

PC-400

Portion Control Scale

User Manual

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Section 1. Unpacking and Installation

Unpacking:

Before unpacking your Doran scale, please read the instructions in this section. Your new scale is a durable industrial product, but it is also a sensitive weighing instrument. Normal care should be taken when handling and using this product. Improper handling or abuse can damage the scale and result in costly repairs that may not be covered by the warranty. If you notice any shipping damage, notify the shipper immediately. Please observe the following precautions to insure years of trouble free service from your new scale.

! DO NOT drop the scale.

! DO NOT immerse the scale.

! DO NOT drop objects on the scale.

Carefully remove the scale from the shipping carton. Be sure to retain all shipping materials in case the scale must be shipped elsewhere.

Installation:

Place the scale on a stable flat surface. Verify that the bubble level located under the platter shows that the scale is level. Adjust the four feet to obtain a level condition (bubble in center.)

Electrical Connections:

The PC400 uses a wall mounted transformer or an internal rechargeable battery to provide power to the scale. The transformer requires 115 VAC, 50/60 Hz power. Be sure the AC power is not excessively noisy – this can occur if large inductive loads, such as solenoids or motors, are on the same power line. Subjecting electronics to problematic AC power lines may result in damage not covered by the warranty. Also be sure that the power outlet and transformer are not exposed to water while the scale is plugged in.

Care & Cleaning:

With reasonable care, this product will last for many years. Here are some tips to care for your PC-400 Portion Control Scale.

- Hand clean with a damp cloth using mild detergent.
- Do not wash the scale in a dishwasher – the removable platter is dishwasher safe.
- Do not use strong solvents or abrasive cleaners as this can damage the touch panel or other plastic parts.
- Do not drop or overload the scale.
- Do not use sharp objects to press any of the buttons.
- Always use the PC-400 on a stable, vibration-free surface for best weighing results.
- Do not immerse.

Section 2. Scale Operations Guide

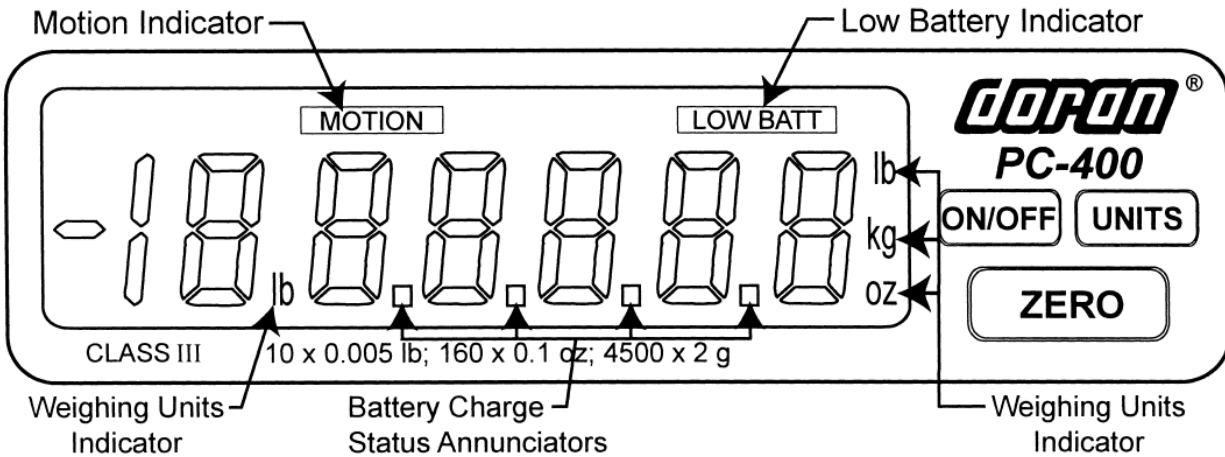


Fig. 1 PC-400

Display Functions:

The Model PC-400 controls consist of ON/OFF, UNITS and ZERO buttons located next to the main LCD display. The display is used to provide weight indications and operator messages describing scale operation.

Basic Weighing:

1. Select the desired weighing units by pressing the UNITS button.
2. Empty the scale platter and press ZERO to zero the scale.
3. Place an item on the scale platter and wait for the MOTION indicator to go out.
4. Read the weight on the display.

Units Select:

Press the UNITS button to change weight display units from lb - oz - kg - g - lb:oz.

Battery:

When the battery needs to be recharged, the "LOW BATT" indicator illuminates.

Power:

The PC-400 is powered by an AC wall transformer or the internal rechargeable battery, both standard features. Turn the scale on or off by pressing ON/OFF.

Automatic Sleep Function:

The PC-400 has a feature called "Auto Shut-down" that turns the scale off after a preset time of no activity. This helps conserve battery life. The preset time is selectable from 1 minute to 60 minutes or it can be disabled so the scale remains on continuously. The default setting is 5 minutes.

Section 3. Battery Care and Use

Charging:

The Model PC-400 can be operated by the Internal Rechargeable Battery. The typical battery life is 10 hours of continuous use. The scale will display “LOW BATT” in the LCD display panel when the battery needs to be recharged. To recharge the battery, follow these steps:

1. Insert the power connector into the rear of the scale.
2. Plug the power cord into an AC outlet (115 VAC). When the scale is turned off, battery charge status annunciators will appear on the bottom of the display. As the battery charges, the battery charge status annunciators, beginning on the left, will turn on. When the scale is fully charged, all four battery charge status annunciators will remain on. It takes approximately four hours to completely recharge the battery. The PC-400 can be used while it is being recharged. The battery charge status annunciators will not be visible when the scale is powered on.

Battery Conditioning:

The battery conditioning feature must be implemented when the scale is first received to maximize battery life. Also use the battery conditioning feature after long periods of non use or when battery life is significantly This procedure will take approximately 20 hours to complete. Do not interrupt this sequence. To activate the battery conditioning sequence, perform the following:

1. Unplug the scale
2. Turn off the scale
3. Plug in the scale – the display will flash the charging status as described in the Charging section above.
4. Press and hold UNITS, then ZERO and release both buttons
5. The display will show ‘3’
6. As the battery is conditioned, the display will count down to ‘2’ then ‘1’. When the battery conditioning sequence is complete, numbers will no longer be displayed.
7. Allow the scale to complete a final charging sequence as described in the Charging section above

Battery Replacement:

The Model PC-400 is powered by an internal rechargeable battery. If the battery loses its ability to maintain a charge, it will need to be replaced (P/N BAT0013).

Before changing the battery, execute the Battery Conditioning sequence above to ensure the battery can no longer hold a charge. Also refer to the Battery Voltage Levels section below for further troubleshooting. If required, replace the battery following these steps:

1. Remove any items from the scale platter and unplug the power cord from the rear of the scale.
2. Remove the scale platter and set it aside.
3. Turn the scale over and remove the Phillips head screw on the battery compartment cover.
4. Remove the cover and disconnect the old battery from the battery connector and replace it with a new battery.
5. Please note that the battery connector is keyed and insertion should not require a lot of force. If the connector will not go in place, check to make sure the connector has the correct orientation.
6. Replace the battery compartment cover and the phillips head screw.

Battery Voltage Levels:

To view the voltage of the battery, perform the following steps:

- Turn on the scale and wait for a stable weight to be displayed.
- Press and hold UNITS.
- Press and release ON/OFF.
- Release UNITS.

The battery voltage is now displayed. To exit this mode turn off the scale.

Battery Voltages	
Battery/Scale condition	Voltage Level
Fully Charged	8.4V
Low Battery	7.0V
Shut Off	6.8V

Section 4. Data Communications

Introduction to data communications:

Basic understanding of serial data communications is needed when setting up the PC400 to communicate with a printer or PC.

When setting up a serial communications system, there are two concerns which affect the configuration of that system. These are:

- Baud Rate
- Data Bits and Parity

The baud rate determines how fast the data is sent from the scale. The sending and receiving units must be set to the same baud settings. Typical values are 1200, 2400, 4800 and 9600.

The PC400 is factory set for eight bits, no parity and one stop bit also known as 8n1. The receiving units must be set to 8n1 for proper communications.

“F0” Example (Negative weight, in motion)

☹ - 2.452 lb MOT.♪☐

“F0” Print String Definition for Each Weight Unit:

Pounds

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | lb | SP | ST | CR | LF

Ounces

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | oz | SP | ST | CR | LF

Kilograms

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | kg | SP | ST | CR | LF

Grams

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | g | SP | SP | ST | CR | LF

Pounds-ounces

STX | POL | WEIGHTLB | SP | lb | POL | WEIGHTOZ | SP | oz | SP | ST | CR | LF

STX and ☹ = ASCII 02.

POL = minus sign for negative weight or a space for a positive weight.

WEIGHT = 6 character field plus decimal if needed.

WEIGHTLB = pound portion of lb-oz weight.

WEIGHTOZ = ounce portion of lb-oz weight. (WEIGHTLB and WEIGHTOZ total 5 characters plus decimal)

SP = ASCII space.

ST = MOT. if in motion or a space if stable.

CR and ♪ = Carriage return.

LF and ☐ = Linefeed.

| = Separator, not printed.

“F1” Example (Negative weight, in motion)

☹ - 2.452 LBM.␣

“F1” Print String Definition for Each Weight Unit:

Pounds

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | LB | ST | CR | LF

Ounces

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | OZ | ST | CR | LF

Kilograms

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | KG | ST | CR | LF

Grams

STX | POL | WEIGHT | SP | G | SP | ST | CR | LF

Pounds-ounces

STX | POL | WEIGHTLB | SP | LB | POL | WEIGHTOZ | SP | OZ | SP | ST | CR | LF

STX and ☹ = ASCII 02.

POL = minus sign for negative weight or a space for a positive weight.

WEIGHT = 6 character field plus decimal if needed.

WEIGHTLB = pound portion of lb-oz weight.

WEIGHTOZ = ounce portion of lb-oz weight. (WEIGHTLB and WEIGHTOZ total 5 characters plus decimal)

SP = ASCII space.

ST = M if in motion or a space if stable.

CR and ␣ = Carriage return.

LF and ☐ = Linefeed

| = Separator, not printed.

“2P” Example (Negative weight, in motion)

☹ - 2.452 lb MOT.␣

☹ (- 1112 g MOT.)␣

The dual print mode provides the PC400 with the ability to print the current scale reading followed by the equivalent value in grams.

The weight is first printed using the “F0” format. Then the weight is recalculated in grams and is sent as a second line of text. The gram data follows the “F0” data format except where parentheses are placed after the STX character and before the carriage return & line feed.

“SP” Example (Negative weight, in motion)

FR"L1"☐

? ☐

- 1.052☐

lb☐

GS☐

MOT. ☐

- 0.478☐

kg☐

P1,1☐

“SP” Print String Definition for Each Weight Unit:

Pounds

FR"L1" | LF | ? | LF | POL | WEIGHT | LF | lb | LF | GS | LF | ST | LF | POL | WEIGHT2 | LF | kg | LF | P1,1 | LF

Ounces

FR"L1" | LF | ? | LF | POL | WEIGHT | LF | oz | LF | GS | LF | ST | LF | POL | WEIGHT2 | LF | kg | LF | P1,1 | LF

SP, kilograms

FR"L1" | LF | ? | LF | POL | WEIGHT | LF | kg | LF | GS | LF | ST | LF | POL | WEIGHT2 | LF | kg | LF | P1,1 | LF

Grams

FR"L1" | LF | ? | LF | POL | WEIGHT | LF | g | SP | LF | GS | LF | ST | LF | POL | WEIGHT2 | LF | kg | LF | P1,1 | LF

Pounds - ounces

FR"L1" | LF | ? | LF | POL | WEIGHTLB | SP | lb | POL | WEIGHTOZ | LF | oz | LF | GS | LF | ST | LF | POL | WEIGHT2 | LF | kg | LF | P1,1 | LF

POL = minus sign for negative weight or a space for a positive weight.

WEIGHT = 6 character field plus decimal if needed.


WEIGHT2 = Kilogram weight. 6 character field plus decimal if needed.


WEIGHTLB = pound portion of lb-oz weight.

WEIGHTOZ = ounce portion of lb-oz weight. (WEIGHTLB and WEIGHTOZ total 5 characters plus decimal)

SP = ASCII space.

ST = MOT. if in motion or four (4) spaces if stable.

CR and  = Carriage return.

LF and  = Linefeed

| = Separator, not printed.

Remote Scale Commands:

The scale will respond to the following single letter ASCII commands.

“W” initiates transmission of current weight data (if scale is stable).

“U” changes the displayed weight units.

“Z” zeroes the scale (if in motion, scale will wait until stable, then zero.)

RS-232 Cable:

A 9 Pin female RS-232 cable can be purchased that interfaces with the headphone style jack at the rear of the scale (P/N PCOPT05).

Section 5. Specifications

Resolution:	2500d (NTEP), 5000d or 10000d
Power Supply:	Wall Transformer output: (scale input) 12VDC, 300mA Positive (+) center Internal, rechargeable battery
Display:	0.66" high LCD
Displayed units:	lb, oz, kg, g and lb-oz
Indicator Capacities:	2, 5,10 and 20 lbs
Printer Interface:	Bi-directional RS-232
Calibration:	Zero and Full Capacity
Controls:	ON/OFF, ZERO and UNITS buttons
Construction:	304 Stainless Steel construction
Options:	RS232 cable P/N PCOPT05 230 VAC Transformer P/N PCOPT06

Section 6. Troubleshooting

General problem resolution:

Problem:	What to Do or Check:
Weight reading will not repeat or scale does not return to zero when weight is removed.	Make sure that the scale platter is not rubbing or touching the scale cover. Verify that there is nothing caught in the platform, under or around the load cell or spider.
Scale overloads early	Verify scale calibration is correct. If problem persists, recalibrate the scale.
Scale will not come to zero when the ZERO button is pressed.	Make sure that the scale is becoming stable (Motion annunciator is off.) After pressing the zero button, the scale should zero as soon as it becomes stable. If problem persists, there may be a problem with the touch panel or motherboard.
Weight readings don't seem to be correct.	Verify the scale calibration with an accurate test weight. If the readings are not correct, recalibrate.
Scale drifts off zero.	Check for air currents and/or vibration around the scale. If that is the cause, it may be necessary to set the AZT and nnA parameters to wider settings to compensate (see the parameter section.) Verify that no mechanical restrictions exist, i.e. platter rubbing, something caught under or around the load cell.
Bubble level cannot be centered.	Place scale on level surface. If problem persists, replace the bubble level and recalibrate.
Scale shuts itself off or will not turn on.	Check the AO (Auto Off) parameter. Increase shut off time if necessary. Battery or transformer may be bad. See the battery section for testing the battery and wall transformer.

Error Messages:

Error Message:	What to do or check:
Ldg 0	<p>The scale is attempting to zero on power-up.</p> <p>This message will remain until the scale is stable. Air currents or vibration may be the cause. If problem persists, the pcb or load cell may be damaged.</p> <p>NOTE: This message will not appear if parameter Suo = no.</p>
ov-Ld	<p>The scale is in overload. The load on the scale platform exceeds the scale capacity by more than 105%.</p> <p>Remove excess weight from scale platform. If problem persists, recalibrate.</p> <p>If problem still persists, the motherboard or load cell may need to be replaced.</p>
gS-oL	<p>The scale is in gross overload. The load exceeds the scale rating and might result in damage to the scale.</p> <p>Remove excess weight immediately. If problem persists, recalibrate.</p> <p>If problem still persists, the motherboard or load cell will need to be replaced.</p>
Err 0	<p>Load on the scale exceeds 20% upon scale start up. Remove excess weight. This error only occurs when the Start Up Zero Su0 parameter is set to 20. Change this parameter to FS to allow for automatic start up zeroing up to 100% of capacity.</p> <p>If this does not solve the problem, check the load cell connection.</p>
Ad oF	<p>Verifying load cell wiring connections. Ensure the load cell connector on the motherboard is seated properly.</p>
Er EP	<p>The setup parameters loaded in nonvolatile memory have become corrupted.</p> <p>Verify scale parameters and calibrate.</p>

rg Er	<p>The calibration zero is out of range. Error is displayed after a ZERO calibration attempt. Press zero to clear this error.</p> <p>Refer to the analog setup section for additional information. Motherboard or load cell may need to be replaced.</p>
SPnL	<p>Raw counts for the span calibration is too low. Refer to the “Calibration Troubleshooting” section for raw count ranges.</p>
SPnH	<p>Raw counts for the span calibration is too high. Refer to the “Calibration Troubleshooting” section for raw count ranges.</p>

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