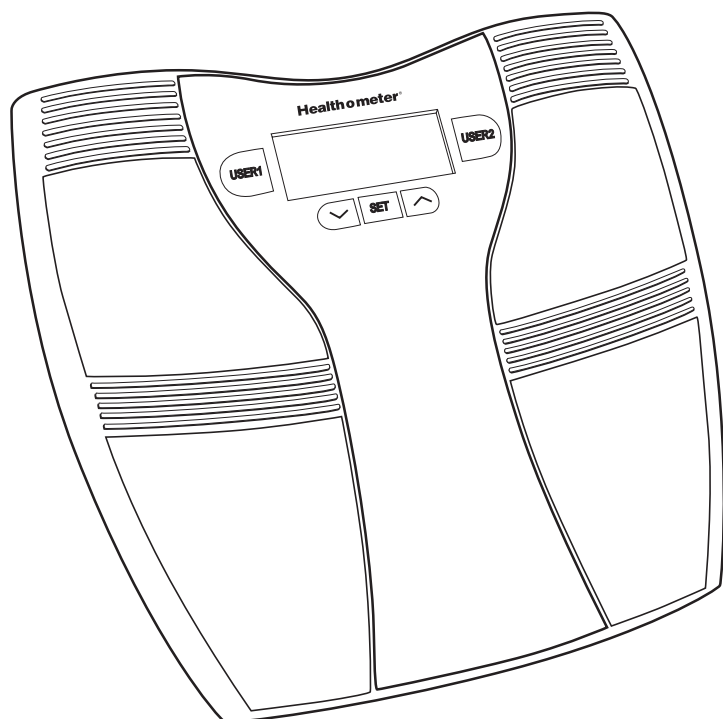


# Healthometer®

## PROFESSIONAL BODY FAT MONITOR AND SCALE

### User's Manual

Model BFM980



#### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE**

This manual contains important information about this product's operation. If you have purchased this product for use by others you must leave this manual – or a copy – with the end user.

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Congratulations on your purchase of this HEALTH-O-METER® wellness monitoring device. It's so much more than just a scale—it's a technologically advanced device. Just program your personal information and it helps you monitor your weight and body fat. It's easy to program, and can store information for two different people. Once your data is stored, it will only need to be reentered if there is a change to the data. Just step on the scale and read your data. It's that simple!

## About Body Fat

According to estimates by the US Surgeon General, nearly one-fourth of adult Americans are overweight. Obesity is defined as having an abnormally high proportion of body fat. Obesity is known to be a risk factor for health problems including heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, diabetes, and even certain types of cancer.

The Health o meter® Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale can help you in achieving your physical best by providing two critical measurement estimates: BODY FAT COMPOSITION and BODY WEIGHT.

The Health o meter® Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale is intended for the estimation of percent body fat and body weight.

### ***Body Fat Composition***

Not all body mass is the same — you are made up of both lean mass and fat mass. Lean mass includes vital organs, muscle, and bone. Fat mass is body fat, and you need a certain amount of body fat for good health. It helps the body store energy, and insulates and protects lean mass. Too much body fat, however, is not healthy.

If you have used traditional bathroom scales in the past, you know it only tells you what you weigh overall—both lean mass and body fat together. The Health o meter® Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale lets you check both your weight and body fat.

### ***Determining Body Fat Composition***

The Health o meter® Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale uses a technique called “BIA” or Bioelectric Impedance Analysis. A harmless bioelectric current passes from the foot pads through the body. The current travels at different speeds through lean mass and body fat. The scale's microprocessor analyzes the impedance, or speed of the current travelling through the body.

Since everyone is unique, the scale also asks you to enter your height, age, gender, which—along with weight—is used to calculate the composition of the body. The display shows the percentage of body fat.

# Body Fat Composition Ranges

## MEN

Age	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Overweight	Obese
≤19	12.0	12.1 to 17.0	17.1 to 22.0	22.1 to 27.0	>27.1
20-29	13.0	13.1 to 18.0	18.1 to 23.0	23.1 to 28.0	>28.1
30-39	14.0	14.1 to 19.0	19.1 to 24.0	24.1 to 29.0	>29.1
40-49	15.0	15.1 to 20.0	20.1 to 25.0	25.1 to 30.0	>30.1
≥50	16.0	16.1 to 21.5	21.1 to 26.0	26.1 to 31.0	>31.1

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30-39	19.0	19.1 to 24.0	24.1 to 29.0	29.1 to 34.0	>34.1
40-49	20.0	20.1 to 25.0	25.1 to 30.0	30.1 to 35.0	>35.1
≥50	21.0	21.1 to 26.5	26.1 to 31.0	31.1 to 36.0	>36.1

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## **IMPORTANT!**

Please read all instructions to familiarize yourself with features and operations before programming the scale.

## **⚠ CAUTION!**

- Use of this scale is not recommended for persons with an electric implant (heart pacemaker).
- Scale will not calculate body fat unless you have bare feet.
- For an accurate body fat estimate, do not bend your knees, and keep your legs/thighs apart and straight when standing on the scale.
- Body fat percentages may be slightly higher or lower for pregnant women, children under 16, persons with fever, persons with swollen legs, persons with diabetes and other health conditions.

## ***Installing the Battery***

1. Locate the battery cover on the back of the scale.
2. Pull the cover back and insert the 9-volt battery as indicated under the cover.
3. If "L" appears in the display, replace the battery.

# **Operating Instructions**

## ***Unit of Measurement:***

**Scale Programming:** The Health-o-meter® Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale can be programmed to calculate the body fat composition of up to two different users. A few steps must be followed to input the user's height, age and gender. Once the information is entered, it only needs to be reentered if there is a change to the data.

First, make sure the Health-o-meter® Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale is in the "standby" mode. When it is in standby, the LCD display should be blank. If the LCD is not blank, simply wait several seconds without touching or moving the scale and the display will automatically shut off.

## ***First Time Programming Instructions***

On the back of the scale platform, use the selector switch to set the unit of measurement to "LB" or "KG".

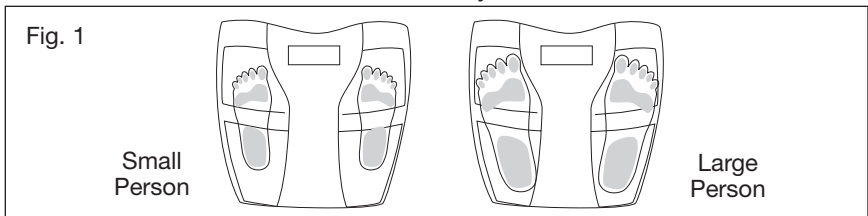
1. Push the "SET" button.
  - a. User "1" & User "2" start to blink.
  - b. Use the "UP" and "DOWN" buttons to switch between User "1" and User "2". Once the correct User number is blinking, press "SET".
2. The "Height" icon will start blinking.
  - a. Press the "UP" or "DOWN" arrows until your correct height shows on the display.
  - b. After correct height displays, press "SET".
3. The "Age" icon will start blinking.
  - a. Press the "UP" or "DOWN" arrows until your correct age shows on the display.
  - b. When correct age displays, press "SET".
4. Both "M" (male) and "F" (female) icons will start blinking.
  - a. Press the "UP" or "DOWN" arrows to switch between "M" and "F".
  - b. When correct gender displays, press "SET".
5. The correct user #, height, and gender will display, then age displays. The user profile has been entered successfully and scale is ready for body fat reading. You are now ready to start achieving your fitness goals by monitoring your weight and body fat composition. Read on for easy operating instructions.
6. Repeat Steps 1-5 to program a second user.

**NOTE: If no key is pushed within 8-10 seconds, the scale turns off automatically.**

### ***Instructions for Body Fat Estimation:***

1. Make sure you have programmed your personal data.
2. Place the scale on a flat, level surface. A hard surface is best for maximum accuracy. Placing the scale on a very soft, deep pile rug may affect weighing accuracy.
3. Gently press your personal user # (1 or 2 on left and right side of display) with your toe—make sure you have properly programmed this earlier. Your personal profile will appear on the screen.
4. Wait until "000.0" appears on the display.
5. Stand on the scale (bare feet only!) so the balls of your feet are on the upper silver pads, heels are on the lower silver pads. (Fig. 1)

**NOTE: For accurate fat estimates, always measure in bare feet.**



6. "000" will blink and your weight will appear on the display for approximately 3 seconds.
7. "BF" flashes and your body fat % appears on the display.
8. Scale turns off automatically after a few seconds.

## **⚠ CAUTION!**

If "E" appears on the display, an error has occurred. Step off the scale and carefully repeat the steps again. The "E" will also appear when the load is greater than the maximum capacity. NEVER apply a load beyond the maximum capacity.

### ***Instructions for Weight Reading:***

1. Place the scale on a flat, level surface. A hard surface is best for maximum accuracy. Placing the scale on a soft, surface, such as a deep pile rug, may affect weighing accuracy.
2. Gently tap the center of the scale platform to turn scale "ON".
3. 888.8 will flash on the display until 000.0 is displayed.
4. Step on the scale and stand still to weigh. 000.0 will blink until your correct weight is locked in and displayed.
5. Step off the scale and the scale turns off automatically.

**NOTE:** Stepping on the scale before 000.0 appears will cause "E" (error signal). If "E" does appear, step off the scale and start again.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to have the user's personal data programmed into the scale to obtain an accurate weight-only reading.

**NOTE:** It is normal for your weight to vary during a day and from one day to another, slight changes in weight are generally normal.

## **Educational Materials**

### ***How Does My Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale Work?***

Your new Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale works on a principal called "BIA" or bioelectrical impedance analysis. The scale sends a low-level electric current through your body (you won't feel a thing!). While the current travels easily through lean muscle, it must work harder to pass through fat. The harder the current works, the higher "impedance value" it produces. To put it simply, the scale plugs the impedance value into an equation along with your sex, age, height and weight to calculate body fat %.

BIA values can be affected by hydration, food and liquid consumption, recent exercise, and time of day, so it's important to track your progress regularly. And don't worry about short-term fluctuations – the goal is long-term fitness and health!

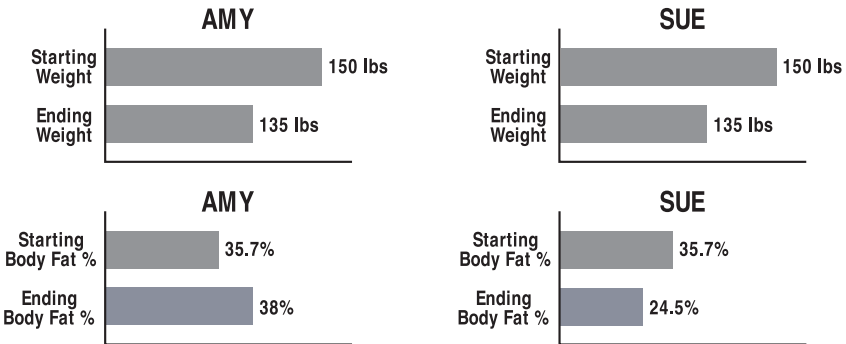
## Helpful Monitoring Tips:

- Stick with your scale. Avoid weighing yourself on health club scales or other scales, since measurements can vary among devices.
- Try to measure yourself at the same time of day, like first thing in the morning.
- Don't eat or exercise for two hours before you get on the scale.
- Don't get upset by short-term weight gains or plateaus. Remember, the goal is long-term fitness.
- Once you reach your desired weight and body fat %, use your body fat scale once a week to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

## Monitoring Body Fat Promotes Healthy Weight Loss!

Amy and Sue are both 5'4" and weigh 150 pounds. Each has a starting body fat % of 35.75%. To get fit, Amy cut calories and tried a "fat-free" diet. Sue reduced her calorie intake, but added regular aerobic exercise and strength training.

At the end of eight weeks, each woman lost 15 pounds. What's the difference? As you can see from the chart, Amy actually got "fatter," gaining body fat. Sue lost weight and decreased her body fat.



## Losing weight alone does not mean getting fit!

**NOTE:** The materials in this brochure are not intended to replace advice from your doctor or fitness professional. Please consult with your physician before beginning any fitness program or fat or weight reduction program. Individual weight loss will vary. Health o meter takes no responsibility for individual results, or any claim made by a third party.

## Keep Moving!

You don't need a health club membership or pricey exercise equipment to get in shape. The key is to keep moving. Find an activity you love, whether it's walking, swimming, cycling, or aerobics, and stick with it. Start slowly, then build up to 30-60 minutes of aerobic activity three to four days a week. Regular exercise helps improve circulation, relieve stress, increase metabolism, improve posture, increase energy and trim and tone your entire body!

Best of all, the more you exercise, the more fat you burn! That's right. Muscles burn fat while you're working out and while you're at rest. The more lean muscle mass you build, the easier it becomes to maintain a healthy percentage of body fat and that's important. Did you know that the average person loses 1/2 pound of muscle and gains 1-1/2 pounds of fat a year as part of the natural aging process? Building and maintaining healthy muscles is very important to life-long fitness.

Aerobic Exercise or Cardiovascular Training raises your heart rate, strengthening your heart and lungs while you burn calories. Cardiovascular exercises include cycling, swimming, power walking or running, and aerobic classes. To be effective, you must reach and stay within your "target heart rate," defined as 50-70% of your maximum heart rate.

To calculate your maximum heart rate, subtract your age from 220. To determine your target heart rate, multiply your maximum heart rate by 50-70%. If you raise your heart rate above your target range, you will still get an aerobic benefit, but you will not burn fat.

Examples:

Age	Maximum Heart Rate	Target Heart Rate
25	220-25 = 195	97.5-136.5
30	220-30 = 190	95.0-133.0
35	220-35 = 185	92.5-129.5
40	220-40 = 180	90.0-126.0
45	220-45 = 175	87.5-122.5

The American Heart Association recommends 30-60 minutes of aerobic exercise three to four times a week to promote cardiovascular fitness.

Resistance or Strength Training firms the body and tones the muscles. While these exercises, which include weight lifting, sit-ups, and toning, do not directly burn fat, they do build muscle. The more lean muscle you have, the more easily your body can burn calories and reduce body fat.

Fitness professionals recommend at least 30 minutes of strength training two to three days a week.



## Helpful Exercise Tips:

- Set goals. Write down what you want to achieve in the short and long term.
- Make exercise a habit. Choose a time every day – even 30 minutes – and stick to it.
- Vary your workout. Mix up your activities to avoid burn out.
- Recruit a friend! Working out as a team keeps you both motivated.
- Keep a success journal. Write down your activity, weight and body fat percentage.

Through regular exercise you can lose weight by burning fat. With diet alone, you lose weight by losing beneficial muscle and bone tissue.

## Monitor Your Body Fat

You've already learned how important proper body fat levels are for total health and fitness. Now you'll learn how to find your body fat baseline and get the maximum benefit from your Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale.

Every body is different, and ever-changing. It's not uncommon for your weight to fluctuate by as much as three pounds throughout the day. While this is normal – usually associated with changes in hydration - it does change your body composition slightly. That's why it is important to establish your personal baseline before you set your fitness goals.

The first 7-10 days you use your Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale, record your weight and body fat % in this chart. You will use these numbers to calculate your baseline.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Weight										
Body Fat %										

Finding your baseline is easy! Just total your weight and body fat %, then divide each total by the number of days.

Baseline Weight = Total Weight + Number of Days

Baseline Body Fat % = Total Body Fat % + Number of Days

Once you determine your baseline numbers, you're ready to use your Professional Body Fat Monitor and Scale to reach your fitness goals!

## Why Measure Body Fat?

The key to long-term weight management and better health is building lean muscle and losing body fat. Being healthy doesn't mean getting "skinny." A thin person can have an unhealthy excess of body fat. A muscular person can technically be overweight, but healthy. Getting and staying lean means controlling your body fat percentage.

Health professionals outline healthy body fat levels as follows:

- Fit: No more than 23% body fat for men, 27% for women.
- Exceeds Ideal Range: 24% or more body fat for men, 28% or more for women.
- Obese: Defined as an excess of 30% body fat for men or women.

Measuring estimated body fat and weight together gives you a more accurate picture of your total fitness. As part of a fitness plan, it helps you set more realistic goals, and better reflects a positive healthy change in your overall body composition. Unlike weight, body fat levels do not fluctuate in response to gains or losses of muscle or water content.

Body fat isn't always visible, and traditional scales can't measure it.

## Is All Body Fat Bad?

Everyone has some body fat. In fact, "Essential" body fat helps keep you healthy. It cushions and insulates your joints, tissues and vital organs. It helps regulate body temperature. It stores important vitamins. It even helps the body sustain itself when food is scarce. If you had too little body fat, your body would start breaking down muscle tissue for energy.

Too much body fat, however, can lead to serious health problems, including heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, stroke, osteoarthritis, gallbladder disease, sleep apnea and other respiratory disorders, and certain types of cancer.

## How Much Body Fat is Right for Me?

Here are some guidelines for determining a healthy body fat percentage. However, to determine the body fat range that's right for you, we recommend you consult your doctor.

### Body Composition Analyzer Healthy Body Fat Guidelines

	Under 30 Years Old	Over 30 Years Old
Women	17% to 24%	20% to 27%
Men	14% to 20%	17% to 23%

# Your Healthy Lifestyle

Health and fitness isn't just about counting calories or cutting fat. Getting in great shape and staying fit means eating right, exercising regularly, and monitoring your weight and body fat together.

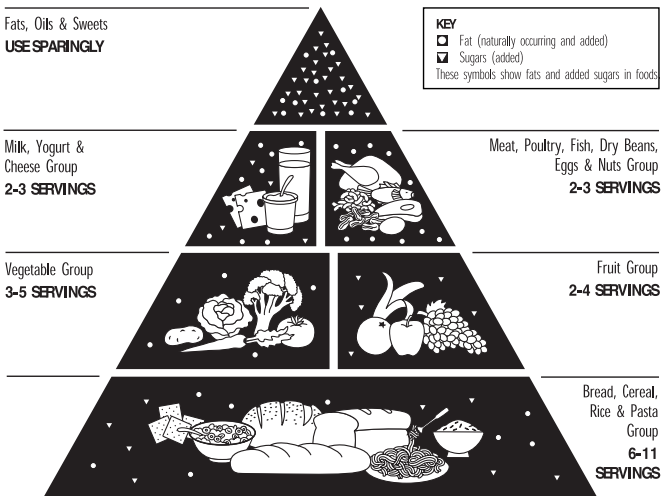
## Eat Smart!

Never say "diet!" Did you know you can actually get "fatter" by losing weight too quickly on crash diets? Why? Because radically reducing your calorie intake makes you lose muscle not fat.

Instead think "smart choices." Set realistic goals and reduce the total number of calories you eat or drink, regardless of where they come from (protein, carbohydrates, etc). Remember, your body stores the calories you don't use throughout the day as fat.

## Helpful Eating Tips:

- Make sure no more than 30% of your daily calories come from fat, with no more than 10% saturated fat.
- Never skip meals! Instead, eat sensible portions at every meal and use small, low calories snacks between meals to help control hunger.
- Learn to read food labels and follow recommended serving sizes.
- Balance your calorie intake with your activity level. Eat less on low activity days than you do on days where you enjoy rigorous exercise.
- Follow the USDA's Food Pyramid as your guide to a healthy, balanced eating plan.



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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