



User Manual

Precision Balance PCE-BSK Series



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1 Safety notes

Please read this manual carefully and completely before you use the device for the first time. The device may only be used by qualified personnel and repaired by PCE Instruments personnel. Damage or injuries caused by non-observance of the manual are excluded from our liability and not covered by our warranty.

- The device must only be used as described in this instruction manual. If used otherwise, this can cause dangerous situations for the user and damage to the meter.
- The instrument may only be used if the environmental conditions (temperature, relative humidity, ...) are within the ranges stated in the technical specifications. Do not expose the device to extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, extreme humidity or moisture.
- Do not expose the device to shocks or strong vibrations.
- The case should only be opened by qualified PCE Instruments personnel.
- Never use the instrument when your hands are wet.
- You must not make any technical changes to the device.
- The appliance should only be cleaned with a damp cloth. Use only pH-neutral cleaner, no abrasives or solvents.
- The device must only be used with accessories from PCE Instruments or equivalent.
- When weighing powder and similar products, use a suitable container to make sure no small parts enter the scales.
- Before each use, inspect the case for visible damage. If any damage is visible, do not use the device.
- Do not use the instrument in explosive atmospheres.
- Do not expose the device to radioactive environments or corrosive substances.
- The measurement range as stated in the specifications must not be exceeded under any circumstances.
- Non-observance of the safety notes can cause damage to the device and injuries to the user.
- Do not use any sharp objects such as pens to press the keys of the balance. Only use your fingers to press the keys.

We do not assume liability for printing errors or any other mistakes in this manual.

We expressly point to our general guarantee terms which can be found in our general terms of business.

If you have any questions please contact PCE Instruments. The contact details can be found at the end of this manual.

2 Technical specifications

	PCE-BSK 310	PCE-BSK 1100	PCE-BSK 5100
Weighing range	310g	1,100g	5,100g
Accuracy class	II	III	III
Resolution/readability	0.001g	0.01g	0.1g
Repeatability	±0.002g	±0.02g	±0.2g
Linearity	±0.003g	±0.03g	±0.3g
Settling time	<3 s		
Operating temperature	17.5 ... 22.5 °C		
Dimensions of weighing plate	90 mm	130 mm	160x160 mm
Calibration	external		
Overall dimensions	270 x 265 x 190 mm	270 x 200 x 80 mm	
Overall weight	4.0 kg	2.5 kg	
Interface	RS232		
Mains adaptor	Primary: 100 ... 240 V, 50 / 60 Hz Secondary: 6 V, 500 mA outside minus, inside plus		
Batteries	3 x AA (LR6) not included, not rechargeable within the balance		

3 Delivery contents

	PCE-BSK 310	PCE-BSK 1100	PCE-BSK 5100
Electronic balance	•	•	•
Weighing plate	90 mm	130 mm	160 x 160 mm
Mains adaptor	•	•	•
User manual	•	•	•
Test weight	200 g	500 g	---
Wind shield	•	---	---



only PCE-BSK 310
includes wind shield

4 Device description



1. Weighing plate
2. Type plate
3. Adjustable feet
4. Level for alignment
5. RS232-Schnittstelle
6. Connection for mains adaptor
7. Stable weight indicator
8. Power supply lamp
9. Weight display

10. Battery level indicator
11. Current weight unit
12. ON/OFF key
13. Counting key
14. ">0<" key, e. g. for zeroing
15. "CAL" key, e. g. for calibration
16. Unit key for changing weight unit

5 First use of the balance

Open the packaging carefully and keep it for possible later returns. Place the weighing plate on the scales and connect the mains adaptor. If you prefer battery operation, insert the batteries. (If the weighing plate has not been placed on the balance correctly, a notification will be displayed to inform you that weighing is not possible.) *The balance will start after a short beeping sound and will show 300.00 or 1000.00 or 5000 respectively, followed by a dashed line. With a second short beeping sound, it will then display 0.00 kg. The balance is now in weighing mode.*

Set-up location

1. Keep the set-up location clean and dry.
2. Place the balance on an even and stable surface.
3. Align the balance by means of the adjustable feet. The bubble of the level must be exactly within the circle marked in black.
4. Avoid draught and fluctuations in temperature, e. g. coming from open windows and doors as well as placing the scales below heaters or exposed to direct sunlight.
5. Avoid exposure to vibration.
6. Avoid interference from other devices.
7. Please note that static charges can occur when the scales are used in dry environments or for bulk materials.
8. Keep the balance away from objects with magnets and from magnetic fields.
9. Do not use the scales in explosive areas.
10. Do not use the scales in areas with high air humidity or in dusty environments.
11. When the balance is carried from a cold to a warm environment, moisture within the balance can condense. This has an effect on the accuracy and the reliability of the weighing. To avoid this, allow 2 hours for the balance to take on room temperature before switching it on.

6 Calibration

The weighing accuracy of the balance depends, among other factors, on the environmental conditions (gravitation, temperature, humidity). With the calibration function, the scales can be adapted to the current environmental conditions. The balance must have been exposed to stable environmental conditions for at least 30 minutes before the calibration can be started.

6.1 One-point calibration

In weighing mode, press

- CAL for approx. 4 seconds – “I.CAL Ig” should be displayed.
 - Press the >0< key – a weight value for the calibration should be displayed.
 - Press >0< to apply or
press the counting key as well as the CAL key to make a change – then confirm with >0<.
 - Apply the weight that flashes in the display.
A line will appear, followed by the non-flashing weight.
 - Remove the weight – a line will be displayed, followed by “0.00 g”.
- The calibration is now completed.

6.2 Three-point calibration

In weighing mode, press

- CAL for approx. 4 seconds – “1.CAL 1g” should be displayed.
 - Press the counting key to select “2.CAL 3”.
 - Press >0< - a weight value for the calibration should be displayed.
 - Apply the weight that flashes in the display.
A line will appear, followed by the non-flashing weight.
 - Remove the first weight.
 - Apply the next weight which flashes in the display.
A line will appear, followed by the non-flashing weight.
 - Remove the second weight.
 - Apply the next weight which flashes in the display.
A line will appear, followed by the non-flashing weight.
 - Remove the third weight - a line will be displayed, followed by “0.00 g”.
- The calibration is now completed.

For the PCE-BSK 1100, 200 g, 500 g and 1000 g weights are required.

7 Function settings

7.1 Setting the weight unit

Go to “F01” to define your own custom unit with decimal places and conversion factor related to grams. Go to “F02” to deactivate or activate the pre-set units.

To enter the menu, first turn off the scales and then:

- a) press and hold the unit key and press and release the ON/OFF key or
- b) short-press the ON/OFF key and then the unit key.

“F-01” Decimal character and factor for custom unit

- Press >0< to open the function.
- “..... g” will be displayed.
- Use the counting key to change the decimal position.
- Confirm with >0<.
- “00000.00g” will be displayed for example, with the selected decimal places.
- Enter the conversion factor from grams to the custom unit with the counting key (for the position) and the CAL key (for the value)

The customer-specific unit will be saved so that it is still available after turning off the scales.

- Confirm with >0<. “F-02” will be displayed.
- Enter weighing mode with the unit key.

“F-02” Activation/deactivation of weight units

- Press >0< to open the function.
- Select the unit with the CAL key.
- Use the counting key to switch between ON and OFF.
- These units can be selected: g / CT / OZ / FRE / dWT / OZT / gn /G.S.M.
(grams, carat, ounces, free unit (user-defined), pennyweight, troy ounce, grain, g/m²).
- Confirm with >0<. “F-01” will be displayed.
- Enter weighing mode with the unit key.

7.2 Counting function

To enable the scales to count pieces, the reference quantity must be saved first:

- In weighing mode, press and hold the counting key for approx. 4 seconds.
- “---.COU ---” will be displayed and after some time, 5 PCS will appear in the display.
- The number of reference pieces can be selected with >0<.
You can select 5, 10, 20, 40, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400 or 500.
- Place the selected number of pieces on the scales and confirm with the counting key.
- A line will be displayed, followed by the number of pieces placed on the scales.
- Remove the reference pieces from the weighing plate. The display will now show 0 and you can use the counting function.
- To switch between the counting and weighing functions, short-press the counting key.
- The determined reference value will be saved so that it is still available after turning off the balance.

7.3 User-specific functions

In weighing mode, press the counting key and the unit key at the same time until “I. FIL” is displayed.

You can go to the next menu item by pressing the counting key. You can confirm your selection with the >0< key or return to the menu with the unit key.

Display	Function	Description
1. FIL	Sensitivity	Selection with counting key: 1.1 FIL 1- fast, 1.2 FIL 2 - normal, 1.3 FIL 3 - slow,
2. bA_LI	Backlight	Selection with counting key: 2.1 ON 2.2 OFF 2.3 AUTO (energy saving mode, backlight will turn off after 30 seconds)
3. AU_Po	Automatic power off	Selection with counting key: 3.1 ON (power off after 3 minutes) 3.2 OFF
4. PEAK	Maximum value / PEAK	Selection with counting key: 4.1 ON (last maximum weight will be displayed until a higher weight is added; a new maximum value will be determined after restarting the scales) 4.2 OFF
5 SEND	Data transfer to PC	5.1 KEY CAL key for transmission 5.2 ASK.....Query from PC 5.3 Cont.....Continuous transmission 5.4 StAb Automatic transmission when value is stable

8 Serial interface - communication protocol

1: Tare **Format: ST + CR + LF**

2: Entering tare value

Format: ST*** ******* (i. e. from 9e to maximum weight)

The signal has 16 digits

1 icon + or –

2 space

3 ...10 digits for the weight value or space

11 space

12...14 display unit (Newton, kg, g, lb or PCS (pieces))

15 CR

16 LF

3: Query of current weight display

Format: Sx + CR + LF

4: Turn off balance (not possible in standby mode – can only be turned back on via the "ON" key of the balance.)

Format: SO + CR + LF

9 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
No display indication	Mains plug not connected, mains adaptor defective, red light below "Power" is glowing but nothing is displayed after pressing ON/OFF	Connect mains cable, replace mains adaptor where required
Displayed value not stable	Environmental conditions, wind shield open, foreign object on/within the balance, weight exceeds weighing range, change in weighed product (evaporation, absorption, movement), power supply not stable	Avoid air flow and vibration, close wind shield, remove foreign objects, ensure stable power supply by mains adaptor
Displayed value different from actual value	No calibration, no taring, zero point not adapted	Calibrate, tare, adapt the zero point by pressing >0< before weighing

If your problem cannot be solved with the help of the chart above, please contact our technical support.



10 Warranty

You can read our warranty terms in our General Business Terms which you can find here: <https://www.pce-instruments.com/english/terms>.

11 Disposal

For the disposal of batteries in the EU, the 2006/66/EC directive of the European Parliament applies. Due to the contained pollutants, batteries must not be disposed of as household waste. They must be given to collection points designed for that purpose.

In order to comply with the EU directive 2012/19/EU we take our devices back. We either re-use them or give them to a recycling company which disposes of the devices in line with law.

For countries outside the EU, batteries and devices should be disposed of in accordance with your local waste regulations.

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