



**All Purpose  
AP-Series  
Operation Manual**

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## INTRODUCTION

The AP-6 All Purpose Scale is a compact solid scale, designed to fill a variety of weighing needs. Please read this manual before attempting to put scale into use and keep it handy for future reference.

### FCC COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

**Notice:** This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause interference to radio communications. It has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A computing device pursuant to Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference when operated in a commercial environment. Operation of this equipment in a residential area may cause interference in which case the user will be responsible to take whatever measures necessary to correct the interference.

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## SPECIFICATIONS

Construction: 304 Stainless Steel  
Display: 4 digit, 1/2" red LED digital display  
Dimensions: 7 1/2" W x 7" D x 2 3/4" H  
Weight: 3.5 lb  
Zero: Established on power up routine and maintained automatically by auto-zero circuitry.  
Power: 115 VAC, 50/60 Hz or 220 VAC  
50/60 Hz: AC adapter with 6" power cord  
Operating Temperature: 14°F to 104°F (-10c to 40°C)  
Humidity: 75 % without condensation  
Accuracy: Class III  
Capacity: AP-4K ... 4 kilo - 3999g x 1g  
AP-6 ..... 6 lb - 99.95 oz x .05 oz  
AP-8 ..... 8 lb - 7.998 lb x .002 lb  
AP-10 ... 10 lb - 9.995 lb x .005 lb  
AP-20 ... 20 lb - 19.99 lb x .01 lb



## INSTALLATION

Keep carton and packing material for return shipment or relocation if it should become necessary. Inspect the scale for signs of damage due to shipping such as loose screws or exterior dents or scratches. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to file all claims for any damages or loss in transit incurred.

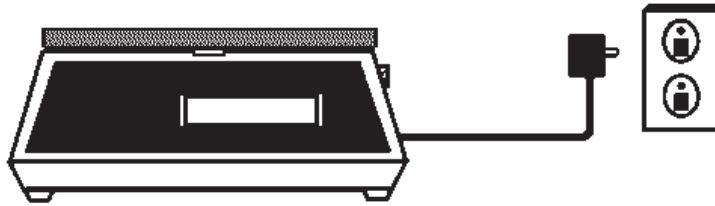
Please read this entire manual before operating the scale and pay special attention to the precautions provided on the last page and to the DO: and DO NOT: instructions affixed to the underside of your scale's tray.

Set the scale on a stable, vibration-free surface, away from direct sunlight and any rapidly moving air source. Then place the scale's tray, lip side down, onto its platform.

Serial Number _____
Date of Purchase _____
Purchased From _____
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RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE USE

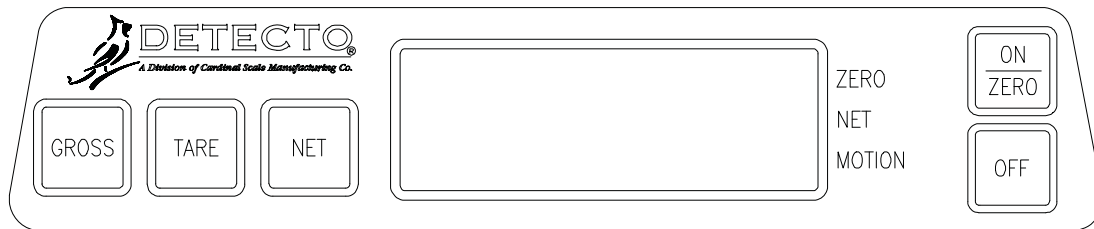
<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>	
Before using this instrument, read this manual and pay special attention to all "WARNING" symbols:	
	IMPORTANT
	ELECTRICAL WARNING

## POWER CONNECTION



To apply power to your AP Series scale, connect the power cable's scale connector (round) into the scale and then connect the power cable's electrical connector (square) into a 115V 50/60 Hz outlet. Your scale is now ready for operation.

## OPERATION



When applying power, make certain the scale platform is empty. Press and hold the **ON/ZERO** key until one of the annunciators (ZERO, NET or MOTION) turn on. When one of the annunciators turn on, release the **ON/ZERO** key. After a second or so the display should indicate a zero weight with the ZERO annunciator turned on. Weighing may now begin. If the display does not indicate zero, press the **ON/ZERO** key again to zero the weight display.

### GROSS WEIGHT

The normal display mode for the AP scale is the gross weight mode where the display shows the total weight on the scale platform. **NOTE!** In the gross weight mode, the NET annunciator is turned off. If you are in the net display mode and wish to return to the gross weight display mode, simply press the GROSS key.

### TARE WEIGHT ENTRY

The AP scale has an automatic tare feature that allows you to enter tare weights up to the three least significant digits of the scale capacity. This tare weight feature is often used to subtract the empty container weight or other unwanted fixed weight values from the weight reading.

The following table lists the maximum tare weight allowed for each model of the AP scale.

Model	Capacity	Maximum Tare Weight
AP-4K	4000 gm x 1 gm	999 gm
AP-6	99.95 oz x .05 oz	9.95 oz
AP-8	8 lb x .002 lb	.998 lb
AP-10	9.995 lb x .005 lb	.995 lb
AP-20	20.01 lb x .01 lb	9.99 lb

## TARE WEIGHT ENTRY, cont.

Pressing the **TARE** key will cause the currently displayed gross weight to be stored as the new tare weight and cause the scale to enter the net weight display mode. The net weight display mode is indicated by turning on the net annunciator. Example: on an AP-20, if the displayed gross weight is 2 lb and you press the **TARE** key, the 2 lb would be entered as the new tare weight. The scale would then enter the net weight mode and subtract the 2 lb tare value from the gross weight, displaying a net weight of 0.00 lb. If you added another 2 lb to the platform, the display would indicate 2 lb of net weight. Pressing the **GROSS** key would return the scale to the gross weight mode and display 4 lb.

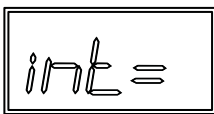
**NOTE:** Remember the scale will only weigh to its maximum capacity. Any combination of **NET** plus **TARE** weights over the scale capacity will result in an overload condition and display  $\square\bar{L}$ . For example, using the AP-20 from above, with a tare weight of 2 lb, adding 19 lb to the platform will cause an overload condition. This is because the 2 lb tare weight plus the 19 lb load weight equals 21 lb gross weight, which exceeds the capacity of the scale.

## NET WEIGHT

To display a net weight without entering a new tare value, simply press the **NET** key. The **NET** annunciator will be turned on and the display will show the net weight (gross weight less the stored tare weight). If there is no currently stored valid tare weight, the AP scale will ignore this key.

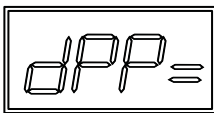
## SETUP REVIEW

The Setup Review mode allows you to review the operational parameters, but does not allow you to change them. To enter the setup review mode, with the instrument off, press and hold the **GROSS** key, then press and release the **ON/ZERO** key. Release the **GROSS** key. The display will then show:  $intL=$ . Follow the steps listed.



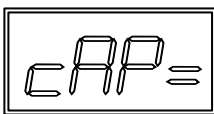
### Scale Interval

With the display showing  $intL=$ , press the **NET** key. The scale interval will be displayed. The interval is smallest change in value that can be displayed by the scale. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Decimal Point Position

With the display showing  $dpp=$ , press the **NET** key. The decimal point position (the number of digits to the right of the decimal point) will be displayed. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Scale Capacity

With the display showing  $cap=$ , press the **NET** key. The capacity of the scale will be displayed. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Zero Tracking Range

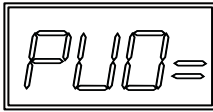
The scale display will now show  $tra=$ . Press the **NET** key to show the value assigned to the Automatic Zero Tracking range. This value (0.5) is the scale divisions that will be automatically zeroed off. For example, if the scale divisions are 0.5 and the zero tracking is set to 3, the scale will automatically zero weights of 1.5 or less. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Tracking Range Limit

The display will now show  $trl=$ . Press the **NET** key to show the current setting (*no*) of the tracking range limit. This limit, is a 4% limit placed on the Automatic Zero Tracking feature. **NOTE:** At the time this was printed, the 4% limit is not a US requirement. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.

## SETUP REVIEW, Cont.



### Power Up Zero

With the display showing *PUD=*, press the **NET** key to show current setting (yes) of the power up zero feature. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Digital Filter Level Selection

The display will now show *FLT=*. Press the **NET** key to show current setting, (0 = minimal filtering) for the selection of the digital filtering level. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Motion (UNSTABLE) RANGE

With the display showing *UnS=*, press the **NET** key to show current setting, (1 division) for the motion (unstable) range. Changes in weight exceeding this value will turn the stable indicator off. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.



### Sample Rate

The display will now show *Sr=*. Press the **NET** key to show current setting (4 samples per second) for the sample rate. Press the **NET** key to advance to the next step.

## ERROR and STATUS DISPLAYS

Display	Meaning
<i>Unst</i>	Motion is present when the AP is attempting to perform one of the following operations: Power Up Entry of a Tare value Zero Weight Display
<i>UnLd</i>	The weight on the scale platform exceeds the zero range on Power On.
<i>LoAd</i>	The scale deadload is less than the zero range on Power On.
<i>-OC-</i>	Attempting to display a weight greater than the scale capacity.
<i>-OF-</i>	Attempting to display a negative number greater than -999 or a count greater than 9,999
<i>CALb</i>	Indicates that the scale has not been calibrated or has been interrupted during the calibration process.
<i>Err</i>	Indicates a disallowed keyboard entry: Attempt to enter a tare value of zero or less Attempt to enter a tare value of greater than 999 Attempt to zero when the gross weight is outside the scale zero range. EEProm failure
<i>ErrA</i>	No load cell signal or load cell signal polarity reversed.

## PRECAUTIONS

The heart of your AP Series is its precision load cell located in the center of the scale base. It will provide years of accurate operation if protected against overload of scale capacity, dropping items onto the scale, or other occasions of extreme shock. Affixed to the underside of your scale's tray is a list of DO's and DO NOT's. Please refer to them frequently and follow them completely to insure long dependable performance from your AP Series Scale.



**The membrane keyboard is not to be operated with pointed objects (pencils, pens, fingernails, etc.). Damage to keyboard resulting from this practice will *NOT* be covered under warranty.**

- **DO NOT** submerge scale in water, pour or spray water directly on instrument.
- **DO NOT** use acetone, thinner or other volatile solvents for cleaning.
- **DO NOT** expose equipment to temperature extremes.
- **DO NOT** place equipment in front of heating/cooling vents.
- **DO** clean the scale with a damp soft cloth and mild non-abrasive detergent.
- **DO** remove power before cleaning with a damp cloth.
- **DO** provide clean AC power and adequate protection against lightning damage.
- **DO** keep the surroundings clear to provide clean and adequate air circulation.

## BEFORE YOU CALL FOR SERVICE

The AP Series Scale has been designed to provide you with years of trouble-free operation. In spite of this, troubles sometimes happen. Before calling for service assistance you should make some initial checks to verify that a problem does exist. The following describes several types of symptoms along with suggested remedies.

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Solutions</b>
Display does not turn on	Is DC power supply cable plugged into the scale? Is AC power adapter plugged into wall receptacle? Check wall receptacle for proper AC power. Try another electrical appliance in the same receptacle, does it work? Check the circuit breaker. Has there been a power failure of any kind?
Incorrect weight displayed	Insure that the scale platform isn't touching an adjacent object. Have proper operation procedures been followed?
Scale will not display weight	Refer to Error and Status Displays section and make certain that the <i>UnLd</i> or <i>Lod=</i> messages are not on. If so, and scale is not loaded, contact a qualified scale technician.

**If you have any problems,  
DO NOT TRY TO REPAIR THIS SCALE YOURSELF!  
Unplug the power cord and contact a qualified scale technician.**

