

# Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale

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*250-10 Series*  
*Software Revision 111439*


## Technical Manual





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## 1.0 Introduction

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The Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale is designed for weighing bariatrics and ensures sound, accurate weighing information. A non-skid platform paired with side rails assists persons who need extra support and safety. The scale is set up to use motion sensing weighing technology, to determine the actual weight of a moving patient. The weight is displayed on the indicator and can be displayed in pounds or kilograms.



This manual can be viewed and downloaded from the Rice Lake Weighing Systems web site at [www.ricelakehealth.com](http://www.ricelakehealth.com). Technical information on this product and other medical products are also available on the Rice Lake Weighing Systems web site.



*Figure 1-1. Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale (250-10-2)*

## 2.0 Safety

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There are certain precautions that should be taken to prevent personal injury to the user and damage to your scale.

### 2.1 Safety Signals

#### Safety Signal Definitions:



**Warning**

*Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.*



**Caution**

*Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.*



**Important**

*Indicates information about procedures that, if not observed, could result in damage to equipment.*

### 2.2 Safety Precautions



*Do not operate or work on this equipment unless you have read and understand instructions in the manual. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Contact any Rice Lake Weighing Systems dealer for replacement manuals. Proper care is your responsibility.*



**Warning**

*Before attempting to operate this unit, make sure every individual who operates or works with this unit has read and understands the following safety information. Please follow these instructions carefully.*

- Do not drop the scale or subject it to violent shocks.
- For accurate weighing, the scale must be placed on a flat, stable surface.
- Do not transport the scale while someone is standing on it.
- Weight exceeding the maximum capacity (1000 lb/453 kg) may damage your scale.
- Operating at voltages and frequencies other than specified could damage the equipment.
- If the *LO Bat* indicator activates, for accurate weighing, replace the batteries or connect the scale to an AC power source as soon as possible.
- To avoid cross contamination, the scale should be cleaned regularly.
- Rice Lake Weighing Systems offers optional AC adaptors, utilizing an adaptor not supplied by us voids all warranties.
- Avoid contact with excessive moisture.
- Do not allow minors (children) or inexperienced persons to operate this scale.
- Do not jump up and down on the scale.
- Do not use in the presence of flammable materials.
- Do not make alterations or modifications to the scale.
- People with disabilities, or who are physically frail, should always be assisted by another person when using this scale.
- Do not use the scale on slippery surfaces, such as a wet floor.
- Do not use this scale when your body/feet are wet, such as after taking a bath.

## 3.0 Scale Assembly

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### 3.1 Unpacking Your Scale

Place the unopened box in an open area that has ample room for unpacking the scale.

Parts contained in the shipping box include:

- The scale
- This manual
- 6 mm Allen key

### 3.2 Repacking

If the Digital Handrail Scale must be returned for modification, calibration or repair, it must be properly packed with sufficient packing materials. Whenever possible, use the original carton when shipping the scale back.



**Important** *Damage caused by improper packaging is not covered by the warranty.*

### 3.3 Setting Up Your Scale

Move the scale into the area where the weighing process will occur. Place the scale on a hard, level surface for the most accurate weighments.

1. Locate the operator's manual from inside the box and set aside as it will provide instructions on the proper set up.
2. Using two people, remove the scale out of the packaging material that it came in by lifting the scale out of the box by the scale base.



**Caution** *DO NOT lift the scale out of the box by its handle as this can cause the hinges to break.*

3. Gently set the scale platform down to the floor.
4. Loosen the handles using the Allen key and unfold handles and set upright.

Lift handles up



*Figure 3-1. Set Up Sides to a Vertical Position*

5. Adjust the feet to ensure that the base of the scale base is not touching the floor.
6. Screw in all four legs.
7. Attach the wrap around rails.
8. Tighten the hex screw head using the enclosed 6 mm Allen key to stabilize the scale.

### Inserting Batteries

The six AA batteries that come with the scale offer an average of 25 hours of continuous use.

To install the batteries,

1. Open the battery chamber cover by loosening the thumbscrew.
2. Insert batteries into the battery chamber as shown in Figure 3-2.

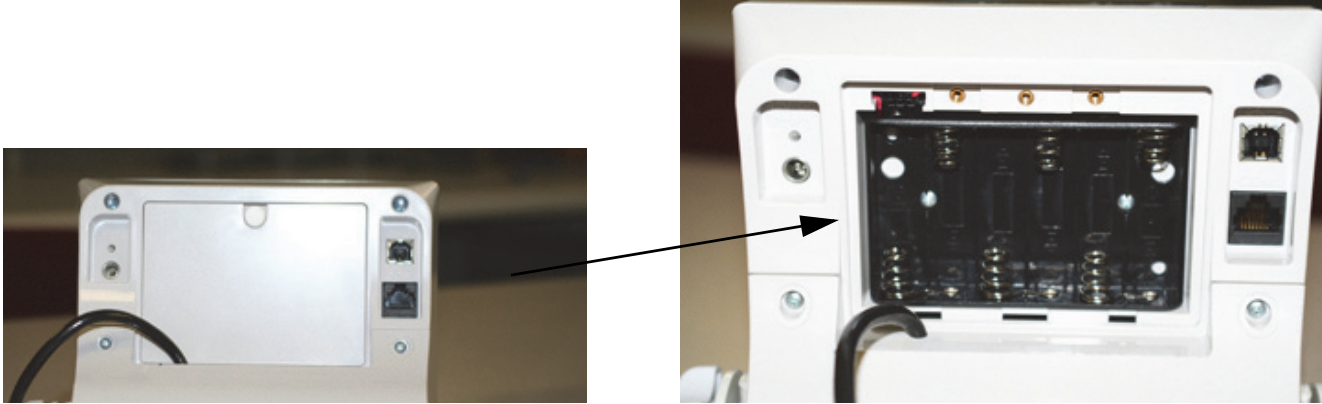


Figure 3-2. Battery Chamber

3. Close the battery chamber.

If an external power supply or USB power supply is connected, the battery flag on the display is turned off.

When using battery or USB power supply, the backlight power is deducted to 60%.

### AC Power Connections

Use the optional 120 VAC or 230 VAC adaptor when power is available. The optional AC power adaptor plugs into the back of the indicator as shown in Figure 3-3. Rice Lake Weighing Systems offers optional AC adaptors, utilizing an adaptor not supplied by us voids all warranties..



Figure 3-3. Power Connection



## 4.0 Scale Operation

The Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale display has various front panel keys as shown in Figure 4-1.



Figure 4-1. Front Panel Display Keys

### Key Descriptions

Table 4-1 describes each of the key functions.








Key	Name	Function
 On/Off	On/Off	Switches the scale on or off.
 Print LB/KG	Print LB/KG	Print — A long key press will send data out from the RS-232 port. LB/KG — A short key press allows the user to toggle between kilograms and pounds providing that it's enabled in configuration mode. There is no toggling while in the BMI mode.
 Zero	Zero	Clears the weight off the scale and returns it to zero after three seconds. It works only if the current weight is stable and zero up to 2% of full weight.
 Hold Release	Hold Release	Hold & Release — The first press holds the most current weight value shown on the display. A second press releases the weight value shown. This key is not active while in BMI mode.
 BMI	BMI	Enables the user to access the BMI (Body Mass Index) function. This key only works if there is a locked weight shown on the display and the BMI function is turned on in the configuration mode.
 TARE	TARE	Used to subtract the weight off the scale, example: oxygen tank, other equipment.
 CLEAR	CLEAR	Allows the user to return to normal weighing when the BMI value is being displayed. While in BMI mode, the height display causes the value to return to the default of 190.0 cm, 5 ft, 7.5 in.

Table 4-1. Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale Key Functions



Key	Name	Function
	ENTER	Used to accept height in BMI mode. Accepts the value of the parameter last entered and moves to the next stage. A long press of the <b>ENTER</b> key during the scale's start up process will enter the ID display (pre-parameter mode).
	Up/Down Arrows	Used to adjust height input (0.5 in/0.5 cm) while in BMI mode. Adjusts the value of the flashing digit/number.

Table 4-1. Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale Key Functions



**Caution**

The keys on the front panel display are very sensitive so only a gentle pushing motion is required to obtain results.

The scales have the capability of performing different operations beyond just calculating weight. The various operating instructions are described below.

## 4.1 Weighing

Use the following steps to weigh a person.

1. Press the **On/Off** key to turn on the scale and *0.0* will appear on the display along with *ZERO* on the upper display.
2. When the person step on the scale the display shows the person's weight. The *LOCK* annunciator is on in the upper display and beeps to indicate the end of the weighing process.
3. To change the display from kg to lb and vice-versa, press the **LB/KG** key.
4. To turn off the scale, press and hold the **On/Off** key until *OFF* appears on the display.

## 4.2 Hold/Release Function

Use the following steps to use the Hold/Release function.

1. When the person is on the scale, press the **Hold/Release** key.
2. When the person steps off the scale, the weight and the *HOLD & LOCK* annunciator will remain on the display.
3. At this stage the **Zero** key will not work. The only way to return to zero from here is to press the **Hold/Release** key one more time.



**Note** Pressing the **Hold** key prior to a person getting on the scale will also work.

## 4.3 Preset Tare

Use the following steps to use the Preset Tare.

1. When the weight is set to *0.0*, place the extra load on the scale. Press the **TARE** key until the display returns to *0.0* and *NET* appears on the display.
2. Remove the extra load from the scale. The weight will appear with a negative symbol to the left of it.
3. Ask the patient to step on the scale with the extra weight. The display shows the patient's weight. The *NET* annunciator is still on. The weight of the extra load remains stored in memory.
4. To cancel the tare weight, press and hold the **TARE** key until *NET* disappears from the display and the display turns back to *0.0* and *GROSS* appears. Tare weight is also canceled when the scale is turned off.

## 4.4 Toggle Tare

Use the following steps to use the Toggle Tare function.

1. When the weight is set to 0.0, press the **TARE** key.
2. The default tare value is displayed (default is programmed to be 33.0 lb/15.0 kg), while the zero is flashing.
3. Use the **Up/Down** arrow keys to adjust the value.
4. Press **ENTER** to start the tare function and the *NET* annunciator will be turned on instead of the *GROSS* annunciator.

## 4.5 Using the Body Mass Index (BMI) Function

Use the following steps in determining the BMI.

### LB Mode

1. Ensure that the scale is at zero.
2. Have the person step on the scale to obtain a weight.
3. The *LOCK* annunciator is illustrated on the display.
4. Press the **BMI** key. The BMI and FT/IN annunciators are lit on the display and a default value of 5 feet and 7.5 inches (5-07.5) is flashing.
5. Use the **Up/Down** arrow keys to adjust the height value, and press the **ENTER** key to move to the next step.
6. The BMI value and BMI annunciator is shown on the display. Press **CLEAR** to return to the weighing mode and the BMI function will be turned off.

### KG Mode

1. Ensure that the scale is at zero.
2. Have the person step on the scale to obtain a weight.
3. The *LOCK* annunciator is illustrated on the display.
4. Press the **BMI** key. The BMI and CM annunciators are lit on the display and a default value of 170.0 cm (170.0) is flashing.
5. Use the **Up/Down** arrow keys to adjust the height value, and press the **ENTER** key to move to the next step.
6. The BMI value and BMI annunciator is shown on the display. Press the **CLEAR** key to return to the weighing mode or step off the scale and the BMI function will be turned off.

## 5.0 Scale Configuration

Options and parameter setup are done through the scale configuration section and is used for setting values, parameters, and options that are essential for the functioning of the scale. Access to the setup switch is located under the tilt stand cover. Use a Phillips head screwdriver to remove the four screws holding the cover in place. (shown in Figure 5-1— left photo).

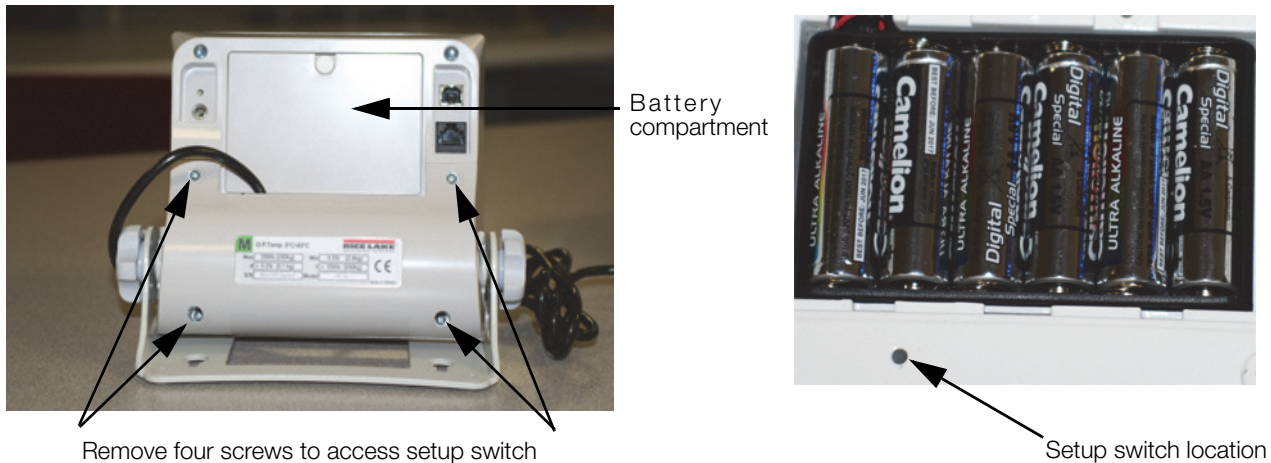


Figure 5-1. Setup Switch Location

Use the following steps to enter into configuration mode.

1. Make sure the scale is turned off.
2. Turn the scale on by simultaneously pressing the **On/Off** key and the **ENTER** key.
3. Continue to hold both keys until *ld* appears. The unit cycles through its startup function and continues to display the software version.
4. Access the recessed setup switch located in the back of the indicator. You can use a small paper clip, small screwdriver or other similar object to press the setup switch.
5. Once the setup switch is pressed, *PROG* appears on the display.
6. The scale can be configured using a series of menus accessed through the front panel when the scale is in setup mode.



Figure 5-2. Top Level Menu

7. Press the **BMI** key to advance to the desired menu.
8. Press the **ENTER** key and advance in the manual to the related menu selection for further instructions.

## 5.1 Programming Mode Menu

Various parameters can be set while in programming mode.

Those parameters are shown in Figure 5-3.

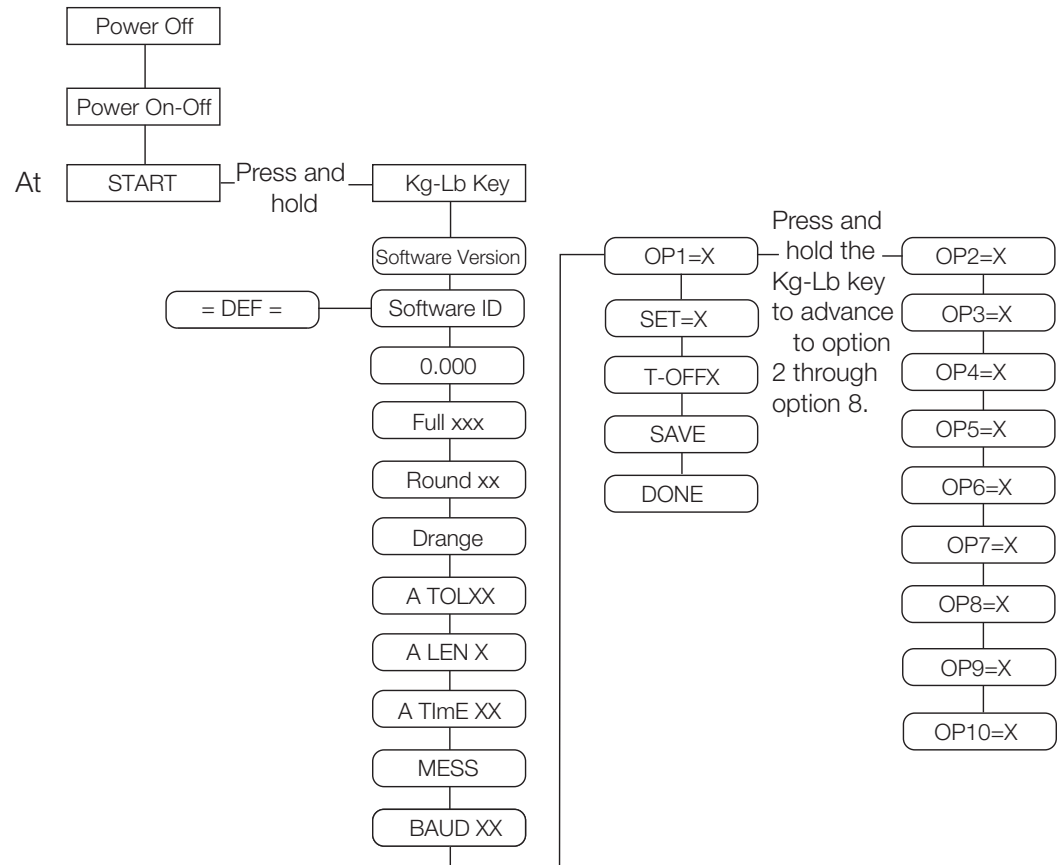


Figure 5-3. Programming Mode Menu Structure

Table 5-1 lists the various display messages and sequence when setting up the scale.

Parameter	Description	Choices	Steps
FULL	Full capacity of the scale	Value (1000 lb)	<p>The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>FULL</i>. If you don't want to change the value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from FULL to LOAD. If you want to change the value, use the following steps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the left.</li> <li>4. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>5. Press the <b>BMI</b> key again to move to the left</li> <li>6. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>7. When done press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (LOAD).</li> </ol>

Table 5-1. Configuration Mode Menu

Parameter	Description	Choices	Steps
LOAD	This is the amount of weight applied during calibration. Can also be changed in the calibration menu.	Value (200 Lb)	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>LOAD</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from <i>LOAD</i> to <i>ASTART</i> . If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the left.</li> <li>4. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>5. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (<i>ASTART</i>).</li> </ol>
ASTART	Weight process start limit — Maximum (full capacity)/10. Determine when the weight algorithm starts (when the "----" is displayed), below this value the scale will show live weight.	Value (2.0)	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>ASTART</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from <i>ASTART</i> to <i>ARW</i> . If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the left.</li> <li>4. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>5. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (<i>ARW</i>).</li> </ol>
ARW	Auto Reweigh — Restarts the weight algorithm if the weight changed by more than this value.	Value (4.0 Lb)	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>ARW</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from <i>ARW</i> to <i>SAL</i> . If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the left.</li> <li>4. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>5. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (<i>SAL</i>).</li> </ol>
SAL	Semi Auto Live — This value is the interval between weight displays during the algorithm process.	Value (0.5)	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>SAL</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from <i>SAL</i> to <i>ROUND</i> . If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (<i>ROUND</i>).</li> </ol>

Table 5-1. Configuration Mode Menu (Continued)

Parameter	Description	Choices	Steps
ROUND	Scale Resolution — Values in kg: <b>1</b> , 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 Values in lb: 1, <b>2</b> , 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200	<b>0.2</b> 0.5 1.0 2.0 5.0 10.0 20.0 0.1	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>ROUND</i> . The decimal point location is set to the DISP parameter display decimal point location. If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from ROUND to DISP. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value.</li> <li>2. Press the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to change the available parameters.</li> <li>3. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (DISP).</li> </ol>
DISP		<b>0.0</b> 0 0.0000 0.000 0.00	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>DISP</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from DISP to BAUD. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to change the available parameters.</li> <li>3. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (BAUD).</li> </ol>
BAUD	Baud rate	<b>96</b> 48 1152 576 384 288 192 144	Note: Indicator display illustrates first two digits of baud rate only. The display toggles between a numeric value and baud. If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from BAUD to ATOL. If you want to change the value, use the following steps <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to change the available parameters.</li> <li>3. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (ATOL).</li> </ol>
ATOL	Algorithm initial tolerance — Maximum value is 255. Values above 255 will not let you proceed and will return to the previous value.	<i>Value (10)</i>	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>ATOL</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from ATOL to ALEN. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the left.</li> <li>4. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (ALEN).</li> </ol>
ALEN	Algorithm initial exponent — Maximum value 10. Values above 10, will not let you proceed and will return to the previous value.	<i>Value (8)</i>	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>ALEN</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from ALEN to ATOUT. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (ATOUT).</li> </ol>

Table 5-1. Configuration Mode Menu (Continued)

Parameter	Description	Choices	Steps
ATOUT	Algorithm maximal exponent — Maximum value is 15. Values above 15, will not let you proceed and will return to the previous value.	Value (10)	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>ATOUT</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from ATOUT to TOFF. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change value starting with the right most digit.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the left.</li> <li>4. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to increment/decrement numbers.</li> <li>5. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (TOFF).</li> </ol>
TOFF	Auto off timer — Measured in minutes. 0 = always on. Maximum is 9 minutes. When using an external power supply, this parameter is irrelevant.	<b>5</b> 4 3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6	The display toggles between a numeric value and <i>TOFF</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from TOFF to UNITS. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter. (UNITS). If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change values.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to change the available parameters.</li> <li>3. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (UNITS).</li> </ol>
UNITS	Units — Selects the unit of measure. It can be either Kg/Lb, Kg only or Lb only.	<b>KG/LB</b> KG LB	The display toggles between unit of measurements and <i>UNIT</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. Example: from UNITS to OP. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to change values.</li> <li>1. Press the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to change the value.</li> <li>2. When done, press the <b>ENTER</b> key to move to the next parameter (OP).</li> </ol>
OP	Binary options: OP0 — Live weighing options (0=disable, 1=enable) OP1 — Communication protocol (0=ESC, 1=maintenance) OP2 — BMI menu (0=disable, 1=enable) OP3 — RTC power (0=disable, 1=enable) OP4 - Semi-Auto-Live — (0=disable, 1=enable) OP5 - Full calculation — (0=spatial, 1=multiply by (0=disable, 1=enable) OP6 - Tare - (0=disable, 1=enable) OP7 - Bat type — (0=dry batteries, 1=rechargeable batteries) OP8 — OIML mode - (0=disable, 1=enable)	OP0 OP1 OP2 OP3	The display toggles between a binary option and <i>POO-0</i> . If you don't want to change this value, press the <b>BMI</b> key to move to the next setting. If you want to change the value, use the following steps. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press <b>ENTER</b> to change parameters.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrow keys to select the display value you want to change.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move the flashing cursor. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3a. Use the <b>Up/Down</b> arrows to change the value.</li> <li>3b. Press the <b>BMI</b> key to move the flashing cursor.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key to save all of the display parameters. <i>SAVE</i> appears on the display.</li> <li>5. Press the <b>ENTER</b> key again and <i>DONE</i> appears indicating that you are now done entering all of the parameters of the scale.</li> </ol>
Press the <b>BMI</b> key to cycle back to the top level menu choices, ie: PROG/CALIB/DEF/DONE/TEST			

Table 5-1. Configuration Mode Menu (Continued)



## 5.2 Default Menu

The default menu is used to return the scale back to its factory settings and is shown in Figure 5-4.

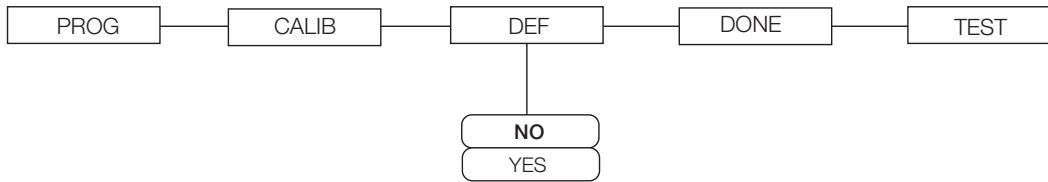


Figure 5-4. Default Menu

Use the following steps to return the settings back to their factory default.

1. Press the **ENTER** key. The display shows a default value of *NO*.
2. To change to *YES*, press the **Up/Down** arrow keys.
3. Press the **ENTER** key and the display shows *DONE*.
4. Press the **BMI** key to return to *PROG/CALIB/DEF/DONE/TEST* upper level menu.



### Note

Selecting *YES* and pressing the **ENTER** key will reset to factory defaults settings without changing the calibration and will return you to weigh mode.

## 5.3 Scale Calibration

Use the following steps to calibrate the scale.

1. Turn on scale by pressing the **On/Off** key and the **ENTER** key simultaneously.
2. The unit cycles through its startup function and continues to display the software version. Continue to hold both keys until *ld* appears.
3. Access the setup key located in the back of the scale. You can use a small paper clip, small screwdriver or other similar object to press the setup key.

Setup switch location on back of indicator.

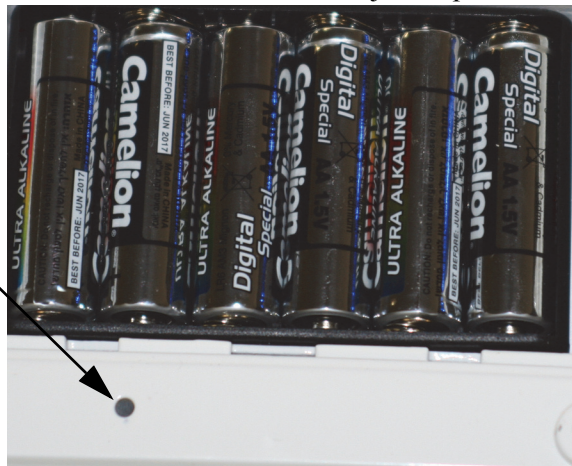


Figure 5-5. Setup Switch Location on Back of Indicator

4. *Prog* appears on the display. Press the **BMI** key to toggle along the parameter menu.
5. *Calib* appears on the display and enter the calibration parameters.
6. Press the **ENTER** key and a numeric value is displayed which represents the amount of weight that is used for calibration. *Lb* will be flashing. To switch between *lb* and *kg*, press the **Up/Down** arrow keys on the display. Once a unit is selected, press **ENTER** and the right most digit will be flashing.
7. To change the calibration load value, use the **Up/Down** arrow keys to increment/decrement the flashing digit.
8. Use the **BMI** key to move the flashing digit to the left or right.

9. Once all the digits have been entered, press the **ENTER** key and *Clear* is displayed.
10. Make sure the scale platform is clear of weight and press the **ENTER** key again and ===== is displayed.
11. A request to put the chosen load on the platform is displayed by *Put xxx.xx*.
12. Put the chosen weight on the platform and press the **ENTER** key. ===== is displayed and then *Save*.
13. Press the **ENTER** again and the display indicates *Done*.
14. Press the **BMI** key three times to exit back out to the top level *Done* parameter.
15. Press the **ENTER** key to return to weigh mode.

To exit calibration without changing zero or span existing calibration, press the **CLEAR** key, then the **BMI** key.

## 6.0 Test Menu

To access the *TEST* menu, use the following steps.

1. Turn the scale on by pressing the **On/Off** key and the **ENTER** key simultaneously until *ID* flashes.
2. Press the **ENTER** key again.
3. Continue to press the **BMI** key to scroll through the various menu items.
4. Once complete, press the **BMI** key again and *Done* is displayed.
5. Press the **ENTER** key to start the weighing process.

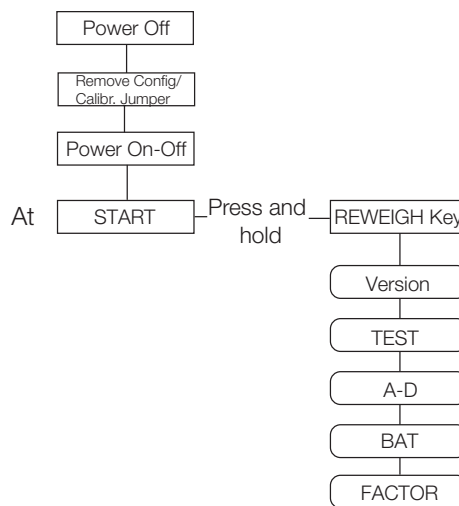


Figure 6-1. Test Menu

Test Menu		
Parameter	Choice	Description
VER	Value	Displays the current software version.
BAT	Value	Displays the current battery level.
VALUE	Value	Displays the actual value.
A2D	Value	Displays the actual raw counts of the scale.

Table 6-1. Test Menu

## 7.0 RS-232 Communication

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The scale comes with an RS-232 port that enables weight data to be transmitted to other equipment, such as a computer or printer. The RS-232 cable with DB-9 connector (PN 100719) is available from Rice Lake Weighing Systems. Figure 3-3 on page 4 shows where the RS-232 connection is.

The RS-232 parameters are 9600 baud (selectable in the programming mode), 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity and no handshaking.

There are three methods of communication:

- Pushbutton keypad print
- Escape protocol
- Maintenance protocol

### 7.1 Pushbutton Keypad Print

With a stable, in-range weight, press and hold the **LB/KG/Print** key for at least three seconds, or until the scale displays *PRINT*. Note that if the scale does not beep after five seconds, then release the button as the weight was either in motion, or out of range.

- If displaying weight and not BMI, the scale will send out the following 21 character string:  
xxxxxxxx<SP>uu<SP>mmmm<SP><CR><LF>

Where:

xxxxxxxx is the weight with decimal point and " - " sign, if negative uu is the unit (lb or kg).  
mmmm is the mode (gross or net)

Example:

60.1 KG= <PATIENT><SP><WEIGHT><SP>-60.1<SP>KG<SP><CR><LF>

- In BMI mode (displaying the BMI value), the scale will send out the following data:

PATIENT WEIGHT	60.1 KG
PATIENT HEIGHT	170.0 CM
PATIENT BMI	20.8

Example in KG:

<PATIENT><SP><WEIGHT><SP>-60.1<SP>KG<SP><CR><LF>  
<PATIENT><SP><HEIGHT><SP>-170.0<SP>CM<SP><CR><LF>  
<PATIENT><SP><B><SP><M><SP><I><SP><SP><SP><20.8<SP><SP><SP><SP><CR><LF>

Example in LB:

<PATIENT><SP><WEIGHT><SP>132.4<SP>LB<SP><CR><LF>  
<PATIENT><SP><HEIGHT><SP>-5-07.5<SP>FT<SP><CR><LF>  
<PATIENT><SP><B><SP><M><SP><I><SP><SP><SP><20.4<SP><SP><SP><SP><CR><LF>

In case of under weight or over weight, the word *Under* or *Over* will be sent correspondingly.

## 7.2 Communication Protocols

The Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale has two communication protocols, escape and maintenance protocol.

### 7.2.1 Escape Protocol

An escape protocol is where the escape (0X1B or ASCII 27) is used to indicate that there is a command following. On the PC side there must be a listener created by the vendor that will interpret this protocol. This listener must also take care of all the issues regarding data integrity, etc. to make sure that the data that was sent and received is valid.

Two examples include:

- Scale initiated communication
- PC initiated communication

Table 7-1 is what can be sent across communications lines.

PC Initiated	ESC Value
Request current values/settings	R
Diagnostics	A
Send scale control messages	C
PC Initiated	ESC Value
Send single reading	R
Send diagnostic response	

Table 7-1. Escape Protocol Commands

Table 7-2 lists the ESC characters that will be used.

Name	ESC character	ESC value with parameters	Description
Reading	R	R	Tells the PC that the scale is sending a reading. Immediately following this is the value that is sent. Example: <ESC><R>ESC><W0200.0<ESC>Nm<ESC>E
Weight	W	Wnnn.n	Is the patient weight (example: W02000 means 200.0). If the scale is overloaded or under loaded, the scale will return the value 999.99.
Height	H	Hnnn.n	Patient height
BMI	B	Bnn.n	Patient BMI
Units	N	Nc	Indicates in which unit the values have been taken (m=metric, c=constititutional).
End of Packet (EOP)	E	E	Indicates that the end of the command has been reached.
Diagnostics (request)	A	Accc	A request for a diagnostic test on certain parts of the scale (such as battery life, load cells).
Diagnostics (response)	Z	Zccc	This will be the response of the diagnostics done on the scale. Values will include error codes to indicate what is wrong with the scale, or all zeros (Z000) to indicate that all is well.
Control (set a value)	C	Cccc=c	Sets the value of the scale's global settings. Example: <ESC><CUOM=m><ESC><E will set the unit of measurement.

Table 7-2. ESC Characters

Name of Control	Identifier	Unit
Unit of Measure (metric or constitutional)	UOM	c (m or c)

Table 7-3. Scale Global Values List and Identifiers

**Samples of Escape Protocol**

Figure 7-1 and 7-2 show what the diagrams will look like on the PC as the scale measures weight and sends over this communications line:

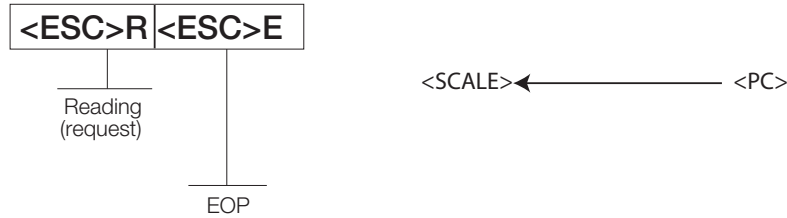


Figure 7-1. Sample of Escape Protocol

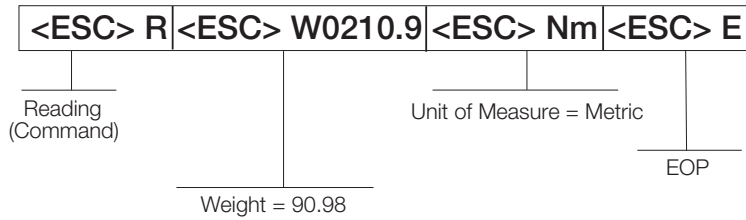


Figure 7-2. Sample of Escape Protocol

When the user wants to diagnose the problems on the scale, it looks like the Figure 7-3 and 7-4.

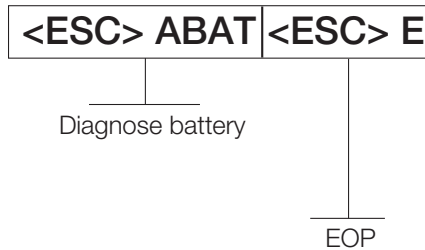


Figure 7-3. Diagnose the Escape Protocol Diagram

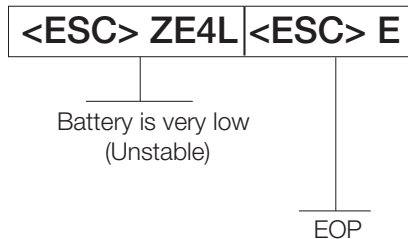
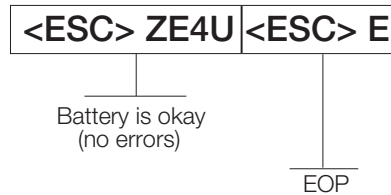


Figure 7-4. Diagnose Battery Protocol Diagram

## 7.2.2 Maintenance Protocol

Table 7-4 lists the maintenance protocol commands.

Command	Definition
R	Reboot
V	Firmware ID + development version
W	Current weight
A	Current AD
Z	Zero the scale
F	Show flash values (used for the first flash process)
L	USB On/Off (not available on USB communication)

Table 7-4. Maintenance Protocol Commands

## 7.3 USB Connection

The Rice Lake Digital Handrail Scale has the capability of connecting to a PC using a USB connection and a USB cable (not included). That connection location is shown in Figure 7-5.



Figure 7-5. USB Connection Port

Connecting software and downloads should be addressed by your IT department and can vary depending on what type of computer platform you're using. Basic information on USB driver installation using Windows® is described in the following steps and serves only as an example. The USB driver can be downloaded from the Rice Lake Weighing Systems website at the following location; <http://www.ricelake.com/software.aspx>

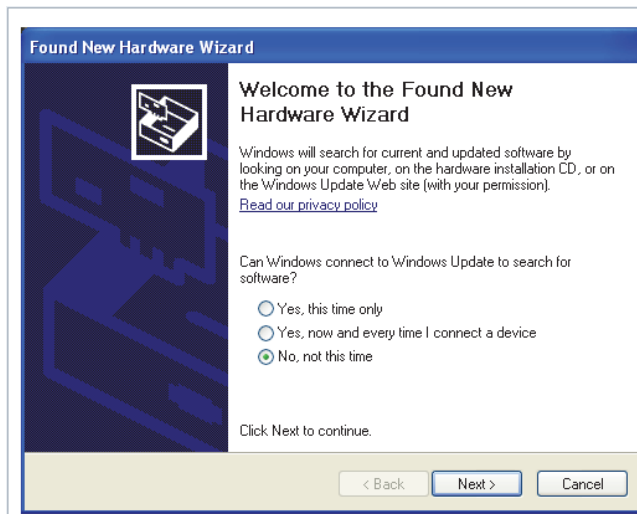
Select Medical/Health Scales, Software and Get Downloads. Opening any product will show a USB Driver download. Click on *Download* to open and download the driver to your computer.

1. The graphic below shows the window that pops up when the USB cable is connected to the indicator and the scale is turned on.

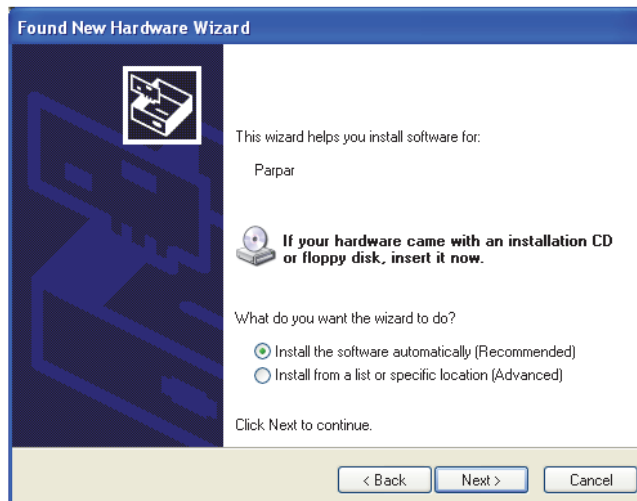


Follow the screen prompts to navigate through the screens below.

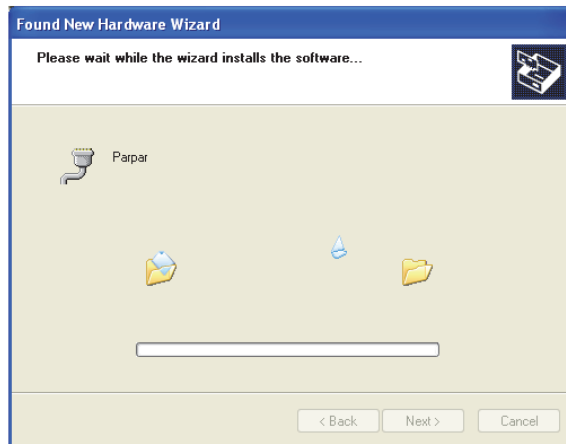
2. Select *No, not this time* and then select **Next**.



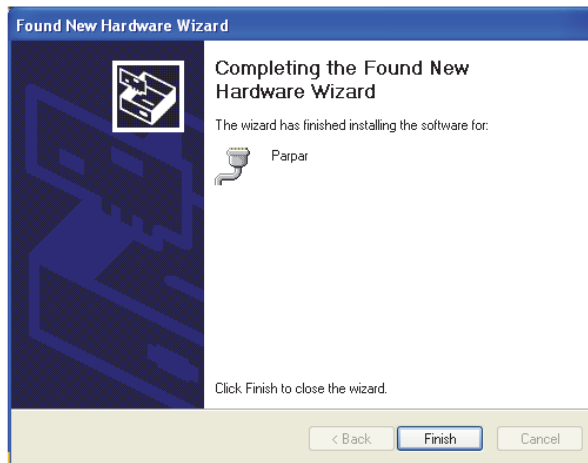
3. Select *Install the software automatically*, then select **Next**.



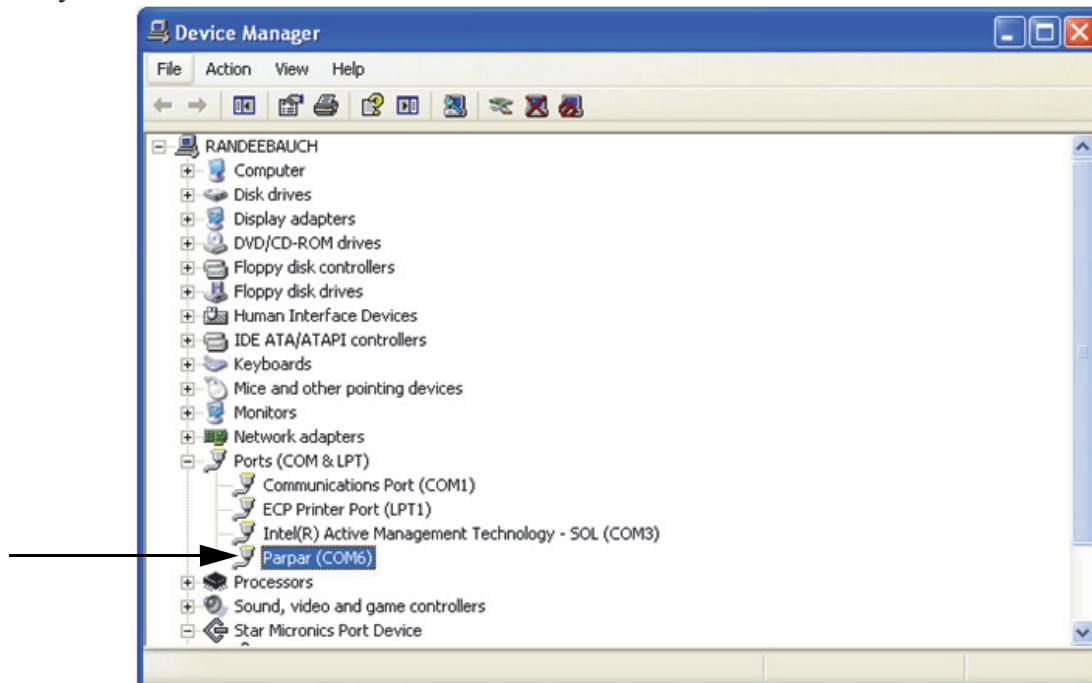
4. The following screen appears while the driver is installing on to your system.



5. The following screen appears when installation is complete. Click on **Finish**.



6. If you want to verify the installation, you can view the driver by looking at the device manager of your system.





7. To print a ticket using the USB driver, open the software driver (shown above) and the port assigned to that driver is shown.
8. Ensure that the USB cable is properly connected and unit is on.
9. Another terminal type program (such as Hyperterminal) needs to be opened and connected through the USB driver to the indicator to be able to see the information being sent to the PC. A port needs to be established so select the port that is assigned to Parpar and print the ticket. The following are examples of the tickets that will print.

```
PATIENT WEIGHT  2.104 1b                WEIGHT
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GROSS WEIGHT    84.4 1b                BMI  
TARE WEIGHT     0.0 1b  
NET WEIGHT      84.4 1b  
PATIENT HEIGHT  4ft 07.0in  
PATIENT B.M.I   19.6
```



**Note** *A single print ticket has four spaces after the “patient weight” and only one space between weight and lb in the examples shown above. Then seven <CR><LF> after.*

## 8.0 Troubleshooting and Testing

Refer to the following to check and correct any failure before contacting service personnel.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Scale does not turn on	Dead battery	Connect the scale to a power source.
	Faulty electrical outlet	Use a different electrical outlet.
	Bad power supply	Replace adaptor.
Questionable weight or the scale does not zero	External object is interfering with the scale.	Remove the interfering object from the scale.
	Display did not show 0.0 before weighing.	Help the patient off the scale, zero the scale and begin the weighing process again.
	Scale is not placed on a level floor.	Ensure the scale is level and begin the weighing process again.
	Scale is out of calibration.	Check the weight with a known weight value.
The display shows E messages as detailed below.		
E06	Identifier - ADC	AD too high
E07		AD too low
E10	Overload	Scale has been overloaded. Remove load from scale.
E4L	BAT	Battery low but still useable — 1 bar left on the indicator display.
E4U		Battery low and unstable — no bars left on the indicator display.
E11	CAL	Calibration Error — recalibrate the scale again.
Err 2	Low saturation state (low A/D)	The load cell is not connected properly. Check the cables and mechanical connections. If the problem persists, replace the set of load cells.
Err 3	High saturation state (high A/D)	See Err 2.
Err 6	Unstable weight. Cannot calibrate.	Check the load cells' mechanical surroundings and see that nothing touches them and that the cables are properly welded.
SAT	Damaged load cell cable	Replace load cell cable.

Table 8-1. Troubleshooting Table for the Rice Lake Scale Line

## 9.0 Maintenance

The following section provides instructions for maintaining and cleaning the Rice Lake line of scales. Maintenance operations other than those described in this section should be performed by qualified service personnel.

### 9.1 Basic Maintenance

Before the first use of the scale and after periods of non-use, check the scale for proper operation and function. If the scale does not operate correctly, contact qualified service personnel.

Go through the following steps for basic maintenance.

1. Check the overall appearance of the entire scale for any obvious signs of damage.
2. Inspect the condition of the AC adaptor for cord cracking or fraying or for broken or bent prongs.

### 9.2 Cleaning

Proper care and cleaning is essential to ensure a long life of accurate and effective operation. Before beginning the cleaning process, disconnect the scale from the AC power source.

1. Clean all external surfaces with a clean, damp cloth or tissue. Mild soap and water solution may be used. Dry with a clean soft cloth.
2. Do not immerse the scale in cleaning or other liquid solutions.
3. Do not use isopropyl alcohol or other solutions to clean the display surface.

# 10.0 Rice Lake Handrail Scale Specifications

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## **Power**

120 VAC-9VDC-60Hz / 230 VAC-9VDC-50Hz

## **Battery Type**

6 AA size Alkaline batteries

## **Battery Use**

25 hours continuous use

Automatic power-off can be configured

## **Data Communications**

RS-232 with RJ-45 jack

USB Connection

Selectable baud rate, default - 9600

8 bits

No parity

1 stop bit

No handshaking

## **Environmental**

Operating Temperature

50 to +95°F (10 to 35°C)

Storage Temperature

32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)

Humidity

85% relative humidity

## **Capacity and Graduation**

1000 lb (453 kg) 0.2 lb (0.1kg)

## **Certifications and Approvals**

RoHS Compliant



## **Dimensions**

Platform Dimensions

25 in W x 20 in L x 3 in H

# For More Information

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## System Manuals

- *Handrail Scale Operating Manual*, PN 151641

## Web Site

- <http://www.ricelakehealth.com>

## Contact Information

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