



Service Manual
Electronic Moisture Analyzer

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1. Keyboard Description



Key	Function
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Switch machine on/off
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change display during drying process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start/Stop drying
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel an entry Leave menu
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrow keys for navigation in menu Change the value of a parameter
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data export to external device Confirm/save settings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tara key scales zero digits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoke user menu (drying parameter setting)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoke user menu

2. Troubleshooting

1	Unit does not turn on	Check mains cable Check fuses Check cable connections Problem on power board Problem on display board Problem on main board
2	Balance is weighing but is unstable	Mechanical damage Pan rubbing against case or not installed correctly Air drafts or vibration or unstable table Not good parameters for the working conditions Dirt inside the measurement system or inside the coil
3	No zero point after turning on the balance	Pan needs to zero Mechanical damage
4	Balance shows wrong weight	Wrong calibration Mechanical damage to weighing mechanism Pan not installed correctly Off center load error Dirt inside the measurement system
5	Off center load error	Check if the horizontal stat is being kept mechanical damage
6	Intense creeping (drift)	Mechanical damage Dirt inside the measurement system
7	Linearity error	Linearity correction Mechanical damage
9	No communication between balance and PC	Wrong parameter Check connection RS-232 to PC Wrong interface cable
10	Time and date does not work	Check voltage TTL 2 Hz (0/+5V DC on measuring point SQW Problem on main board Batteries are damaged
11	Display shows program number, no function	Quartz does not work Processor damage Check tension RST (reset) "1" +5V and exchange main board when RST does not work
12	Outside maximum range	Mechanical damage Check voltage on measuring resistor
13	Balance works OK but drying is not correct	Check parameters and mode selected Check samples are not hitting the temp. sensor Check temperature of chamber Check lamps
14	Temperature of chamber is incorrect	Recalibrate temperature sensor Temperature sensor damaged Lamp circuits damaged
15	Heating lamps will not turn on at any time	Check lamps Check wiring of lamps Temperature sensor
16	Lamps will not turn off	Damaged temp. sensor Recalibrate temp. sensor Lamp control circuits damaged

3. Error Messages

Fault messages	Error number	Description
Error of control sum	1.1	Error data transfer
Error A/D	1.2	Error A/D converter
Overcrossed range	2.1	Outside maximum range
Overcrossed range	2.2	Outside maximum range
A/D Null	2.3	Error A/D converter
A/D Full	2.4	Error A/D converter
Tare/zero above the range	2.5	Outside of weighing range
Tare above the range	2.6	Outside of taring range
Result > 10% Max	2.7	Result > 10 %
Result > 4% Max	2.8	Load on weighing plate too heavy
Difference > 1% Max	2.9	Difference between cal. weight stored/current cal. weight > 1%
Sample mass < 20 mg	2.10	Sample < 20 mg
Sample mass above the range	2.11	Sample out of set range
Above the range	3.1	Value of parameter outside
Faulty value	3.2	Value of parameter outside
Incorrect password	3.4	Wrong password
Error of notice	4.1	Error data transfer
Parity error	4.2	
Table error	4.3	
Suspended transmission CTS	4.4	
Suspended transmission XOFF	4.5	
Incorrect date	5.1	Wrong data
Overcrossed time	6.1	Timeout

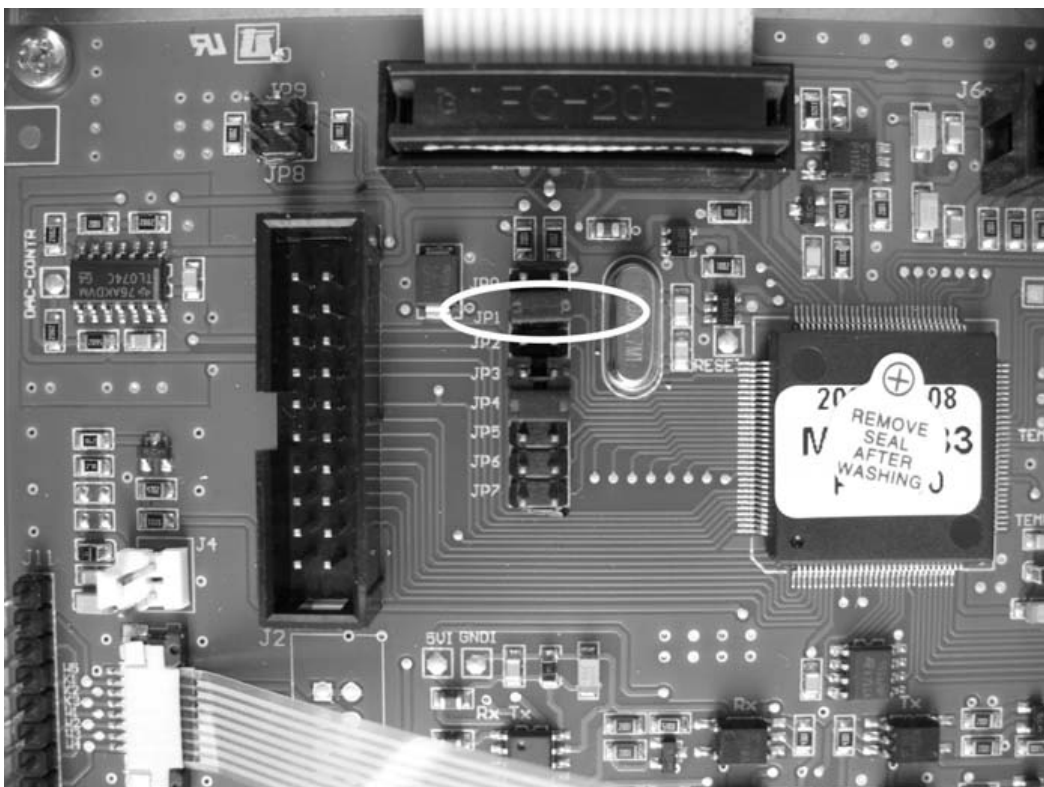
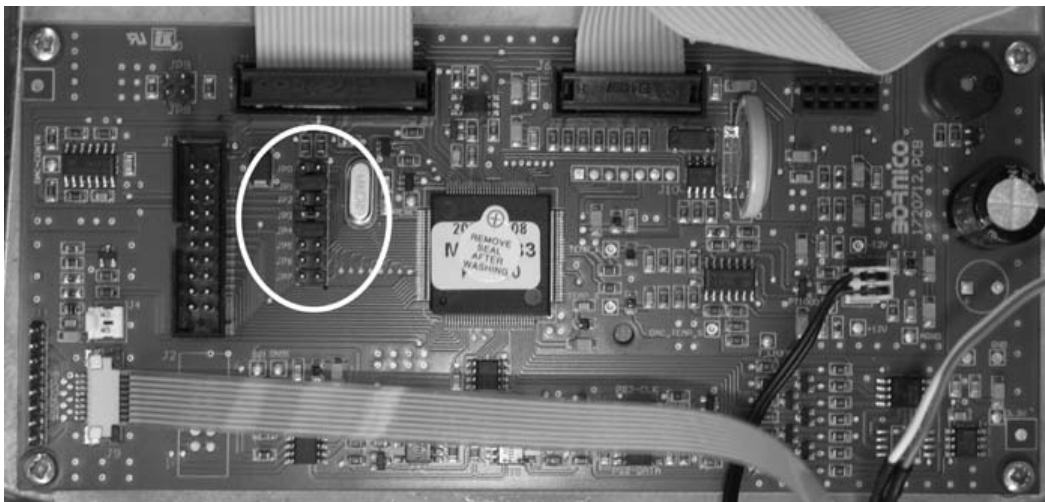
4. Factory Menu (service menu)

Contents of the factory menu are parameters needed to start, settings and regulations.

4.1 How to enter the service menu

Open the housing and set jumper „JP1“ on main board 172xxx.PCB to access the service menu.

Plug the balance into the power outlet and enter service menu.



4.2 Description of factory parameters

Press the ON/OFF key (main switch) to turn on the balance



Enter main menu



Set index next to parameter

P0 Factory



Enter submenu **P0 Factory**


10/10/03	Setup	10:10:1
P0	Factory	
P1	Calibration	
P2	GLP	
P3	Date/Time	
P4	Readout	
P5	RS-232	
P6	Printouts	

Parameter number	Parameter name	Description
P0 01	Factory deff	Delete all settings in balance and load program primal settings » Factory setting (Reset) / PLEASE NOTICE you have to set all parameters new!!!
P0 02	Balance Id	Change factory number (serial number)
P0 03	Full scale (scale capacity)	Scale capacity (max) = weighing range +9 divisions: e.g. max range 50,09g
P0 04	Div	Reading precision (resolution), e.g. 0.001
P0 05	Ext. cal. mass	Value of external calibration weight [g], e.g. 50.0g
P0 06	Autozero range	Range of autozero function (possibility to change value from 0.1d to 10.0d) Normal 12= 3.0 d
P0 07	Autozero delay	Time of autozero (possibility to change value from 0.2s to 3.0s) Normal 6= 2.0 s
P0 08	Stable range	Stable range of measuring results (possibility to change value from 0.1d to 10.0d) Normal 11= 2.0 d
P0 09	Stable speed	Time to define stable measuring results (possibility to change value from 0.2s to 3.0s) Normal 6= 2.0 s
P0 10	Filter range	Digital filter (possibility to change value from 1d to 10000d) Normal 5 – 20 d
P0 11	Show A/D div	Value of A/D converter (of the load)
P0 12	Show A/D T1	A/D value of temperature sensor in the coil
P0 13	Show A/D T2	A/D value of temperature sensor in the drying chamber
P0 14	Factory cal.	Starts factory calibration with external calibration weight
P0 15	Factory T cal.	Starts calibration of the temperature sensor inside the drying chamber
P0 16	Linear. corr.	Starts linearity procedure <i>with</i> external weights. You can inscribe max. 16 points of linearity.

P0 17	Temp. corr.	Starts temp. compensation in a room with regulated temperature (range $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$). Correction is done in temp. 18°C up to 28°C . The parameters/values are stored after doing temperature compensation (parameters P0 27, P0 28).
P0 18	Start div	Preload (with pan) - balance find it automatically
P0 19	Cal. factor	Calibration factor during factory calibration
P0 20	Start div f.	Preload after correction
P0 21	Cal. factor f.	Not documented
P0 22	T. max	Not documented
P0 23	Start T	Not documented
P0 24	Factor T	The factor during the temperature compensation
P0 25	Start f. T	Not documented
P0 26	Factor f. T	The factor during temperature compensation after filtering
P0 27	1'st point T	First temperature correction set by 18°C
P0 28	Start T 2	Not documented
P0 29	Factor T 2	Factor during temperature compensation 2'nd point
P0 30	Start f.T2	Not documented
P0 31	Factor f. T 2	The factor during temperature compensation after filtering 2'nd temperature point
P0 32	2'nd point T	Second temperature correction set by 28°C
P0 33	Temp. Z factor	Temperature compensation factor of zero
P0 34	Temp. S factor	Temperature compensation factor of sensitivity
P0 35	Lin. points	Those parameters are stored after doing linearity correction. These parameters (the stored values) can be changed manually (max. 16 points). Here you can change the linearity factor manually also <i>without</i> doing the linearity correction by using external weights.
	Lin. value 1	
	Lin. factor 1	
	Lin. value 2	
	Lin. factor 2	
	Lin. value 3	
	Lin. factor 3	
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P0 64	Lin. value 15	
P0 65	Lin. factor 15	
P0 66	Lin. value 16	
P0 67	Lin. factor 16	
P0 68	Lin. factor A	Parabolic linearity factor
P0 69	Lin. factor B	Parabolic linearity factor
P0 70	Up/Down par.	Printout of factory parameters, printout of moisture analyzer parameters or receipt of moisture analyzer parameters
P0 71	Stack info.	Information about the stored settings when the moisture analyzer will be started
P0 72	Bootloader	Select this parameter for software download / update

P0 73	Fat perc. fun	Function of large content in user menu 0= disabled (function not available in user menu) 1= enabled (function available in user menu)
P0 74	Heater type	Type of heating element in moisture analyzer: 0= Halogen 1= IR
P0 75	Cor, factor T	Service parameter for characteristic of drying chamber thermometer

5. Factory Calibration

Enter submenu **P0 Factory** and press  key to start factory calibration **P0 14**



Return to weighing mode:

Press the **ESC**-key repeatedly until the query "**SAVE?**" appears. Confirm query by pressing the **PRINT**-key or reject it by pressing the **ESC**-key.

6. Temperature Calibration

We recommend checking the temperature value of the device from time to time. Before you do this, allow the device to cool down for at least 3 hours after the last heating phase. Push the probe into the designated hole in the disk. Push the probe as closely as possible to the thermal sensor of the MLS. The temperature is measured at two points and it is possible to correct it at both temperature points.

Procedure using temperature calibration set MLB-A11

Select by using the arrow keys (↓ ↑) „04 Temp.cal“

Press → key

Temperature calibration starts.

```

29.12.04      Setup      13:47:56
P1▶01 Ext. calibr.  *****function
02 User calibr.   *****function
03 Calibr.test    *****function
04▶Temp. Calibr.  *****Function
05 Print report   1'on
    
```

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
1 point      14:59
    
```

Temperature calibration of first point will take 14.59 min after which you will hear an acoustic signal.

Now you can correct the temperature value (e.g. 25/24), as required, by using the arrow keys (↓ ↑).

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
1 point      00:00
    
```

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
Set temp. value [°C]
25
    
```

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
Set temp. value [°C]
24
    
```

To import the temperature values, press the **PRINT**-key; temperature calibration for the second point will be started.

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
2 point      14:59
    
```

Temperature calibration of first point will take 14.59 min after which you will hear an acoustic signal.

You can now correct the temperature value (e.g. 120/122), as required by using the arrow keys (↓ ↑).

To import the temperature values, press the **PRINT**-key.

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
2 point      00:00
    
```

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
Set temp. value [°C]
120
    
```

```

29.01.08      Setup      13:47:56
Temperature calibration
Set temp. value [°C]
122
    
```

Return to weighing mode:

Press the **ESC**-key repeatedly until the query "SAVE?" appears. Confirm query by pressing the **PRINT**-key or reject it by pressing the **ESC**-key.

7. Linearity Correction

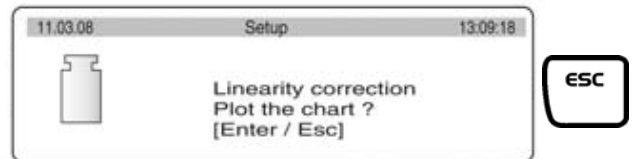
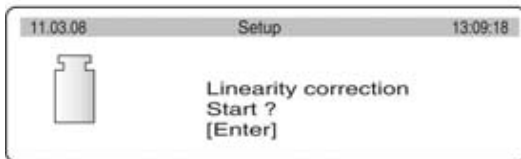
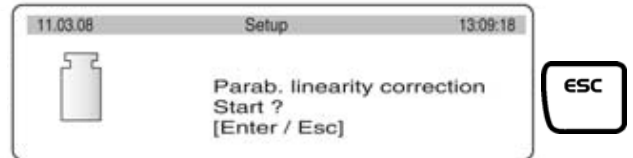
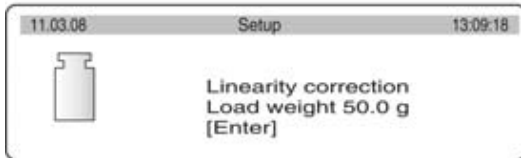
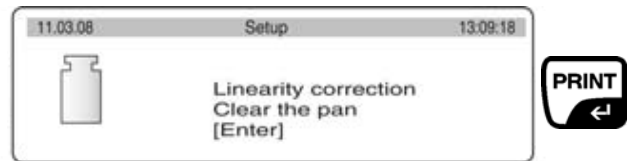
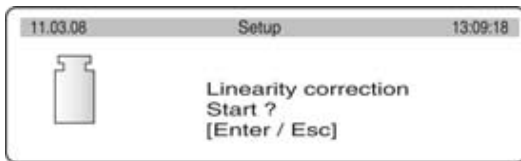
7.1 Linearity correction (single-stage)

Enter submenu **P0 Factory**

	16/11/01	Setup	13:47:56
P0	11	Show A/D div. ***** function	
	12	Show A/D T1 ***** function	
	13	Show A/D T2 ***** function	
	14	Factory cal ***** function	
	15	Factory T cal. ***** function	
	16	Linear. corr. ***** function	
	17	Temp. corr. ***** function	



Set index next to parameter **P0 16**
and press the → button



Return to weighing mode:

Press the **ESC**-key repeatedly until the query "**SAVE?**" appears. Confirm query by pressing the **PRINT**-key or reject it by pressing the **ESC**-key.

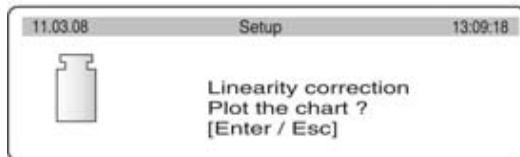
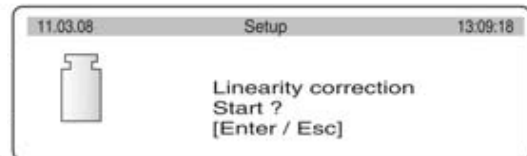
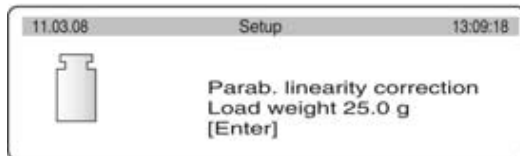
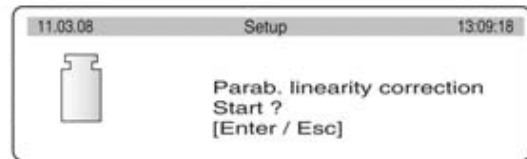
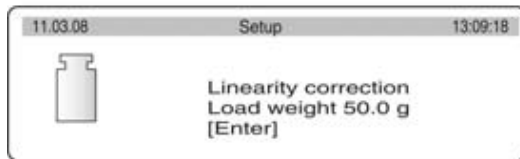
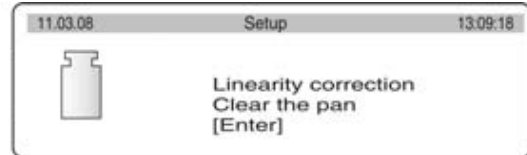
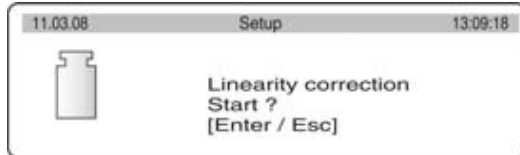
7.2 Parabolic linearity correction

Enter submenu **P0 Factory**

10/11/01	Setup	13:47:56
P0▶11	Show A/D div. ***** function	
12	Show A/D T1 ***** function	
13	Show A/D T2 ***** function	
14	Factory cal. ***** function	
15	Factory T cal. ***** function	
16▶	Linear. corr. ***** function	
17	Temp. corr. ***** function	



Set index next to parameter **P0 16**
and press the **→** button



Return to weighing mode:

Press the **ESC**-key repeatedly until the query "**SAVE?**" appears. Confirm query by pressing the **PRINT**-key or reject it by pressing the **ESC**-key.

7.3 Linearity correction (multi-stage)

Enter submenu **P0 Factory**

10/11/01	Setup	13:47:56
P0▶11	Show A/D div. *****	function
12	Show A/D T1 *****	function
13	Show A/D T2 *****	function
14	Factory cal *****	function
15	Factory T cal. *****	function
16▶	Linear. corr. *****	function
17	Temp. corr. *****	function



Set index next to parameter **P0 16** and press the **→** button

11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Start ? [Enter / Esc]	PRINT	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Clear the pan [Enter]	PRINT
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Load weight 50.0 g [Enter]	PRINT	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Parab. linearity correction Start ? [Enter / Esc]	ESC
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Start ? [Enter / Esc]	PRINT	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Next point ? [Enter / Esc]	PRINT
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Key in weight value [g]: 0.000000	← ↑ ↓ →	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Key in weight value [g]: 5.000000	PRINT
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Load weight 5.0 g [Enter]	PRINT	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Next point ? [Enter / Esc]	PRINT
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Key in weight value [g]: 5.000000	← ↑ ↓ →	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Key in weight value [g]: 10.000000	PRINT
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Load weight 10.0 g [Enter]	PRINT	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Next point ? [Enter / Esc]	ESC
11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Load weight 50.0 g [Enter]	PRINT	11.03.08 Setup 13:09:18 Linearity correction Plot the chart ? [Enter / Esc]	ESC

Return to weighing mode:

Press the **ESC**-key repeatedly until the query **"SAVE?"** appears. Confirm query by pressing the **PRINT**-key or reject it by pressing the **ESC**-key.

7.4 Changing linearity factors

1. After come back to weighing mode do calibration.
2. Check balance readings in all measuring points.
3. In case of differences make a note.
4. If there is a positive difference you should add this difference to the factor.
If there is a negative difference you should subtract this difference to the factor.
→ changing in the factory menu (service menu), parameters **P0 37** until **P0 67**

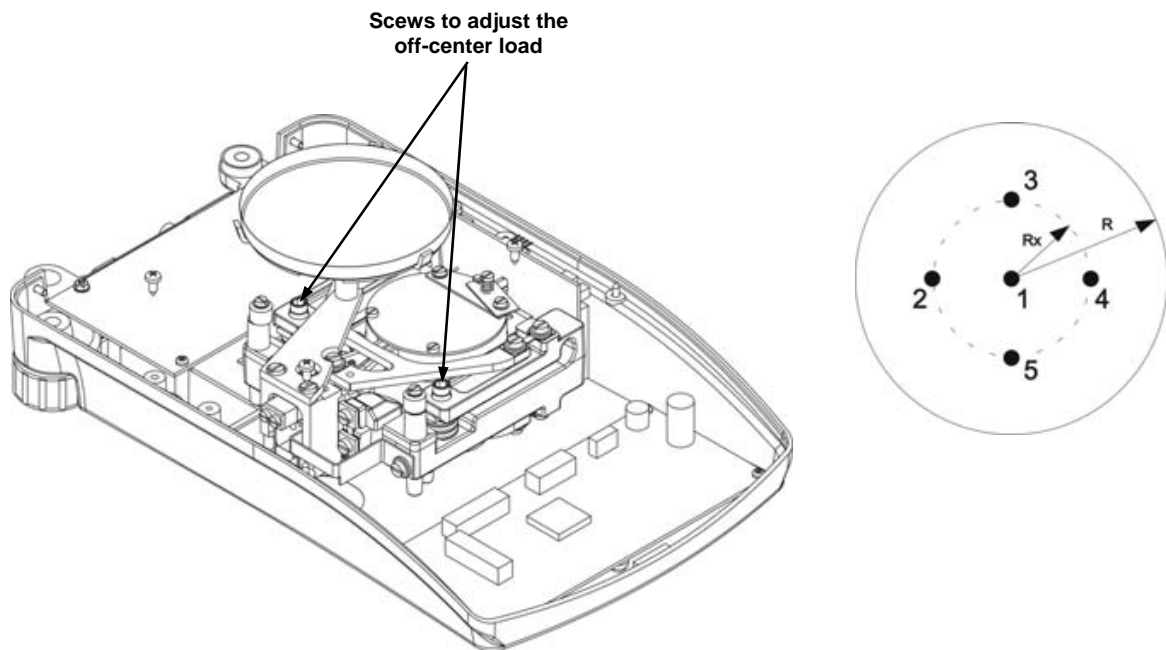
E.g.:

weight mass 40g → reading 40.007
stored linearity factor at 40g → 0.001
input *new linearity factor* at 40g → **0.008**

weight mass 40g → reading 39.995
stored linearity factor at 40g → 0.001
input *new linearity factor* at 40g → **- 0.004**

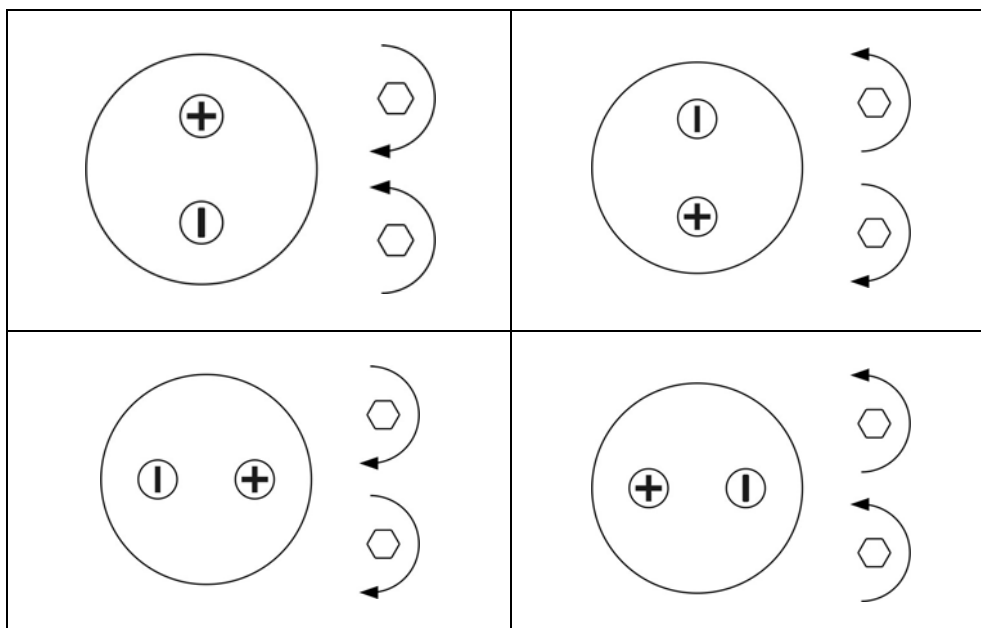
5. After inscribing correction you should do calibration again.
6. Check balance readings in all measuring points.
7. Repeat this process until you will get the expected results.

8. Off-Center Load Adjustment



Zero the display with nothing on the pan. Place a mass of $\frac{1}{3}$ of maximum load at the centre, then at the left, rear, right and front side of the pan, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the way out from the centre. The readings should agree within $\pm 5\text{mg}$.

Using the attached figure. It is necessary to change the screws to make the readings of the weight equal as it is moved around the pan.



Recheck corner load after 1 hour again.

9. Printout of Factory Parameters

Open the housing and set jumper „JP1“ on main board 172xxx.PCB to access the service menu.

Connect a standard printer to RS 232 data interface of the moisture analyzer.

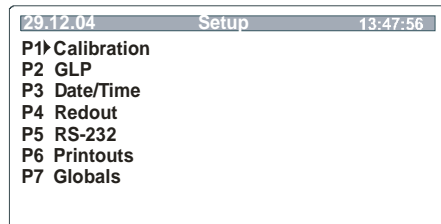
Press the ON/OFF key (main switch) to turn on the balance.



Enter main menu



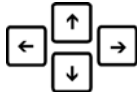
Set index next to parameter
P7 Globals



Enter menu **P7 Globals**



Enter submenu **P7 09 Par. printout**



To get a printout of the factory parameters **P0 01 to P0 75** set

Start= 0.01
Stop= 0.75



Confirm your setup with PRINT



Press PRINT to start the printout

