Adam Equipment

Nimbus NBL Series

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Operating Manual

For internal (‘i’) and external (‘e’) calibration models

Software rev.: V3.1155 & above (Force Motor Analytical Models)
V4.1155 & above (Precision Load Cell Models)

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1 KNOW YOUR BALANCE

Thank you for selecting the Nimbus Balance from Adam Equipment.

This Instruction Manual will familiarise you with the installation, use, general maintenance etc. of the balance, and will guide you through the various applications. It also covers accessories, trouble-shooting, after sales service information, and other important information.

These balances are highly accurate precision instruments and contain sensitive mechanisms and components. They should be transported and handled with care. When in operation, be careful to place loads gently on the weighing surface and do not overload or exceed recommended maximum capacity of the instrument or damage may occur.

Please read this Manual thoroughly before starting operation. If you need any clarifications, feel free to contact your supplier or Adam Equipment.

2 PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Nimbus balances are ideal for laboratory and general purpose weighing. They can also be used for some advanced weighing functions.

FEATURES:

- External menu-driven calibration allowing user-selectable range of calibration weights.
- Internal calibration (option) for outstanding accuracy without the need for manual calibration.
- Mains powered, with some models offering rechargeable battery pack option for cordless use.
- Solid die-cast aluminium alloy construction with 304 grade stainless steel pan for durability and easy cleaning.
- Large easy to read LCD display with backlight.
- Standard applications include weighing, percentage weighing, parts counting, dynamic (animal) weighing (some models), and solid and liquid density determination.
- Bi-directional RS-232 interface as standard (with optional RS232 to USB convertor accessory), integrated USB interface (some models).
- External display option (some models)
- Can be configured to print a GLP Compliant report after each calibration to include the time, date, balance number and a verification of the calibration.
- Force-restoration mechanism for supreme accuracy, or alloy load cell technology for stable yet accurate weighing.
- Automatic temperature compensation.
- Multiple weighing units.
- Easy to use, wipe-clean sealed membrane keypad.
- Below balance weighing facility (accessory hook required).
- Display in a choice of 4 languages – English, German, French & Spanish.
- Password protection.
- Security locking point.

3 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Nimbus NBL Models

(Suffix e for external calibration models, Suffix i for internal calibration models)

Model #	**NBL 84 e/i**	**NBL 124 e/i**	**NBL 164 e/i**	**NBL 214 e/i**	**NBL 254 e/i**	**NBL 214j e/i**
Maximum Capacity	80 g	120 g	160 g	210 g	250 g	210 g
Readability (d)	0.0001 g					0.0002 g
Number of intervals n=	800000	1200000	1600000	2100000	2500000	2100000
Min. weight	0.01 g					0.02 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev)	0.00015 g		0.0002 g			0.0004 g
Linearity ±	0.0002 g					0.0004 g
Units of Measure	grams, milligrams, carats, grains, Newtons, ounces, troy ounces, pennyweight, custom					grams, milligrams, carats,
Stabilization Time	Typically 3 seconds					
Operating Temp	15ºC to 35ºC recommended					
Power Supply	External mains power adapter - supplied as standard (Input Voltage 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz)					
Input Voltage	18 VDC - 830 mA					
Weighing mechanism	Force Restoration Balance Motor					
Calibration	Suffix i = internal calibration mechanism, e = external calibration only					
External Calibration Mass	Recommended OIML class: E2, ASTM / ANSI class: 1					
	50 g	100 g		100 g or 200 g		
Display	LCD with blue backlight, 7 characters, 20 mm high, and symbols					
Draft Shield (w x d x h)	Sliding door Draft Shield (132 x 142 x 233 mm)					
Pan Size	Round, 90mm diameter					
Overall Dimensions (w x d x h)	220 x 310 x 323 mm 8.7 x 12.2 x 12.7 in					
Net Weight	5.2 kg / 11 lb 9 oz (external calibration model) 5.9 kg / 13 lb 0 oz (internal calibration model)					

Model #	**NBL 223 e / i**	**NBL 423 e / i**
Maximum Capacity	220 g	420 g
Readability (d)	0.001 g	
Number of intervals n=	220000	420000
Min.	0.02 g	0.02 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev)	0.002 g	
Linearity ±	0.002 g	
Units of Measure	grams, milligrams, carats, grains, Newtons, ounces, troy ounces, pennyweight, custom	
Stabilization Time	Typically 3 seconds	
Operating Temp	15ºC to 35ºC recommended	
Power Supply	External mains power adapter - supplied as standard (Input Voltage 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz) Factory-fit NiMH battery pack option.	
Input Voltage	18 VDC - 830 mA	
Weighing mechanism	Precision Load Cell	
Calibration	Suffix i = internal calibration mechanism, e = external calibration only,	
External Calibration Mass	Recommended OIML class: E2, ASTM / ANSI class: 2	
	100 g or 200 g	200 g or 400 g
Display	LCD with blue backlight, 7 characters, 20 mm high, and symbols	
Draft Shield (w x d x h)	Glass Ring Draft Shield With Alloy Lid (180 mm diam. x 90 mm)	
Pan Size	Round, 120 mm diameter	
Overall Dimensions (w x d x h)	220 x 310 x 90 mm without breeze ring 8.7 x 12.2 x 3.5 in	
Net Weight	3.1 kg / 6 lb 12 oz (external calibration model) 3.7 kg / 8 lb 8 oz (internal calibration model)	

Model #	**NBL 623 e / i**	**NBL 823 e / i**
Maximum Capacity	620 g	820 g
Readability (d)	0.001 g	
Number of intervals n=	620000	820000
Min. weight	0.02 g	0.02 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev)	0.002 g	
Linearity ±	0.002 g	
Units of Measure	grams, milligrams, carats, grains, Newtons, ounces, troy ounces, pennyweight, custom	
Stabilization Time	Typically 3 seconds	
Operating Temp	15ºC to 35ºC recommended	
Power Supply	External mains power adapter - supplied as standard (Input Voltage 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz)	
Input Voltage	18 VDC - 830 mA	
Weighing mechanism	Force Restoration Balance Motor	
Calibration	Suffix i = internal calibration mechanism, e = external calibration only	
External Calibration Mass	Recommended OIML class: E2, ASTM / ANSI class: 2	
	500 g	
Display	LCD with blue backlight, 7 characters, 20 mm high, and symbols	
Draft Shield (w x d x h)	Glass Ring Draft Shield With Alloy Lid (180 mm diam. x 90 mm)	
Pan Size	Round, 160 mm diameter	
Overall Dimensions (w x d x h)	220 x 310 x 90 mm without breeze ring 8.7 x 12.2 x 3.5 in	
Net Weight	4.0 kg / 8 lb 13 oz (external calibration model) 4.8 kg / 10 lb 9 oz (internal calibration model)	

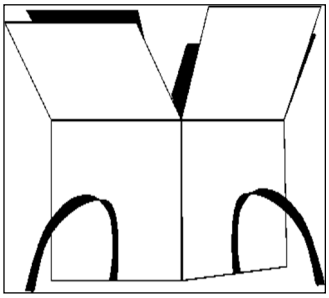
Model #	**NBL 1602 e / i**	**NBL 2602 e / i**	**NBL 3602 e / i**	**NBL 4602 e / i**
Maximum Capacity	1600 g	2600 g	3600 g	4600 g
Readability (d)	0.01 g	0.01 g	0.01 g	0.01 g
Number of intervals n=	160000	260000	360000	460000
Min. weight	0.2 g	0.2 g	0.2 g	0.2 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev)	0.02 g			
Linearity ±	0.02 g			
Units of Measure	grams, carats, grains, Newtons, ounces, troy ounces, pennyweight, pounds, kilograms, custom			
Stabilization Time	Typically 3 seconds			
Operating Temp	15ºC to 35ºC recommended			
Power Supply	External mains power adapter - supplied as standard (Input Voltage 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz) Factory-fit NiMH battery pack option.			
Input Voltage	18 VDC - 830 mA			
Weighing mechanism	Precision Load Cell			
Calibration	Suffix i = internal calibration mechanism, e = external calibration only			
External Calibration Mass	Recommended OIML class: F1, ASTM / ANSI class: 3			
	1 kg	2 kg	2 kg, 3 kg	2 kg, 4 kg
Display	LCD with blue backlight, 7 characters, 20 mm high, and symbols			
Draft Shield (w x d x h)	None			
Pan Size	Round, 160 mm diameter			
Overall Dimensions (w x d x h)	220 x 310 x 90 mm 8.7 x 12.2 x 3.5 in			
Net Weight	3.1 kg / 6 lb 14 oz (external calibration model) 3.9 kg / 8 lb 10 oz (internal calibration model)			

Model #	**NBL 4201e**	**NBL 6201e**	**NBL 8201e**
Maximum Capacity	4200g	6200g	8200g
Readability (d)	0.1g	0.1g	0.1g
Number of intervals n=	42000	62000	82000
Min. weight	2 g	2 g	2 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev)	0.1g		
Linearity ±	0.1g		
Units of Measure	grams, carats, grains, Newtons, ounces, troy ounces, pennyweight, pounds, kilograms, custom		
Stabilization Time	Typically 3 seconds		
Operating Temp	15ºC to 35ºC recommended		
Power Supply	External mains power adapter - supplied as standard (Input Voltage 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz) Factory-fit NiMH battery pack option.		
Input Voltage	18 VDC - 830 mA		
Weighing mechanism	Precision Load Cell		
Calibration	External calibration only		
External Calibration Mass	Recommended OIML class: F2, ASTM / ANSI class: 4		
	2 kg, 4 kg	2 kg, 5 kg	
Display	LCD with blue backlight, 7 characters, 20 mm high, and symbols		
Draft Shield (w x d x h)	None		
Pan Size	Round, 160 mm diameter		
Overall Dimensions (w x d x h)	220 x 310 x 90 mm 8.7 x 12.2 x 3.5 in		
Net Weight	3.1 kg / 6 lb 14 oz		

Model #	**NBL 12001e**	**NBL 16001e**	**NBL 22001e**
Maximum Capacity	12000g	16000g	22000g
Readability (d)	0.1g	0.1g	0.1g
Number of intervals n=	120000	160000	220000
Min. weight	2 g	2 g	2 g
Repeatability (Std. Dev)	0.1g		
Linearity ±	0.1g		
Units of Measure	grams, carats, grains, Newtons, ounces, troy ounces, pennyweight, pounds, kilograms, custom		
Stabilization Time	Typically 3 seconds		
Operating Temp	15ºC to 35ºC recommended		
Power Supply	External mains power adapter - supplied as standard (Input Voltage 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz) Factory-fit NiMH battery pack option.		
Input Voltage	18 VDC - 830 mA		
Weighing mechanism	Precision Load Cell		
Calibration	External calibration only		
External Calibration Mass	Recommended OIML class: F2, ASTM / ANSI class: 4		
	5 kg, 10 kg	10 kg, 15 kg	10 kg, 20 kg
Display	LCD with blue backlight, 7 characters, 20 mm high, and symbols		
Draft Shield (w x d x h)	None		
Pan Size	390 X 290 mm		
Overall Dimensions (w x d x h)	390 x 480 x 100 mm (590 mm tall with pole accessory) 8.7 x 12.2 x 3.5 in		
Net Weight	7.6 kg / 16 lb 12 oz		

4 UNPACKING THE BALANCE

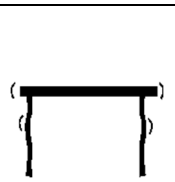
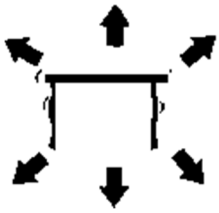
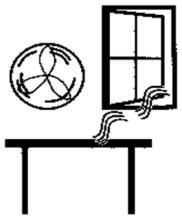
Remove the balance from the packing by carefully lifting it out of the box. Inside the box you will find everything needed to start using the balance-



- AC mains power adapter & cord
- Stainless Steel Top Pan
- Alloy sub-pan
- Draught shield (for mg models only)
- User documentation

Carefully follow the quick setup guide included to assemble the balance.

5 LOCATING THE BALANCE

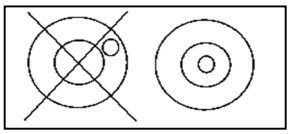
	The balance should not be placed in a location that will reduce the accuracy. Avoid extremes of temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight or near air conditioning vents. Avoid unsuitable tables. The table or floor must be rigid and not vibrate. Avoid unstable power sources. Do not use near large users of electricity such as welding equipment or large motors. Do not place near vibrating machinery. Avoid high humidity that might cause condensation. Avoid direct contact with water. Do not spray or immerse the balances in water. Avoid air movement such as from fans or opening doors. Do not place near open windows or air-conditioning vents. Keep the balance clean. Do not stack material on the balances when they are not in use. Avoid sources of static electricity. This can affect measurement accuracy and may damage sensitive electronics.
	
	
	

6 SETTING UP THE BALANCE

6.1 ASSEMBLING THE BALANCE

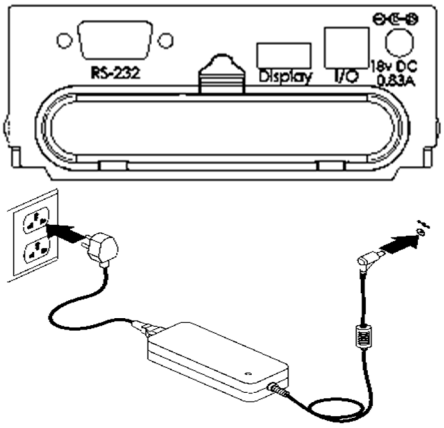
Carefully follow the included quick setup guide to assemble the balance. Ensure that you locate the balance on a solid level surface, free from vibration.

6.1.1 Levelling the balance



After placing the balance in a suitable location, level it by using the spirit level on the front of the balance. To level the balance turn the two adjustable feet at the rear of the balance until the bubble in the spirit level is centred.

6.1.2 Warm-Up Time



Insert the power supply cable DC connector to the connector on the rear of the balance. Plug the power supply module into the mains. The display will indicate the balance serial number followed by the software revision number, followed by the maximum capacity of the balance. Next the balance will run a self-test by displaying all segments followed by a busy symbol and a line of 7 dashes indicating the balance is in busy mode. Once ready, the display will show a zero weight reading, accompanied by the →0← symbol.

Before you start weighing, you have to wait for the balance to achieve a stable internal temperature.

A stable sign ∽ is shown when the balance is in stable condition. It will turn off if the balance is not stable. Exact zero is shown when the "→0←" symbol is visible on the top left of the display area.

6.2 CALIBRATION

Units with an 'i' suffix can be calibrated using either internal calibration mechanism or by using an external mass. Units with an 'e' suffix can only be calibrated with an external mass. Internal calibration option must be enabled in the setup menu options or else external calibration mode will be used when the **[Cal]** key is pressed.

6.2.1 Manual Calibration

Pressing the **[Cal]** key will start calibration. Calibration can also be initiated by a change in internal temperature or a set time period as determined by the user.

Pressing **[➔0/T←]** will abort the calibration at any time.

Calibration should be performed carefully and in conditions of no vibration, air movement or other disturbance. Make sure the pan is empty, clean, and correctly fitted.

6.2.2 Calibration using Internal Calibration mass (if fitted)

Note: Internal calibration (if fitted) will only initiate if it is enabled as the default calibration method in the Supervisor level calibration setup menu.

On pressing the **[Cal]** key the display will show the busy symbol and a line of 7 dashes and then after a few seconds will display '**CALI brA**'. Then the busy symbol and a line of 7 dashes will reappear, followed by '**CAL On**'. Then '**CALI brA**' will appear again, followed by the busy symbol and a line of dashes. Finally '**CAL OFF**' will be displayed, followed by a beep and the busy symbol and a line of dashes. A final beep will sound the end of calibration and the display should return to '**0.000 g**' or similar. Internal calibration is now complete and normal operations may proceed.

6.2.3 Calibration using External Calibration mass

Note: Calibration mass used should be a known accurate item, ideally with an OIML or ASTM/ANSI classification appropriate to the accuracy of the balance.

On pressing the **[Cal]** key the display will show the balance setting a new Zero condition by showing "**LOAd 0**". Make sure the pan is empty then press the **[Setup]** key to continue

The display will show the busy symbol and a line of dashes and then after a few seconds will display the default calibration mass. For example, for a 213e model the display will be "**LOAd 100 g**" where 100 g is the default calibration mass.

Place the selected mass on the balance. The balance will automatically continue. The display will show the busy symbol and a line of dashes and after calibration is complete it will sound a beep and display "**unLOAd**". Remove the weight. Another beep will be heard confirming the unloading action. The balance will display the busy symbol and a line of dashes for a few seconds and then sound a beep and return to normal weighing.

6.2.4 Automatic Calibration

The balance will indicate the need for calibration when the balance has automatic calibration enabled and the set pre-conditions for automatic calibration have been met.

Conditions that will trigger an automatic calibration are:

- Internal temperature change greater than a pre-set amount (typically 2ºC for Precision balances).
- Time since last calibration exceeds a pre-set time (typically 4 hours, or 15 minutes after power is applied).

The balance will indicate the need for calibration to be carried out by flashing the **"CAL"** symbol on the display. As soon as the balance is calibrated the symbol will be turned off.

The Auto calibration feature can be enabled, disabled or changed within the user options to meet the requirements of the users.

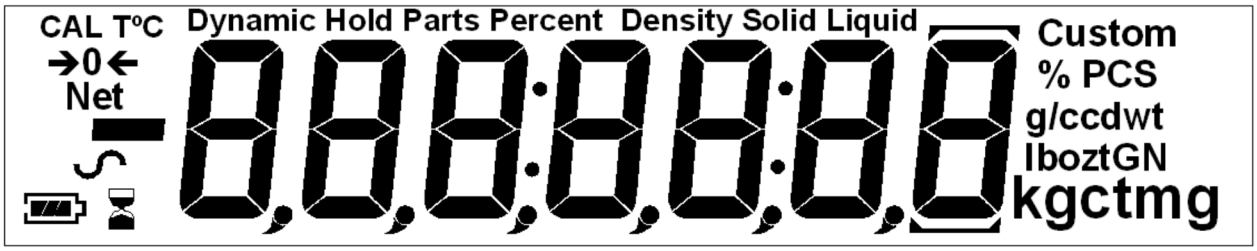
6.2.5 Calibration Errors

Occasionally during calibration an error will be detected. These errors can be caused by:

- Unstable readings
- Improper calibration weights being used
- Large shifts of zero from the factory settings

When an error is found a displayed message will be shown and the calibration must be done again. If the balance has error messages more than once it is possible the mechanics have been damaged.

7 DISPLAY



The LCD has several areas-

A large 7 digit area to display the weight with symbols for common weighing units on its right and symbols for zero, tare (Net) and stability on the left.

Text symbols above the display show the current operation or function being used.

7.1 SYMBOLS AND TEXT

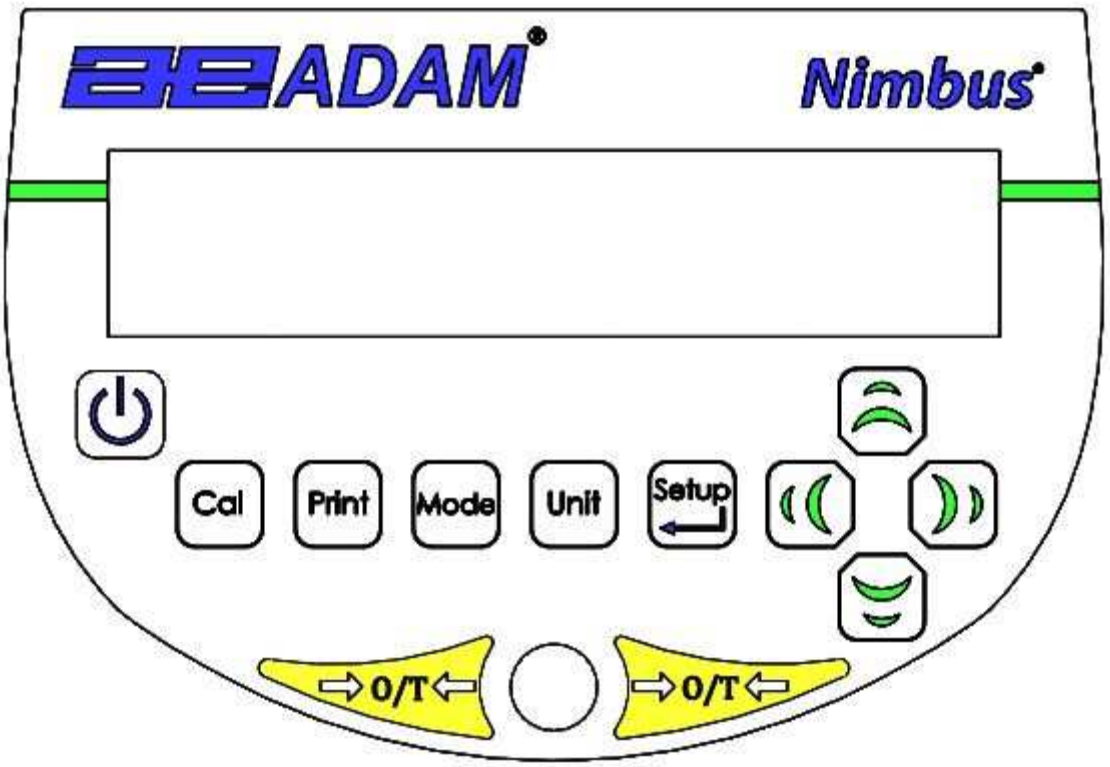
The LCD has unique symbols to indicate the following:

→0←	Zero
	Busy
	Stable
g, mg, kg, ct, dwt, GN, ozt, oz, N, Custom, g/cc, Pcs, %,	Symbols shown for units and modes
	Battery charge symbol

Indicators:

"CAL"	When calibration is occurring or about to occur
"T"	For a time driven calibration
"ºC"	When a temperature is shown or a temperature driven calibration is to occur
"Net"	When a net weight is shown
"Dynamic"	When the balance is in the animal weighing mode
"Hold"	When the balance is in hold mode
"Parts"	When the balance is in the Parts counting mode
"Percent"	When the balance is in the Percent weighing mode
"Density Solid"	When the balance is in the Solid Density mode
"Density Liquid"	When the balance is in the Liquid Density mode

8 KEYPAD



The keypad has the following keys to operate the balance.

Keys	Primary function
⏻	**[POWER]** To turn the balance to ON or Standby
[→0/T←]	**[→0/T←]** A combined zero and tare function. To escape from **setup** functions and modes.
[Cal]	**[Cal]** Starts the calibration function
[Print]	**[Print]** Instructs the balance to print data
[Mode]	**[Mode]** Enters the Mode Selection Menu
[Unit]	**[Unit]** Selects weighing units by cycling through a set of enabled units.
[Setup]	**[Setup]** Enters the setup parameters (Supervisor Menus). Enters a function or saves a value while manually entering unit weight or check weighing limits.

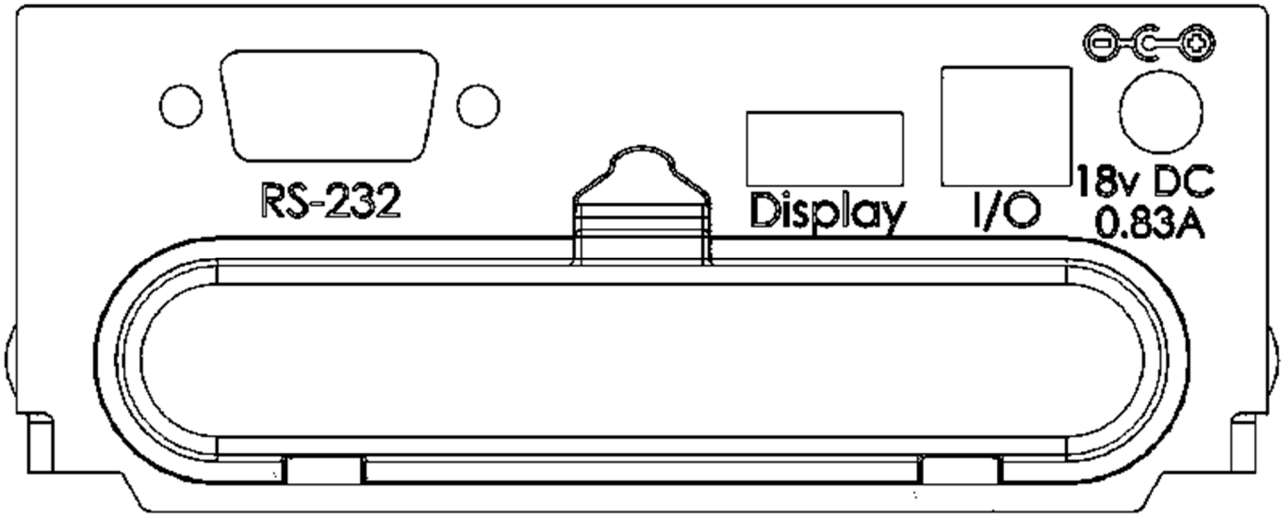
	**[Down]** To decrement or change a displayed value or scroll through options backwards
	**[Right]** To advance a flashing digit by one position to the right. To go back by one step during setup functions
	**[Left]** To advance a flashing digit by one position to the left
	**[Up]** To increase or change a displayed value or scroll through options forward

8.1 NUMERIC ENTRY METHOD

To set a value when required, use the keys as given below:-

[Up] and **[Down]** symbol keys start entry process, causing the active digit to flash.
Press **[Up]** and **[Down]** to increase or decrease the flashing digit.
Once each digit is set to the required value, use the **[Left]** and **[Right]** symbol keys to advance or move back through the digits and then press **[Up]** and **[Down]** to increase or decrease the flashing digit as required.
Once the value displayed on screen is as required, press the **[Setup]** key to accept or enter the displayed value.
Press the **[➔0/T←]** key to exit the menu at any time.

9 INPUT/OUTPUT



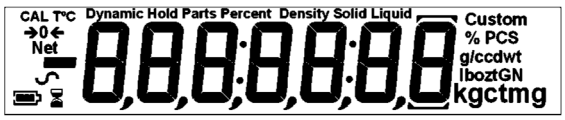
The rear panel has some or all of the following connectors depending on model:

- RS-232 serial - 9 pin d-subminiature plug.
- Remote display connector (USB type A socket).
- I/O connector (USB type B socket).
- Power input socket. (Required power input is a low-voltage external supply, 18VDC @ 830mA for all models). Accepts concentric barrel plug 11.4mm length X 5.5mm outside diameter X 2.1mm centre diameter.

There is also a battery cover and slot for the rechargeable NiMH battery pack (if available with your model). Due to the high power requirements of the analytical balance weighing mechanism and the internal calibration mechanism, it is not recommended to use battery power for these options.

10 OPERATIONS

10.1 INITIALISATION



When the balance is first switched on, it will display the balance serial number (if set), the software revision, the model capacity and then all segments on the display will be shown. Overall the time taken is usually 5 -10 seconds.

If Operator and Supervisor passcodes have been set, the display will show "PASS Cd", shortly followed by "0". In this case you must enter the passcode to continue, using the numeric entry method (see section **Error! Reference source not found.**). If passcode is incorrectly entered then the message "Er CodE" will flash, shortly followed by "0". Once a passcode is correctly entered, or if passcodes have not been set, the balance will continue as below.

The display will show zero reading along with the zero symbol "→0←" and the weighing unit last used. If automatic time calibration is enabled the balance will calibrate 15 minutes after power up, or again after the pre-set time interval.

10.2 PASSCODES

This equipment has passcode security functions which can restrict certain operations to particular users. Supervisor and Operator modes are available. If no passcode is set then the default access is Supervisor level. Setting a Supervisor passcode gives the option to lock down key parameters so that they are not available to be changed by operator-level staff.

If a passcode has been set to limit access to the weighing functions of the balance then when reset or turned on, or when the **[Setup]** key is pressed in Operator mode, the display will show "PASS Cd" followed by "0". Use the numeric entry method (see section 8.1) to enter either the operator or supervisor code depending on the access level required. The display show the digits entered as they are set. The active digit will have the "-" symbol flashing. Make sure to enter the correct passcode to continue. See Section 13.7 for details.

10.3 WEIGHING

Press **[➔0/T←]** to zero the balance if required. The "➔0←" symbol will be displayed.

Carefully place a mass on the pan and the weight will be displayed with the "~" symbol on the left hand side of the display to indicate that a stable reading has been obtained.

If a container is to be used, place it on the balance and press **[➔0/T←]** to tare the weight. When the balance symbol "~" is on, the "**Net**" symbol will be displayed to indicate that the balance is tared.

When the display shows zero, place the item to be weighed. Only the net weight will be displayed.

When a tared weight has been stored, pressing **[➔0/T←]** again will remove it**.**

At any time the **[Unit]** key may be pressed to select another unit. Use the **[Up]** or **[Down]** keys to scroll through the units and select the desired unit by pressing **[Setup]**, the display will change to show the weight in the selected weighing unit. The available weighing units can be enabled or disabled during setup of the balance (see section 13.1). Only weighing units that have been enabled will be cycled through when **[Unit]** is pressed.

Weighing Units:
Note: Approved units have a restricted range of units available, depending on country of approval.

You can select alternative weighing units to display the weight by pressing the **[Unit]** key. Depending on model, the available weighing units may include:

	Unit	**Symbol**	**Models**	**Conversion Factor 1g =**	**Conversion Factor 1 unit = grams**
1	GRAMS	g	All	1	1.0
2	MILLIGRAMS	mg	not 0.01g & 0.1g units	1000	0.001
3	KILOGRAMS	kg	0.01g & 0.1g units	0.001	1000
4	CARATS	ct	All	5	0.2000
5	PENNYWEIGHT	dwt	Some models	0.643014865	1.555174
6	GRAINS	GN	Some models	15.43236	0.0647989
7	TROY OUNCES	ozt	Some models	0.032150747	31.103476
8	OUNCES	oz	Some models	0.035273962	28.349523
9	POUNDS	lb	Some models	0.00220462	453.59237
10	POUNDS:OZs	lboz	Some models	0.035273962	1 lb = 16 oz
11	CUSTOM	Custom	Some models	As specified	As specified

It is possible to set the balance to display only grams. Grams will always be one of the units enabled, by default.

If "Custom" unit is available and selected, the balance will prompt for entering a multiplier by displaying "CF 1.2345", where "1.2345" is the last stored value. Any value ranging from 0.100 to 10.000 may be entered, by which the weight in grams will be multiplied before being displayed. If a multiplier of greater than 1.000 is entered, the number of decimal

places displayed will be reduced by one. This multiplier value will be saved for the next use until it is changed by the user.

The balance displays the alternate weighing units with as much precision as possible. For example, the NBL 423 balances (420g x 0.001g) could weigh up to:

Unit	Maximum	d =
g	420	0.001
mg	420000	1
kg	0.420000	0.000001
ct.	2100	0.005
dwt	270.066	0.001
GN	6481.59	0.02
ozt	13.50330	0.00005
oz	14.81505	0.00005
Lb	0.92594	0.00001
N	4.1188	0.0001

10.4 FUNCTIONS

When weighing, the user can access the applications that have been enabled (see section 13.2).

The following applications are available depending on model:
Weighing
Parts counting
Percent weighing
Dynamic (animal) weighing (some models)
Density determination (Liquid & Solid) (some models)

The selectable functions can be enabled in supervisor mode and are selected by pressing the **[Mode]** key to enter selection mode. The display will go blank and a small mode symbol will appear at the top of the display, such as **"Dynamic"**, **"Density Solid"**, **"Parts"** etc. Use the **[Up]** and **[Down]** symbol keys to cycle through functions, and press **[Setup]** to confirm your selection, or press one of the **[→0/T←]** keys at any time to return to normal weighing mode.

10.4.1 Parts Counting

This allows the user to weigh a sample of parts to compute an average unit weight and then determine the number of items being weighed by dividing the net weight by the unit weight value. The result is always a whole number of parts.

The balance will have a pre-set number of parts to be used as a sample. These values are 10, 25, 50 or 100 items.

Press **[Mode]** and cycle through the available options until the **"Parts"** symbol is displayed. Now enter parts counting mode by pressing **[Setup]**.

Press the **[Up]** or **[Down]** key to select the sample size, "SP **XX PCS"** (where XX=10, 25, 50, 100) then press **[Setup]** to confirm.

When "Ld **XX PCS"** is shown, place XX number of items on the pan and press **[Setup]** to compute the average piece weight. Display will indicate the total weight in the last selected unit and then show "XX **PCS"** sounding a beep. The **"Parts"** symbol will still be shown at the top of the display to indicate that the balance is in the parts counting mode

Remove the sample and display will show "0 **PCS"**.

Place an unknown quantity of parts on the pan. The balance will then compute the number of parts based on the average piece weight. The display will show the result in number of pieces. This will be an integer value in the format "XX **PCS"**.

To count another item press **[Mode]** and continue as before.

Checks will be made to determine that the weight of the reference parts is large enough for reasonably accurate counting (the weight of each piece must be > 1 division of the balance).

To return to normal weighing, press one of the **[→0/T←]** keys.

10.4.2 Percentage Weighing

Percent weighing will be done by defining a certain weight to be 100%. The weight to be used can either be entered by the user or taken from a sample

Press **[Mode]** and then the **[Up]** or **[Down]** key until the "**Percent**" symbol is displayed. Now enter percent weighing mode by pressing **[Setup]**.

Display will show, "SAMPLE %" (sample method) or "Ent Wt %" (manual weight method). Press the **[Up]** or **[Down]** keys to toggle between the two methods and press **[Setup]** to select the desired method.

10.4.2.1 Sample method:

When "SAMPLE %" is displayed, press **[Setup]**.

When "LOAd" followed by 100 %" is shown, carefully add the sample to the pan. Now press **[Setup]** to set this weight to be 100%. The display will show "rEF Wt" and the sample weight in the last selected unit. After a short pause, " 100 %" will be displayed. "**Percent**" will be shown on the top of the display to indicate that the balance is in the percent weighing mode

Remove the sample and "0.00 %" will be displayed

Now place an unknown sample on the pan to display the percentage weight relative to the original sample.

To set another weight as 100%, press **[Mode]** and repeat as before.

10.4.2.2 Manual method:

To manually enter a value to be set as 100%, when "Ent Wt %" is displayed, press **[Setup]**. The display will briefly show " 100 Wt" followed by a weight value in the unit last used in the weighing mode.

Change the displayed weight to the required sample weight using the direction keys and numeric entry method and press **[Setup]** to enter the value. The display will now return to zero.

Now place unknown samples on the pan to display the percentage weight relative to the set sample weight.

To repeat percent weighing with another sample press **[Mode]** and continue as before, or to return to normal weighing mode, press **[Mode]** followed by **[→0/T←]**.

NOTE: Percentage will be initially displayed to the maximum number of decimal places based on the resolution of the balance. To increase or decrease by one decimal place, press the **[Up]** or **[Down]** key respectively.

10.4.3 Dynamic (Animal) Weighing

The balance can be set to weigh animals or unstable/moving items. This is commonly referred to as 'Dynamic' or 'Animal' weighing mode. The balance will collect the weight over a period of time to arrive at an average value and display the value until the operator resets the balance. The actual weighing process can begin either automatically when the weight is placed on the pan, or when initiated by the operator. The weighing unit can be selected as normal using the **[Unit]** and **[Setup]** keys, before starting the dynamic weighing process.

Steps:
Press **[Mode]** and then the **[Up]** or **[Down]** key to cycle through available modes. When the **"Dynamic"** symbol is displayed, press **[Setup]** to enter dynamic weighing mode. "run" will now be displayed on the screen.

Press **[Up]** or **[Down]** to select "run" for starting the dynamic weighing, or "SEtuP" to set up the balance for dynamic weighing (see section 10.4.3.3 on Dynamic Weighing Setup Parameters).

During dynamic weighing, if the **[Print]** key is pressed, the balance will display "PAuSEd" for 1 second, then show the current average weight with the **"Dynamic"** symbol flashing.

To resume, press **[Print]** again or if you do not wish to continue then pressing **[Mode]** will display "StOP" for one second and then show the final value. The value will be locked until the user releases it.

10.4.3.1 MANUAL MODE

When the balance is in the "MAnuAL" mode:–

If **[Setup]** is pressed when "run" is selected, balance will display "StArt".

Place the item on the pan and press **[Setup]** again.

After the pre-configured delay and test time have elapsed (see section 10.4.3.3 on Dynamic Weighing Setup Parameters), the **"Hold"** symbol and the result will be displayed.

Remove the item from the pan. Press **[Mode]** to go back to "run" to weigh another item, or **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing.

10.4.3.2 AUTO MODE

When the balance is in the "AutO" mode:–

If **[Setup]** is pressed when "run" is selected, the balance will display "LOAd P".

Place the item on the pan. The animal weighing test will begin automatically.

After the pre-configured delay and test time have elapsed (see section 10.4.3.3 on Dynamic Weighing Setup Parameters), the **"HOLD"** symbol and the result will be displayed.

Remove the item from the pan. Press **[Mode]** to go back to "run" to weigh another item, or **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing.

10.4.3.3 Dynamic (Animal) Weighing Setup Parameters

When the "Dynamic" symbol is displayed, and you have selected "SEtuP" to set up the balance for dynamic weighing (see section 10.4.3.3 on Dynamic Weighing Setup Parameters):

Press **[Setup]** to select "SEtuP" to change the dynamic weighing mode settings.

The display will show "ModE". Press **[Setup]** again and use the **[Up]** or **[Down]** keys to select "AutO" or "ManuAL".

If "AutO" or "ManuAL" is selected, the following 4 parameters are available:

- Threshold "tHrESH"
- Mode "ModE"
- Delay "dELAY"
- Test time "tESt t"

10.4.3.3.1 Threshold "tHrESH" **(**For **Auto** mode only**)**

Press **[Setup]** when **"tHrESH"** is shown and the display will next show the minimum weight of the item required by the balance to start the process for dynamic weighing. The value shown will be the current value in the last selected unit.

The minimum threshold value can be changed from 1.0 to 100 grams using the keypad numeric entry method. If a value outside this range is selected then it will not be accepted and "Er LO" or "Er HI 9H" will be displayed followed by return to the weight entry screen again.

To confirm the desired value, press **[Setup]** or to escape without changing the value, press **[Mode].**

10.4.3.3.2 Mode "ModE"

Auto "AutO" or Manual "ManuAL" modes are available. Whichever mode is visible when **[Setup]** is pressed becomes the active mode. **Auto** starts dynamic weighing test as soon as weight exceeding a set threshold is loaded on the pan. **Manual** requires the user to load the pan and then press a button before weighing commences.

10.4.3.3.3 Delay "dELAY"

Press **[Setup]** when **"dELAY"** is shown and the display will next show the number of seconds pause before the sampling starts. The **Delay** value can be changed to between 0-99 seconds using the keypad numeric entry method. If a value outside this range is selected then it will not be accepted and "Er LO" or "Er HI 9H" will be displayed followed by return to the time entry screen again.

To confirm the desired value, press **[Setup]** or to escape without changing the value, press **[Mode].**

10.4.3.3.4 Test time "tESt t"

Press **[Setup]** when **"tESt t"** is shown and the display will next show the number of seconds over which the balance will average to compute the final weight. The **Test time**

value can be changed to between 10 - 99 seconds using the keypad numeric entry method. If a value outside this range is selected then it will not be accepted and "Er LO" or "Er HI 9H" will be displayed followed by return to the time entry screen again.

To confirm the desired value, press **[Setup]** or to escape without changing the value, press **[Mode].**

10.4.4 Density Determination

It is possible to determine the density of solids or liquids using this mode. The user selects the type of density to be determined and then enters values to be used by the balance.

The density mode allows the user to use a special Density Kit or use the below pan weighing facility to perform the necessary weighing.

10.4.4.1 Density of Solids

To perform the density of solids test, the user must have a method to immerse the sample in the chosen liquid. The density of the liquid must be known or determined from a look-up table.

Steps:

Press **[Mode]** and then **[Up]** and **[Down]** keys until **"Density Solid"** or **"Density Liquid"** symbol is displayed and then press **[Setup]** to enter chosen density mode.

When **"Density Solid"** is selected, the type of liquid used for the test must be selected:

Press **[Up]** or **[Down]** to select the liquid – water (display "WAtEr"), ethanol ("EtHAnOL"), or other ("OtHEr").

For **Water** and **Ethanol**:

The density will be calculated based on the liquid temperature. A prompt "WAtEr t" or "EtH tEn", shortly followed by a numeric value e.g. "20.0" and the "°C" symbol at the top left of the display will appear. Measure and enter the temperature of the fluid using the keypad numeric entry method (see section 8.1**Error! Reference source not found.**).

or

For **Other**:

The liquid density value must be accurately known, and entered manually. A value will appear on screen e.g. "0.500 g/cc". Enter the known density (g/cc) using the numeric entry method (see section **Error! Reference source not found.**). Value must be in the range **0.5** ≤ **2.0**. If a value outside this range is selected then it will not be accepted and "Er LO" or "Er HI 9H" will be displayed followed by return to the time entry screen again.

To confirm the desired value, press **[Setup]** or to escape without changing the value, press **[Mode].** The display will show "**XX.XXX** g/cc". Press **[Setup]** to continue.

The balance will now request the weight of the sample in air by displaying "AIr Wt". Place the item on the pan, or in receptacle if the density kit is used, and press **[Setup]**. The weight in air will briefly be shown in the last weighing unit selected.

After completion of the air weighing, the balance will request the weight in liquid by displaying "LIq Wt". Submerge the item in the liquid and press **[Setup]** to start the liquid weighing. The weight in liquid will briefly be shown in the last weighing unit selected, followed by the computed density of the sample displayed as "**XX.XXX** g/cc".

Remove the item from the pan and press **[Mode]** to continue with a new sample or press **[➔0/T←]** to return to normal weighing.

10.4.4.2 Density of a Liquid

When finding the density of a liquid, it is necessary to weigh a sample of known volume in air and then in the liquid. The volume of the sample must be entered by the user. The last known volume is stored for use at any time.

If using the density determination kit, the volume of the plumb is marked on its support, e.g. 10.123 cc.

Steps:

Press **[Mode]** and then **[Up]** and **[Down]** keys until **"Density Liquid"** symbol is displayed and then press **[Setup]** to enter this chosen density mode.

When **"Density Liquid"** is selected, the type of liquid used for the test must be selected:

The volume will be asked for by displaying "uOLuME" followed by a value which is the bulb volume in cubic centilitres (cc). Enter or change the volume if required, using the keypad numeric entry method (see section **Error! Reference source not found.**) and then press **[Setup]** to continue.

The balance will now request the weight in air by displaying "AIr Wt". Place the glass plumb supplied with the density determination kit in air on the weighing pan and press **[Setup]** to start the air weighing. The value will briefly be shown in the last weighing unit selected. The balance will now request the weight in liquid by displaying "LIq Wt".

Submerge the glass plumb in the liquid and press **[Setup]** to start the liquid weighing. The weight will briefly be shown in the last selected unit, followed by the computed density of the sample displayed as "**XX.XXX** g/cc"

Remove the item from the pan.

Press **[Mode]** to continue with a new sample or press **[➔0/T←]** to return to normal weighing.

If a printer or other serial device is connected then pressing **[Print]** will print the density value in g/cc.

11 RS-232 INTERFACE

The balances have the ability to send or receive data over the serial interfaces, RS232 and USB (if fitted). Both interfaces are controlled by the parameters detailed below. If the host computer to be used does not have a serial port then a USB-RS232 convertor accessory can be used.

The USB and RS232 both operate as general purpose serial data ports. Weighing data can be sent over the interface either automatically, or when the user presses the [**Print**] key. Connection can be made to a printer, remote terminal or other device with a compatible serial data port.

11.1 HARDWARE

The RS-232 interface is a simple 3 wire connection. A null-modem cable can be used.

The input and output connections are:
Connector: 9 pin D-sub miniature socket
Pin 2 input to balance RXD
Pin 3 output from balance TXD
Pin 5 Signal ground GND

Handshaking is not applied.

Baud rate: Selectable 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400

Parity: Selectable NONE (=8N1), EVEN (=7E1) or ODD (=7O1)

All lines are terminated with carriage return and line feed (<CR><LF>).

To connect to a device, the correct cable must be used, and port settings on both connected devices must match. The RS232 and USB connector (if fitted) both output simultaneously, so it is possible to have more than one connection at once.

To configure output mode, frequency and formats, see section 13.3 and 13.4

11.2 OUTPUT FORMATS

11.2.1 SINGLE-LINE OUTPUT FORMAT

In continuous output mode, or if single-line output on demand is selected, the serial output format will be a single line in the form " 1234.567 g<CR><LF>".

NOTE: The format of the result will change depending on the mode in which the balance is operating, e.g.
Normal weighing, Animal weighing: "**123.456 g**"
Parts counting: "**1234 pcs**"
Percent weighing: "**12.345 %**"
Density: "**12.345 g/cc**"

11.2.2 STANDARD OUTPUT FORMAT

The balance will print the following data as the standard form. The standard form cannot be changed. The format of the custom forms #1 and #2 will be the same as the standard form until modified by the user.

Line 1	Date
Line 2	Time
Line 3	Blank line
Line 4	ID number
Line 5	Blank line
Line 6	Result
Line 7	Blank line
Line 8	Blank line

This will result in a printout that looks like:

```
Date:  23/09/04
Time:  15:45:27

ID No: 123456

Net: 123.456 g
```

NOTE: The format of the result line will change depending on the mode in which the balance is operating, e.g.
Normal weighing, Animal weighing: "**123.456 g**"
Parts counting: "**1234 pcs**"
Percent weighing: "**12.345 %**"
Density: "**12.345 g/cc**"

11.2.3 CUSTOM OUTPUT FORMAT

If output on demand is selected, the user may optionally configure the serial output as a choice of 3 styles of form, either in a default format or in one of two custom formats. Each of the custom formats can be configured to output up to 15 lines of data. The data types that can be printed are:

NAME	TEXT PRINTED
ID number	ID no.: xxxxxxxxxxxx
Serial number	Serial no. xxxxxxxxxxxx
Date	DATE dd/mm/yyyy
Time	TIME hh:mm:ss
Net weight	Net: xxx.xxx g
Gross weight	Gross: xxx.xxx g
Tare weight	Tare: xxx.xxx g
Unit weight	Unit wt: xxx.xxx g
Count	Count: xxxx pcs
Reference weight	Ref. wt: xxx.xxx g
Percent	Percent: xx.xxx %
Checkweigh lower limit	Low: xxx.xxx g
Checkweigh upper limit	High: xxx.xxx g
A blank line printed	<CR><LF> only.

Any of these can be printed on any of the 15 lines available. Not all items need to be used and any one can be used more than once (see section 13.4).

The data for each form will be preceded by a start-of-header <SOH> ASCII character (01) and terminated with an end-of-transmission <EOT> ASCII character (04). These characters will be ignored by a serial printer but will allow a computer program which reads the data to distinguish between this block report format and the single-line output format described above.

11.3 INPUT COMMANDS USING REMOTE KEYS

The balance can be controlled with the following commands sent using remote keys such as from a PC. The commands must be sent in upper case letters, i.e. “KT” not “kt”. Press the Enter key of the PC after each command (the action of Carriage Return is denoted as <CR> as shown below).

Basic Input Commands:

!KT<CR>	Tares the balance to display the net weight. This is the same as pressing the **[➔0/T🡐]** key when the balance is in the normal weighing mode.
!KS<CR>	Enters the setup section. This is the same as pressing the **[Setup]** key when the balance is in the normal weighing mode. Once entered the setup section, the balance can be controlled remotely using the Input Commands (as mentioned in this table) which will perform the same key functions as described in section **Error! Reference source not found.**.
!KP<CR>	Transmits data over RS-232 interface. This is the same as pressing the [Print] key when the balance is in the normal weighing mode.
!KM<CR>	Enters the Modes section. This is the same as pressing the **[Mode]** key when the balance is in the normal weighing mode.
!KC<CR>	Enters the Calibration section. This is the same as pressing the **[Cal]** key when the balance is in the normal weighing mode.
!KU<CR>	Enters the Unit selection section. This is the same as pressing the **[Unit]** key when the balance is in the normal weighing mode.

11.3.1 Invalid Input Command:

If an invalid command is received, then the command is returned as follows-

Invalid Command	Message returned	Remarks
!NT<CR>	!EU<CR>	Command character is not ‘K’
!KK<CR>	!EK<CR>	Key character is not ‘T’, ‘S’, ‘P’, ‘M’, ‘C’ or ‘U’
!KT-<CR>	!EF<CR>	Command format error, <CR> is not the fourth character
KT<CR> or !KT -	No reply	Either ‘!’ or <CR> is missing in the command string

When the remote display output is used with the Adam Equipment Remote Display unit, the output is a continuous stream of data representing the weight and other information to display the correct data on the remote display.

If the remote display data stream format is required for development purposes then please contact the manufacturer for advice.

12 ERROR CHECKING

During weighing the balance is constantly checking to see if it is operating within the limited parameters. The errors likely to occur are:

A/D counts below lowest allowed value
A/D counts above highest allowed value
A/D not operating
Maximum capacity exceeded

Other errors may be detected during special functions or operations. These will be described in the section that applies.

Error messages and the reasons are:

Concerning A/D counts	
Err UL	A/D counts below a limit
Err OL	A/D counts above a pre-set limit
Concerning calibration	
Err Stb	Calibration could not be completed because the results were not stable
Err LO or Err HI	Calibration constant not within 20% of old calibration constant
Concerning weighing	
Err LO	Weight display is below zero by >4%max
Err HI	Weight is above maximum plus 90d

13 SUPERVISOR MENUS

Pressing the **[Setup]** key while in normal weighing gives access to the menus.

When **[Setup]** is pressed and the Supervisor Passcode is not enabled the display will allow access to the Supervisor menus. If passcode is enabled, the balance will ask for it by displaying "PASS Cd" shortly followed by displaying "0".

If a passcode is incorrectly entered then the message "Er CODE" will flash and the display will return to "PC OPEr" or "PC SUPE".

If the passcode has been enabled and correctly entered, the balance will allow the operator to access the Supervisor's menus by which the user can enable/disable weighing units or modes, set balance parameters for the conditions, set time and date, set parameters for the RS-232 interface, calibration parameters and security parameters.

The display will show the first menu item "unI tS". The **[Up]** and **[Down]** keys will cycle through the main menu items and pressing **[Setup]** will enter the sub-menu, or options can be set. Press **[Mode]** to exit out of a sub-menu, or **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing

13.1 ENABLE WEIGHING UNITS

When "unI tS" is displayed, press **[Setup]**. The right hand side of the display will show the symbol for the first unit, e.g. carats, ct, together with its enable state "OFF" or "On". The Supervisor can then enable or disable the carats unit by using **[Up]** or **[Down]**. Pressing **[Setup]** will confirm the setting and will advance to the next weighing unit. Repeat for each weighing unit in turn. Note: Grams, g, is always enabled.

Press **[Mode]** to advance to setting of the next menu or press **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing

13.2 ENABLE WEIGHING MODES

The same steps are followed to enable or disable the weighing modes:

Press **[Setup]** when "nOdES" is displayed. The top of the display will show the symbol for the first mode e.g. Parts Counting (**"Parts"**) together with its enabled state "OFF" or "On". The user can enable or disable the parts counting mode by using **[Up]** or **[Down]**. Pressing **[Setup]** will confirm the setting and will advance to the next weighing mode. Repeat for each mode in turn.

Press **[Mode]** to advance to setting of the next menu, or press **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing

13.3 ENABLE SERIAL INTERFACE PARAMETERS

The parameters affecting the serial interface are set in a similar manner to the other parameters.
Note: The balance must be power-cycled to apply changes to serial port settings.

Press **[Setup]** when "SEri AL" is displayed to enter the sub-menu.

The parameters that can be set are:

EnAbLE	On = serial port enabled OFF = serial port disabled
bAud	Set Baud Rate. Selectable values: 4800, 9600, 19200 or 38400
PAr I tY	Set Parity. Selectable values: nOnE, EuEn or Odd
StAbLE	ON = print only when reading is stable OFF = print regardless of stability
CONtI n	ON = Send data continuously over serial port OFF = Only send data when **[PRINT]** is pressed
PEr I Od	ON = Set the RS-232 to send data periodically. Range 1 to 999 seconds OFF = No periodic data transmission
FOrMAt	Format of serial output data. Selectable parameter from: SINGLE = Serial data output sent as a single line STANDARD = Serial data output sent in standard format FORM 1 = Serial data output sent in custom-designed format FORM 1 FORM 2 = or FORM 2 (See section 13.4).

13.4 FORMAT OF CUSTOM FORMS #1 and #2

If FORM1 or FORM2 is selected, the format be changed by the user using a selection of available data. By default the 2 forms are the same as the standard form unless changed by the user as below.

When "FOrMI 1" or "FOrMI 2" is selected, the user can set the information to be printed on each line of the form. Pressing the **[Up]** or **[Down]** keys will cycle through the options available. The options are:

InSt Id	Instrument ID number
SEr no	Serial Number
tIME	Time
dAtE	Date
nEt	Net Weight (Gross weight – Tare Weight)
grOSS	Gross Weight
tArE	Tare Weight
unit	Unit weight in parts counting mode
Count	Number of items in parts counting mode
rEF	100% weight in percent weighing mode
PEr	Percentage of reference weight in percent weighing
LO LIM	Low Limit when check weighing (Not used)
HI LIM	High Limit when check weighing (Not used)
Cr LF	Inserts a blank line
End	Signifies the end of the report (When END is entered the display returns to the SErIAL Sub-menu)

Enter the data to be printed on the first line by pressing **[Up]** or **[Down]** to cycle through the options. If the current information is OK then press **[Setup]** to move to the next line.

e.g. "LInE 01", "dAtE" – will print date on first line of output form.

Select a code for one of the pre-set data formats as detailed above.

The next line shows: "LInE 02" "tIME" - prints time.
Only one item can be entered per line.

Continue until the formatting of the form is complete. There are 15 lines of possible data. After the 15th line has been set or "End" has been selected, the balance will return to the "SERIAL" Sub-menu.

Press **[Mode]** to advance to setting of the next menu, or press **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing.

13.5 SETUP PARAMETERS

The user parameters that control the balance are shown under the setup menu. When "SEtuP" is displayed, press the **[Setup]** key. The options for each parameter can be scrolled through by using the **[Up]** or **[Down]** key. Use the **[Up]** and **[Down]** keys to increase or decrease the value for setting. Press **[Setup]** to accept the setting and advance to the next item in the menu

Press **[Mode]** to advance to setting of the next parameter or **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing

LAnguAgE	Select menu language from available options.
tIME	Set real-time clock using the keypad numeric entry method. HH:MM:SS.
dAtE FOrM	Set date display format using the keypad numeric entry method. European (DD/MM/YY) or USA format (MM/DD/YY).
dAtE	Set date using the keypad numeric entry method. YEAR, MONTH, DAY, WEEKDAY
InSt Id	Enter a user number to identify this balance on print output. Range 1 - 9999999
buZZEr	On = Enable sound alerts OFF = Disable sound alerts
bACHLIt	AUTO = Always on unless balance is not used for 5 minutes, then turns off automatically until key is pressed or weight >20d is detected. ON = Permanently on OFF = Permanently off
POWEr	On = Power-saving mode **enabled**. Sets the inactivity period after which unit will go into stand-by mode. Range 1 – 9 minutes. OFF = Power-saving mode **disabled**.
FILtEr	The filter tracks and averages weighing to produce the most accurate measurement and smooth out instabilities. A higher filter number means more filtering and a slower, but possibly more stable and accurate response. A lower number will produce a quicker measurement but it may be less stable and accurate. Range 1 (low) to 9 (high). Recommended value for normal use: 5
FILLIng	ON = A fine filter which provides better performance when weighing whilst pouring a substance such as liquid or powder into a container on the pan. OFF = No filtering. Recommended setting for normal use.
StAbILI	Set a value to be used to determine balance stability. The number corresponds to the number of divisions the weight reading is fluctuating by. A

	larger number corresponds to a larger stable zone. Selectable values: 1, 2, 5 or 10 (divisions). Recommended value for normal use: 1
Au ZEr0	ON = Auto-zero function. Selectable values: 1, 2, 5, 10 or 15 (divisions). OFF = Auto-zero function disabled. Recommended value for normal use: ON, 5
SEPArAt	COMMA Set separator indicator on the display to be either a decimal point DEC PT or a comma. Also applies to the serial interface for print output.

13.6 CALIBRATION SETUP

This menu allows the Supervisor to set the calibration parameters. Press **[Setup]** when "CAL SEt" is displayed to select the calibration parameters. The options for each parameter can be scrolled through by using the **[Up]** or **[Down]** key and pressing **[Setup]** to confirm choices.

EnAbLE	NO = Operator calibration is disabled. YES = Operator calibration is enabled.
CAL rEP	ON = Prints out Calibration report after successful calibration. OFF = Disabled.
tIMI CAL	ON = Enabled. Select time from 1 to 24 hours. OFF = Disabled.
tEMI CAL	ON = Enabled. Select the temperature variation from 0.2 to 4°C which when detected will trigger automatic calibration. OFF = Disabled.
Int CAL	YES = Internal calibration enabled (if fitted). NO = External calibration enabled.
Int MAS	CAL MAS = Displays the set value of the internal calibration mass (if fitted) in grams. If after verification against an external mass it is determined that the value of the internal mass needs adjustment, e.g. due to wear, accumulation of dirt, etc., then this value can be adjusted by +/- 100 mg. This should only be considered by expert users if the external reference weight is definitively accurate and an incorrect weight reading is being given after internal calibration. Adjustment will restore the internal calibration to the correct level of accuracy.

Press **[Mode]** to advance to setting of the next menu or **[→0/T←]** to return to normal weighing.

13.7 PASSCODES

To enable the security features in this balance it is necessary to set passcodes. There are 2 passcodes called Operator Passcode and Supervisor Passcode. The Operator Passcode allows an authorised user to operate the basic weighing functions of the balance but will not allow access to the Supervisor Menus if the Supervisor Passcode has been set.

Note: To change or disable a Passcode it is be necessary to enter the current passcode.

To setup passcodes:
Press **[Setup].** Use the **[Up]** and **[Down]** keys to cycle through options until "PASSCOd" is displayed. Press **[Setup]** again to enter this section. Use **[Up]** and **[Down]** keys to select Operator ("PC OPEr") or Supervisor ("PC SuPE") option.

PC OPEr	Press **[Setup]. "0"** will be displayed. Enter the current passcode (OLD) first and press **[Setup].** If correctly entered then "nEW" will be displayed briefly followed by "0". Enter a new passcode if desired or press **[Mode]** or **[➔0/T←]** to leave the existing password unchanged and return to normal weighing. **Note:** A passcode set to zero will disable the security feature and allow unlimited access.
PC SuPE	Press **[Setup]. "0"** will be displayed. Enter the current passcode (OLD) first and press **[Setup].** If correctly entered then "nEW" will be displayed briefly followed by "0". Enter a new passcode if desired or press **[Mode]** or **[➔0/T←]** to leave the existing password unchanged and return to normal weighing. **Note:** A passcode set to zero will disable the security feature and allow unlimited access.

If a passcode is incorrectly entered then the message "Er CODE" will flash and the display will return to "PC OPEr" or "PC SuPE".

Forgotten Passcodes:
Keep a record of the passcode to ensure you can access this section again. If however you have forgotten your passcode you can still gain access by entering a universal code.

If you have forgotten the current passcode a code of "15" will always allow you to enter the Supervisor area. Using the Supervisor menus, go to PASSCODE section. Reset the Operator or Supervisor passcode using " 15" as the old passcode when prompted.

14 PERIPHERALS (available from your accessories supplier).

Peripherals that are available for use with the balance include the following:

14.1 DENSITY DETERMINATION KIT (For 0.0001 g and 0.001 g units only)

The Density Determination Kits include everything needed to carry out precise and repeatable measurement. The kit allows a sample to be weighed in air and then a liquid to determine the density of the sample. It also allows a glass sinker of known volume to be weighed in air or in a liquid, to determine the density of the liquid.

14.2 ANTI-VIBRATION TABLE

The anti-vibration table is a support for laboratory balances that isolate the balance from vibration through the floor. The table has a granite surface for the balance with a separate table top surrounding the balance.

14.3 ADAM THERMAL PRINTER

A compact thermal printer is available which is ideal for use with laboratory balances.

14.4 BELOW-BALANCE WEIGHING HOOK

If objects are too large or difficult to place safely on the weighing pan of a balance then a load can be supported from a hook on the underside of the balance. This application is commonly referred to as “below balance” or “underfloor” weighing. All models in the NBL range are equipped with the facility to attach a hook below the balance and suitable hooks are available. No special software is required – weighing processes are otherwise performed as normal.

14.5 IN-USE PROTECTIVE COVER

For cleanliness and hygiene reasons, and to protect the keypad and display from liquids, chemicals and particulates, and general wear, use of a transparent semi-disposable protective slip-on cover is highly recommended.

14.6 SECURITY LOCK

A fixed security loop is designed into the rear of the balance. A cable lock is available which can be passed through the loop and locked to a fixed point e.g. workbench to reduce incidences of theft.

14.7 REMOTE DISPLAY

A remote display can be connected for users that require this feature.

14.8 DUST COVER

A vinyl dust cover is available to protect your equipment whilst not in use.

14.9 ADAM DU - Data Capture Utility for ADAM Balances & Scales

ADAM DU (Data Utility) is an application that allows you to quickly and easily capture data from an ADAM Laboratory Balance or Weighing Scale and perform various functions on the collected readings such as graph the data, perform basic mathematical statistical analysis, export the readings to several common file formats. Also quickly export data to other applications (e.g. MS Excel, MS Word or the Windows Clipboard). ADAM DU also provides basic remote control of the balance/scale.

ADAM DU can collect data from up to 8 different balances/scales simultaneously, each data collection session can be individually monitored, configured and customised to your requirements. Adam DU can also speak the readings received. This is ideal if you want to

stay informed of a scale's progress whilst completing other tasks, or maybe you might be visually impaired. See http://www.adamdu.com/ for further details and to download a free evaluation copy.

15 SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

CAUTION

Use the AC adapter designed by the manufacturer for the balance. Other adapters may cause damage to the balance.

A rechargeable battery pack can only be fitted by a main service centre. If fitted, ensure that your battery pack is not overheating or damaged. Do not attempt to service or change the pack. Do not remove and dispose of in fire or general waste. Seek advice from the manufacturer or your supplier. It is recommended to periodically discharge battery packs for longer life.

Avoid subjecting the balance to rough treatment or shocks during transport, setting up and operation. Do not overload the balance beyond its maximum capacity, and do not drop material onto the platform which could damage the balance.

Do not spill liquids on the balance as it is not water-resistant. Liquids may damage the case and if it gets inside the balance it may cause damage to the electronics. Use of our special transparent in-use protective covers is recommended.

Material that has a static electric charge could influence the weighing. Discharge the static electricity of the samples, if possible. Another solution to the problem is to wipe both sides of the pan and the top of the case with an anti-static agent.

16 TROUBLE-SHOOTING

Service of a Nimbus balance will generally be necessary when the balance does not perform as expected. The balances are not user-serviceable. For Service Information, see section 18.0 and contact Adam equipment or your supplier.
Problems usually fall into one of the following categories:

User Problems:
The user is asking the balance for something it cannot do or is confused by the modes and functions of a balance. It is also possible the user has set a parameter that has affected the balance operation. Resetting the parameter to a normal value will restore operation.

- Mechanical Problems
  The balances consist of complicated and fragile mechanical devices. They can be damaged by placing a weight on it which is too high for the balance, or by dropping the balance or occasionally shipping it without taking care. The most fragile parts are the flexures. Dust, dirt, spills and other foreign objects in the balance can also cause problems.

- Electronic Problems:
  These are the rarest of the problems affecting balances. If an electronic problem is suspected make sure the mechanical problems that can cause similar symptoms have been eliminated before attempting electronic repairs. With the exception of cables most electronic repairs are solved by board replacement.

The trouble-shooting table in section 16.1 is a guide of common problems and their solutions. Note that many problems may have multiple solutions and there may be problems found that are not listed in the table. For Service Information, contact Adam Equipment or your supplier.

16.1 TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE.

BALANCE DOES NOT FUNCTION		
Problems	**Possible causes**	**Suggestions**
The balance is dead when power is applied	Power supply failure	Check adapter is working Check adapter is correct for the balance Normal adapter is 18VDC, 830mA. *Power supply circuit board failure *Short circuit on any circuit board
The display does not turn on but the calibration motor moves when power is applied	Power is getting to balance, display is not working	*Display cables may be faulty *Display module failure
The display stays on the initial test screen when power is applied. Calibration weight motor is on.	Unstable balance Balance not working correct Power supply	*Check if balance is stable by using service menu and view A/D values Put draught shield over pan Check power supplies
BALANCE WORKS BUT IS NOT STABLE		
Balance is unstable by a few divisions	Noise or vibration from environment Friction in mechanics	Check the balance is positioned correctly to avoid vibration, wind or air movement, it is on a solid table, It is not near sources of heat or cool air, Check balance with weights if problem occurs when sample is used. Static electricity on the samples can cause drifting and instability. Check the area around the weighing pan for hair, dust, obstructions under the pan, *A complete inspection of the mechanics to look for sources of friction may be needed.
Balance is very unstable and does not weigh correctly	Mechanical problems Balance programming Electronic problems	*A complete inspection of the mechanics to look for sources of friction. *Verify the A/D is also unstable. If the A/D is OK then suspect the programming of the balance. Reset parameters, check linearity and redo the calibration. Some electronic problems can also cause this. But all mechanical problems must be resolved first.
BALANCE IS NOT ACCURATE		
You must have accurate and trusted weights to test a balance. If you suspect that the balance is not accurate then you must know your weights are accurate. A balance calibrated using a bag of flour is not accurate even if it works OK otherwise.		
Balance is not accurate	Repeatability Eccentric loading	Verify the balance shows the same value when the same mass is placed on the centre of the pan for a few tests.

	Linearity	Verify the balance shows the same reading (within a tolerance depending upon the model) when a mass is placed at positions around the pan. Verify the balance is acceptable throughout the weighing range. The balance must give acceptable readings from low weights up to the capacity.
Poor Repeatability	Usually a mechanical problem.	Inspect the area around the pan for hair, dust or other obstructions, *Inspection of the mechanics may be needed for any possible problems.
Poor Eccentric Loading	A mechanical problem	Inspect the area around the pan for hair, dust or other obstructions, *Inspection of the mechanics may be needed for any possible problems. *Readjusting of the Eccentric Loading is recommended.
Poor Linearity	Usually a mechanical problem Electronic Problems	Re-check repeatability *Inspection of the flexures for damage or loose hardware may be required *Use the Linearity Function in the service menu to reset linearity *A problem in the analogue circuit board or power supplies can cause poor linearity. Make sure all mechanical problems have been eliminated first
OTHER PROBLEMS:		
Cannot calibrate	Zero shifted more than allowed Calibration timeout	*Check all flexures for damage *Reset dealer calibration *Verify linearity and repeatability *The balance may be unstable. Verify stability as above.
Calibration weight motor does not stop		*Check the cables to the motor, try plugging the balance into the power again *Look for friction in the calibration weight movement *Check the opto-coupler that controls the motor position.
USB / RS-232 not working	Doesn't print	Check parameters match the device connected Verify cable is correct *RS-232 circuits damaged
Display dark, keys beep	Display contrast poor Cable unplugged or damaged	*Check the cables to the display *Replace the display which could be damaged

*To be carried out by authorised technicians only.

17 REPLACEMENT PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

If you need to order any spare parts and accessories, contact your supplier or Adam Equipment. A partial list of such items is as follows:-

Power Supply Module	Anti-Vibration Table
Stainless Steel top Pan	Security Lock and Cable
Draft shield/breeze shield parts	Protective dust cover
Below Balance Hanger	Adam DU software
Density Determination Kit	Rechargeable battery pack.
In-use protective keypad/display cover	Printers, etc.

Note: Not all items are available for all models

18 SERVICE INFORMATION

This manual covers the details of operation. If you have a problem with the balance 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 company

-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 balance:	**Nimbus**_____
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 was delivered?

-Has it been in contact with water/liquid/particles?

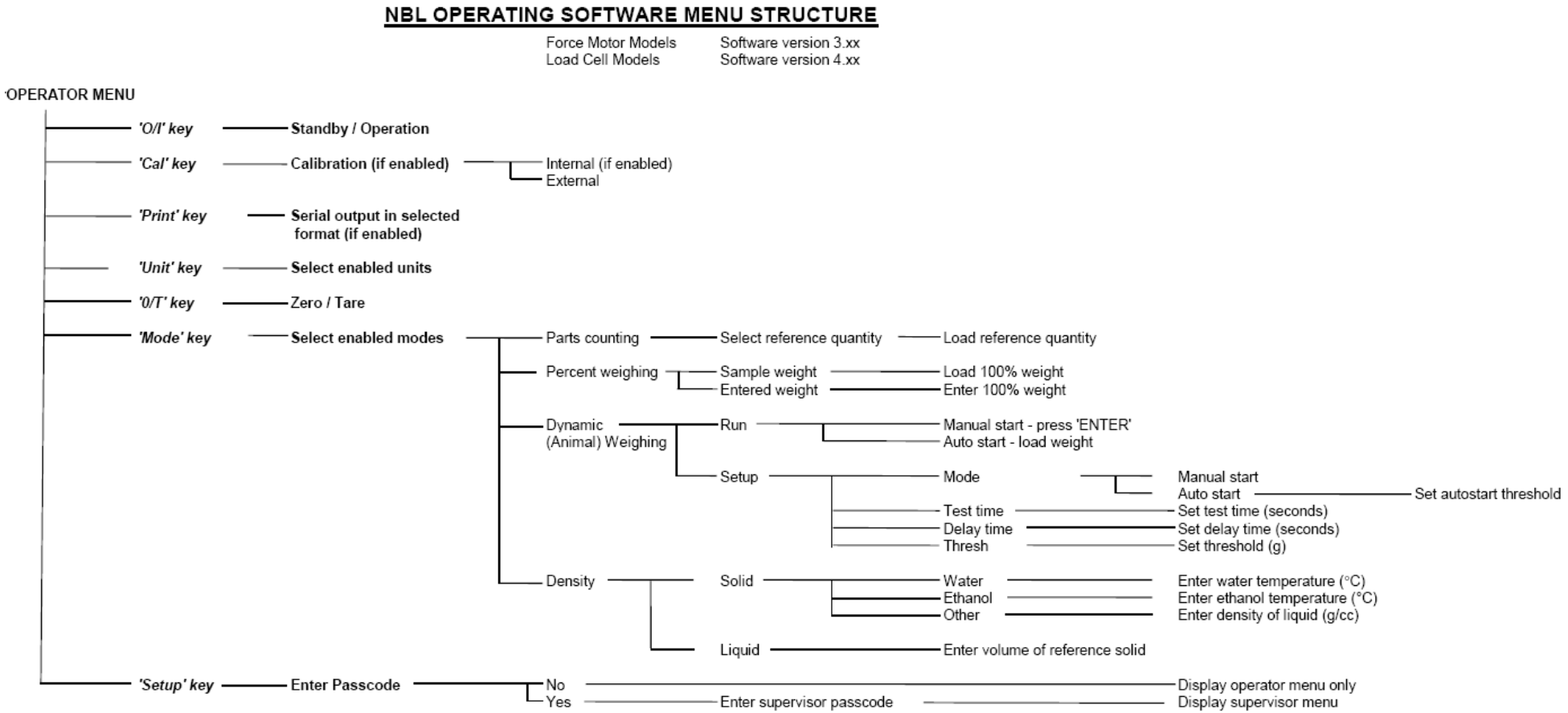
-Damaged from a fire?

-Electrical Storms in the area?

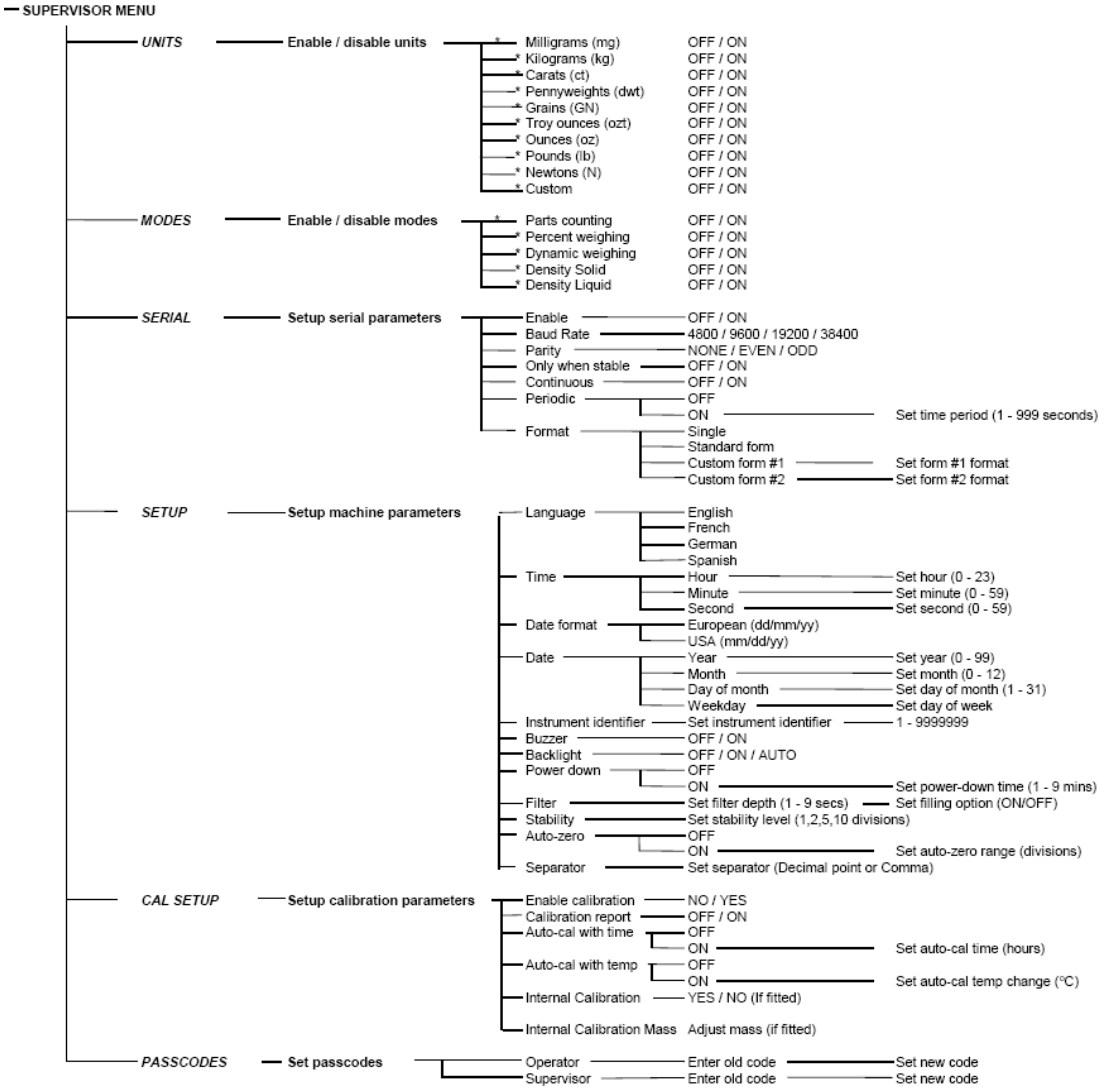
-Dropped on the floor, etc.?

19 BALANCE MENU STRUCTURE

Operator Level Access



Supervisor Level Access



Note: Some menu options are not available, or extra options may be visible depending on if the model is internal or external calibration type, and whether it is an approved model. Conditions of approval in some countries necessitates adding or removing some options from the user interface.

20 LANGUAGE TABLE

If language is changed, the menu text shown during many operations will change. This table shows many of the translations used.

English	Spanish	German	French	Function	English	Spanish	German	French	Function
Au ZErO	AutO-ZE	AutO-ZE	AutO-ZE	Auto-Zero	LAnguAg	LEnguA	SPrACHE	LAnguE	Language
StAbI LI	EStAbI L	StAb-tO	StAbI LI	Stability	EnGLI SH	I nGLES	EnGLI SH	AnGLAI S	English
FI LtEr	FI LtrO	FI LtEr	FI LtrE	Filter	SPAnI SH	ESPAnOL	SPAnI SH	ESPAGnL	Spanish
POWEr	EnErG A	AuSSCHA	mI SE HS	Power	GErmAn	ALEmAn	dEutSCH	ALLmnd	German
bACHLI t	COntrAL	HI ntErG	ECLAI rA	Backlight	FrEnCH	FrAnCES	FrAnZOE	FrnCAI S	French
buZZEr	ZumbAdO	SummEr	ALArmE	Buzzer	dAtE	FECHA	dAtum	dAtE	Date
I nSt I d	I d I nSt	I nStr-I	I dEnt I	Instrument ID	dAt tHu	FEC JuE	dAt dOn	dAt JEu	Day <day>
CAL SEt	dI SP CA	HAL EI n	rEGLEr	Calibration Setup	YEAr	AnO	JAHr	AnnEE	Year
SEtuP	dI SPOSI	EI nStLL	rEGLAGE	Setup	mOntH	mES	mOnAt	mOI S	Month
SErI AL	SErI AL	SErI E P	SEr IE	Serial Setup	dAY	dI A	tAG	JOur	Day
mOdES	mOdOS	mOduS	modES	Modes	tHurSdA	JuEvES	dOnnErS	JEudI	Thursday
unI tS	unI dAdE	EI nHEI t	un ItES	Units	FrI dAY	vI ErnES	FrEI tAG	vEndrEd	Friday
PASSCOd	COntrAS	PASSWOr	COdES	Passcode	StAturdA	SAbAdO	SAmStAG	SAmEdI	Staturday
PC OPEr	OPErAdO	OPErAtO	OPErAtE	Operator mode	SundAY	dOmI nGO	SOnntAG	dI mAnCH	Sunday
Pc SuPE	SuPErvI	I nSPEHt	SuPErvI	Supervisor mode	mOndAY	LunES	mOntAG	LundI	Monday
On	En	An	On	On	tuESdAY	mArtES	dI EnStA	mArdI	Tuesday
OFF	dE	AuS	OFF	Off	WEdnESd	mI ErCOL	mI ttWOC	mErCrEd	Wednesday
EnAbLE	PErmI t	ErmOGL	ACtI vE	Enable	dAtE FOr	FOrm FE	dAtum-F	Form dA	Date format
YES	SI	JA	OuI	Yes	EurOPE	EurOPA	EurOPA	EurOPE	European (DD:MM:YY)
nO	nO	nEI n	nOn	No	uSA	AmErI CA	AmErI HA	uSA	USA (MM:DD:YY)
I nt mAS	mASA I n	I nt mAS	mASSE I	Internal Mass Calibration	tI mE	tI EmPO	uHrZEI t	HEurE	Time
I nt CAL	CAL I nt	I ntErn	PdS CAL	Internal Calibration	HOur	HOrA	StundE	HEurE	Hours
tEm CAL	CAL tEm	tEmP-HA	CAL tEm	Temperature Calibration	mI nutE	mI nutO	mI nutE	mI nutE	Minutes
tI m CAL	CAL tI E	ZEI t-HA	CAL tPS	Timed Calibration	SECOnd	SEGundO	SEHundE	SECOndE	Seconds
CAL rEP	I nFOrm	HAL-rEP	rAPPOr	Calibration Report					

21 WARRANTY INFORMATION

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

During the warranty period, should any repairs be necessary, the purchaser must inform its supplier or Adam Equipment. The company or its authorised technician reserves the right to repair or replace the components at the purchaser's site or any of its workshops depending on the severity of the problems at no additional cost. However, any freight involved in sending the faulty units or parts to the service centre will be borne by the purchaser.

The warranty will cease to operate if the equipment is not returned in the original packaging and with correct documentation for a claim to be processed. All claims are at the sole discretion of Adam Equipment.

This warranty does not cover equipment where defects or poor performance is due to misuse, accidental damage, exposure to radioactive or corrosive materials, negligence, faulty installation, unauthorised modifications or attempted repair or failure to observe the requirements and recommendations as given in this User Manual.

This product may include a rechargeable battery that is designed to be removed and replaced by the user. Adam Equipment warrants that it will provide a replacement battery if the battery manifests a defect in materials or workmanship during the initial period of use of the product in which the battery is installed.

As with all batteries, the maximum capacity of any battery included in the product will decrease with time or use, and battery cycle life will vary depending on product model, configuration, features, use, and power management settings. A decrease in maximum battery capacity or battery cycle life is not a defect in materials or workmanship, and is not covered by this Limited Warranty.

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

The statutory rights of the purchaser are not affected by this warranty. In the event of dispute then the terms of this warranty are governed by UK law. For complete details on Warranty Information, see the terms and conditions of sale available on our web-site.

CE

Manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity

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United Kingdom

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

2004/108/EC, Electro Magnetic Compatibility Directive	Standard EN61326-1:2013, Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use – EMC requirements – Part 1: general requirements.
2006/95/EC, Low Voltage Directive	Standard EN61010-1:2010, Safety requirements for measurement, control and laboratory use equipment – Part 1: General requirements.
2011/65/EC, RoHS, on the Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment	Restricted substances referred to in Article 4(1) and maximum concentration values tolerated by weight in homogeneous materials do not exceed prescribed limits.
2009/23/EC Non Automatic Weighing Equipment Directive	Standard EN 45501:1992, AC:1993 (applies only to certified non-automatic weighing instruments)

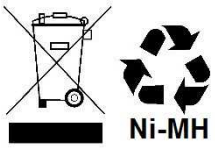
FCC COMPLIANCE

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.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Adam Equipment could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

WEEE COMPLIANCE



Any Electrical or Electronic Equipment (EEE) component or assembly of parts intended to be incorporated into EEE devices as defined by European Directive 2012/19/EU must be recycled or disposed of using techniques that do not introduce hazardous substances harmful to our health or the environment as listed in Directive 2011/65/EC or amending legislation.

Battery disposal must be performed according to local laws and restrictions.

ADAM EQUIPMENT is an ISO 9001:2008 certified global company with more than 40 years' experience in the production and sale of electronic weighing equipment.

Adam products are predominantly designed for the Laboratory, Educational, Health and Fitness, retail and Industrial Segments. The product range can be described as follows:

-Analytical and Precision Balances
-Compact and Portable Balances
-High Capacity Balances
-Moisture analysers / balances
-Mechanical Scales
-Counting Scales
-Digital Weighing/Check-weighing Scales
-High performance Platform Scales
-Crane scales
-Health and Fitness Scales
-Retail Scales for Price computing

For a complete listing of all Adam products visit our website at
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