting and move on.

#### 4.2 CHK = CHECKWEIGHING CONTROL

 When "CHK" is displayed press the [Unit] key to change setting

"CHK= OFF" Checkweighing is disabled.
"CHK= ON" Checkweighing is enabled.

Press the [Mode] key to store the setting and move on.

#### 4.3 FIL = FILTERING CONTROL

 When "FIL" is displayed press the [Unit] key to change setting.

"FIL= OFF" Filtering function is disabled.

"**FIL= 01**" Filtering function is enabled.

• Press the [Mode] key to store the setting and move on.

### 4.4 SDT = RS-232 CONTROL

- When "SDT" is displayed, press the **[Unit]** key to change to change the setting.
  - 1 Continuous output
  - 2 Outputs under command from PC
  - 3 Outputs weight when the scale is stable
  - 4 Outputs complete data to printer when scale is stable
- Press the [Mode] key to store the setting and move on.

#### 4.5 PAT = SETTING OF PARITY

- When "PAT" is displayed, press the [Unit] key to change to change the setting.
  - 8 n 1 8 data bits, no parity (default setting)
  - 7 **E 1 -**7 data bits, even parity
  - 7 **0** 1 7 data bits, odd parity
- Press the [Mode] key to store the setting and move on.

#### 4.6 BPS = SELECTING BAUD RATE

- When "PAT" is displayed, press the **[Unit]** key to change to change the setting.
- The options are 1200, 2400, 4800 and 9600 (default).
- Press the [Mode] key to store the setting and move on
- To return to weighing switch the scale off and then on again.

## 5.0 RS-232 INTERFACE

The BFW series of scales use a bi-directional RS-232 interface. Default settings are 9600 baud, No Parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit (9600,N,8,1).

## The standard Interface parameters are: onnection details are:

RS-232 output of weighing data

ASCII code Selectable Baud Selectable data bits

Selectable Parity

Connector: 9 pin d-subminiature socket

Pin 2 Output Pin 3 Input

Pin 5 Signal Ground

## **Normal Output:** (For **SDT** 1, 2 and 3)

SN ± xxx.xxLL yy S stands for stable, U for unstable	
	N for net weight, G for gross weight,
	LL for OK, HI or LO (during check weighing)
	yy for the chosen unit( kg, g, lb, oz)

## **Complete Data Output:** (For **SDT** 4)

When the SDT is set to 4, it will send 6 lines of data in the following format

<soh><cr><lf></lf></cr></soh>	First line is blank
G±sp spXXX.XXsp sp kg <cr><lf></lf></cr>	Gross weight printed
T±sp spXXX.XXsp sp kg <cr><lf></lf></cr>	Tare weight printed
N±sp spXXX.XXsp sp kg <cr><lf></lf></cr>	Net weight printed
<cr><lf></lf></cr>	Blank line
<cr><lf></lf></cr>	Blank line
<eot></eot>	End of Transmission

### **Input command format:**

The scale can be controlled from a PC with the following commands. The commands must be sent in upper case letters, i.e. "**T**" not "**t**" and press the Enter button.

Command	Description	Scale will send back
N	Sends the net weight to the	SN ± xxx.xx yy or UN ± xxx.xx yy
	interface.	
G	Sends the gross weight to the	SG ± xxx.xx yy or UG ± xxx.xx yy
	interface	
T	Sends the tare weight to the	ST ± xxx.xx yy or UT ± xxx.xx yy
	interface.	
Z	Zero the scale. This is the same as	
	pressing [Tare] or [Zero].	
Lxxx.xx	Sets the lower limit. Same as	Returns ERRH or ERRL if not in
	pressing the [High/Low].	weighing range
Hxxx.xx	Sets the upper limit. Same as	Returns ERRH or ERRL if not in
	pressing the [High/Low].	weighing range
C0	Disable check weighing.	
C1	Enable check weighing.	

## 6.0 TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

To enter this section, press and hold the **[Mode]** and the **[Tare]** key while you turn on the scale. The display will show the revision number and then the first parameter Zero Tracking as "**ZEO**"

#### 6.1 ZERO TRACKING

• When **ZEO** is displayed, press **[Unit]** to change to the other setting.

"**ZEO= OFF**" Zero tracking function is disabled. "**ZEO= ON**" ZerO tracking function is enabled.

 Press the [Mode] key to store the desired setting and move to the next function.

### 6.2 UNIT SETTING

The user will be able to enable the weighing units to be used - grams, pounds or ounce. Kilogram is the default weighing unit.

 When g is displayed, press the [Unit] key to change to the other setting.

"g= Off" Gram unit is disabled.
"g= On" Gram unit is enabled.

 Press the [Mode] key to store the desired setting and move to the next unit setting.

#### 6.3 CALIBRATION

The next section is the Calibration section.

A weight value and "WEI" will be displayed.

- When **WEI** is displayed, press the **[Unit]** key to scroll through the options for selecting the calibration mass.
- To select the desired mass press the [Mode] key.
- The raw ADC count will be displayed along with "CAI".
- To set the zero calibration, press the [Mode] key again.
- The scale will display "**0 LOD**", place the calibration mass selected onto the top pan, the display will show the raw ADC counts of the selected calibration mass, then press **[Mode]** again.
- The display shows PASS and then returns to normal weighing
- Remove the weight and continue to use.

## 7.0 TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEMS	POSSIBLE CAUSES
Display is blank	On/Off switch is off Battery not charged
No countdown of display on power up	Battery not charged Power supply not plugged in or incorrect type Power supply faulty
Error message displayed - Err	Overload Load cell damaged
Display is unstable	Drafts or air currents Load cell connections not secure Obstruction under weighing platform Vibrations through the floor Temperature changed dramatically Power supply faulty
Weight value incorrect	Calibration error, recalibrate again Unit calibrated with inaccurate weight Obstruction around platform
Cannot use Full Capacity	Overload stops hitting platform support or hitting bottom of load cell Parameters set incorrectly Load cell Damaged
Not Linear	Overload stops hitting too soon Load cell damaged
Off Center Loading error	Overload stops not set correctly Load cell damaged
Battery will not charge	Incorrect power adaptor being used Charging circuit failure Battery failure Mains voltage not present or too low

## 8.0 SERVICE INFORMATION

This manual covers the details of operation. If you have a problem with the scale that is not directly addressed by this manual then contact your supplier for assistance. In order to provide further assistance, the supplier will need the following information which should be kept ready:

A. Details of your comp
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- -Name of your company:
- -Contact person's name:
- -Contact telephone, e-mail, fax or any other methods:

#### B. Details of the unit purchased

(This part of information should always be available for any future correspondence. We suggest you to fill in this form as soon as the unit is received and keep a print-out in your record for ready reference.)

Model name of the product:	BFW
Serial number of the unit:	
Software revision number	
(Displayed when power is first turned on):	
Date of Purchase:	
Name of the supplier and place:	

#### C. Brief description of the problem

Include any recent history of the unit. For example:

- -Has it been working since it's delivered
- -Has it been in contact with water
- -Damaged from a fire
- -Electrical Storms in the area
- -Dropped on the floor, etc.

#### WARRANTY INFORMATION

Adam Equipment offers Limited Warranty (Parts and Labour) for the components failed due to defects in materials or workmanship. Warranty starts from the date of delivery.

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Repairs carried out under the warranty does not extend the warranty period. Components removed during the warranty repairs become the company property.

The statutory right of the purchaser is not affected by this warranty. The terms of this warranty is governed by the UK law. For complete details on Warranty Information, see the terms and conditions of sale available on our web-site.



#### **Manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity**

This product has been manufactured in accordance with the harmonised European standards, following the provisions of the below stated directives:

Electro Magnetic Compatibility Directive 2004/108/EC

Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC

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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. The equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Shielded interconnect cables must be employed with this equipment to insure compliance with the pertinent RF emission limits governing this device.

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