

# WEIGH-TRONIX



## PC-220 Counting Scale User's Manual

#### **UNITED STATES**

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. This 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.

#### **CANADA**

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class A limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

Le present appareil numerique n'emet pas de bruits radioelectriques depassant les limites applicables aux appareils numeriques de la Class A prescrites dans le Reglement sur le brouillage radioelectrique que edicte par le ministere des Communications du Canada.

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#### **WARNING**

**This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which the user may be required to take adequate measures.**



#### **CAUTION**

**Risk of electrical shock. Do not remove cover. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.**

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# Introduction

This manual covers the operation of the PC-220 parts counting scale by Weigh-Tronix. Major sections of the manual begin with black barred text as seen above. Minor section headings appear in the left column along with important notes and warnings.

## Installation



### Warning

*The unit must be plugged into a properly grounded outlet that is within easy access from the scale location.*

Place the unit on a firm, level surface that is free from drafts and vibration. Place the unit in a location ergonomically suited for the user.

Level the scale using the adjustable footpads. Center the bubble in the bubble level located below the Weigh-Tronix logo on the front panel.

Plug the power adapter to an appropriate power source. See note at left. The display will perform a self-test and then show the normal display mode.

## Sleep Mode

*Short key press = 1 beep  
Long key press = 2 beeps*

To put the unit to sleep, long press the **I/O** key. See note on short vs. long key presses at left.

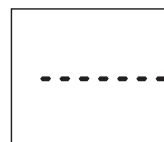
To wake up the scale, short press the **I/O** key.

## Error Messages

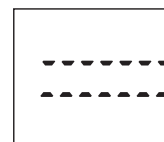
Below are examples of various error messages you may see. If a persistent error message appears, disconnect then reconnect power to the unit. If problem persists, contact your local authorized Weigh-Tronix distributor.



Temporary error



Weight unsteady



Balance failed



Over range



Under range

### Error Code:

- E 0 Disconnect then reconnect power to the scale.
- E 5 Disconnect then reconnect power to the scale.
- E 10 Battery failure. Recharge or replace batteries.
- E11 Power supply voltage is too high.
- E15 Contact local W-T distributor.
- E 20 Weight error. Remove weight from scale and long press the **Clear** key.
- E 30 Contact local W-T distributor.
- E 35 Contact local W-T distributor.
- E 100 Invalid PLU contents. Reprogram the PLU.
- E 101 Transaction failed. Remove weight from scale and long press the **Clear** key.
- E 102 PLU write failed.
- E 103 Tare failed. Remove weight from scale and long press the **Clear** key.

PC-220 Front Panel

Keypad

The front panel of the PC-220 is made up of the keypad, for entering information, and the display. The key pad of the PC-220 is shown in Figure 1. The display window is shown in Figure 2.

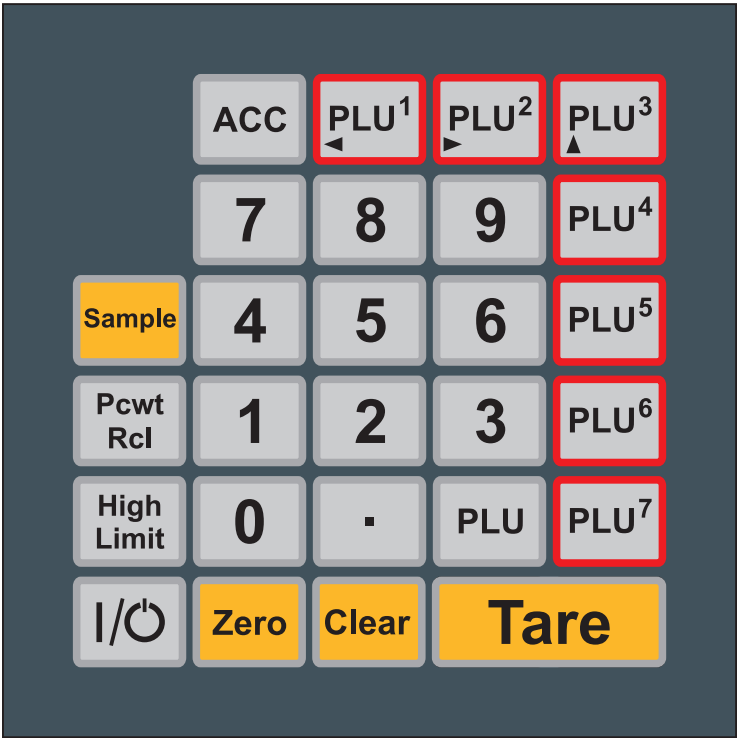


Figure 1  
PC-220 front panel

Display

Below is a brief description of the keys on the keypad.



**On/Off** key. Use this key to put the unit in sleep mode, wake it from sleep mode or to access menus.



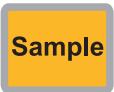
Use this key to zero the display.



Use this key to clear all active PLUs, tares, piece weights and accumulator totals. Also used to clear an error message.



Press this key to tare a weight from the scale.



Use this key to calculate sample weights of items placed on the scale.



Press this key to temporarily display the current pieceweight.



Use this key to set high limit alarm. This beeping alarm sounds when the count exceeds the number you set.

**ACC**

Use this key to accumulate counts of items and to view accumulated totals.

**PLU<sup>1</sup>**

Use this key to enter or recall a PLU for PLU memory slot 1-7. The three keys with arrows are also used when you navigate the menus in management mode and for service functions.

**PLU**

Use this key to enter or recall a PLU for PLU memory slots 1-35.

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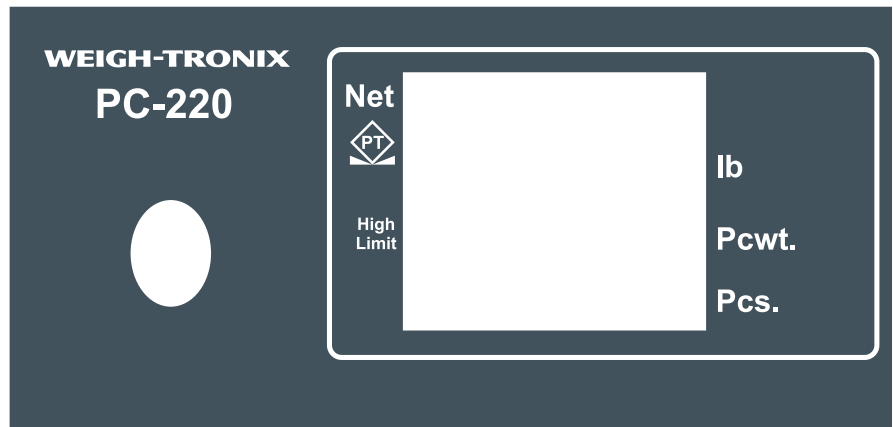
2

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0

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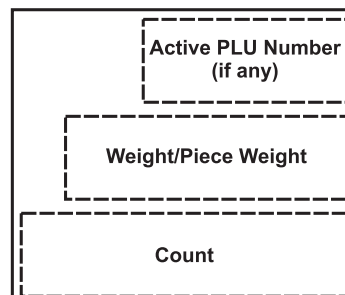
Use these keys to enter numbers for tares, piece weights, etc.



**Figure 2**  
PC-220 display window

The appropriate annunciator will light next to the labels surrounding the display. For example, when in net weighing mode a small triangle will appear pointing at the word **Net**.

When you are in the counting mode the screen will display the information shown in Figure 3.



**Figure 3**  
Count mode display information

# Using the Scale

This section shows you the steps to performing weighing and counting operations. The first few sections are general information on zeroing the scale, clearing values, and using tares. After that are specific instructions on performing sampling and doing counting operations.

## Zeroing the Scale

*Short key press = 1 beep  
Long key press = 2 beeps*

Be sure the scale is always zeroed before doing a weighing or counting function.

To zero the scale, make sure the scale is empty and short press the **Zero** key. . .

**0** weight and the center-of-zero mark is displayed.

## Using the Clear Key

Be sure there are no active tares, piece weights or PLU (piece weight lookup) values.

To clear all these values, long press the **Clear** key.

## Clearing a Numeric Entry

If you are keying in a value via the numeric keypad and make an error, you can erase the last digit entered or the entire entry.

To erase the last digit entered, short press the **Clear** key. . .

The last digit is deleted from the display.

To erase the entire number, long press the **Clear** key. . .

The entire number is deleted from the display.

## Using Tares

### Keying in a known tare weight

*If there is scale motion as you press the **Tare** key, the action may not take place. Try pressing **Tare** again.*

To perform a tare, place the container or object to be tared on the scale platform and short press the **Tare** key. . .

The Net annunciator lights and the display shows zero weight.

To key in a known tare weight, with the scale empty and the display zeroed, key in the tare value via the keypad and short press the **Tare** key. . .

The Net **and** Tare annunciators light and the display shows a negative weight.

Place the tared object and the items to be weighed on the scale. . .

The net weight of the items is displayed.



## Cancelling a tare

*If there is scale motion as you press the **Tare** key, the action may not take place. Try pressing **Tare** again.*

To cancel an active tare value, empty the scale and short press the **Tare** key. . .

The Net annunciator disappears and the display shows zero weight.

## Sampling Parts for Counting

### Normal sampling

*When you sample light weight items or items with a large weight variation, use a large sample size to increase the accuracy and use either manual or automatic resampling. Resampling is covered in a following section.*

*The minimum sample weight is set through the management mode. See the Service Manual.*

*Short key press = 1 beep  
Long key press = 2 beeps*

There are two types of sampling—normal and reverse.

To do a normal sampling, follow these steps:

1. Be sure the scale is empty and short press the **Zero** key.
2. Place a counted quantity of items on the scale, then key in the quantity on the keypad and short press the **Sample** key. . .
3. If the calculated sample weight is below the minimum needed by the scale for accuracy, the display will ask you to place more items on the scale. Place the items on the scale and short press the **Sample** key. . .
4. The scale is now ready for counting.

The weight of the samples is shown on the middle line of the display. The number of items is shown on the bottom line of the display.

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## Reverse sampling

The reverse sampling method is described below.

1. Be sure the scale is empty and short press the **Zero** key.
2. Place a quantity of items on the scale, then short press the **Sample** key. . .  
**SPLE** is displayed on the top line of the display and the weight of the samples is shown on the middle line.
3. Remove and count several items from the scale, then key in this number via the keypad. Short press the **Sample** key. . . The weight and count of all the items on the scale is displayed.
4. The scale is ready to count.

## Resampling

Resampling can increase the counting accuracy of your scale. You can do this manually or the scale can be set up to do it automatically. The auto-update function must be set through menus found in the Service Manual. Below are the instructions for manual resampling.

### Manual resampling

*Short key press = 1 beep  
Long key press = 2 beeps*

Once you have sampled a group of items, you can add an equal or greater amount to the scale and then resample. Follow the steps below for this manual resampling procedure.

Sample the items normally as described above, then add more items to the scale (equal to or more than the items already on the scale). Long press the **Sample** key. . .

The piece weight is updated and the count is shown.

## Using Piece Weights

### Keyboard Entry of Piece Weights

Below are the steps to enter, view and clear piece weights.

You can key in a known piece weight via the keypad. Key in the weight in pounds if using lb units or key in the weight in grams if in kg units, then short press the **Pcwt/Rcl** key. This becomes the new active piece weight.

### Viewing Active Piece Weight

To view an active piece weight, short press the **Pcwt/Rcl** key. The *Pcwt.* annunciator lights and the piece weight is briefly shown on the display.

### Clearing the Active Piece Weight

Short press the **Pcwt/Rcl** key and short press the **Clear** key while the piece weight is displayed. The piece weight is deleted and the weight is displayed.

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## Using the High Limit Alarm

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### Setting the high limit

Below are instructions for setting, viewing, and clearing a high limit alarm value. The high limit alarm will sound when the count displayed on the scale exceeds the number you set. You can set a high limit before or after sampling.

To set the high limit, key in the number via the keypad and short press the **High Limit** key. . .

The high limit number becomes active. When you count items, if the count exceeds the high limit, a beeping alarm will sound.

### View the current high limit

To view the current high limit value, short press the **High Limit** key. . .

The value will be displayed briefly in the display.

### Clearing the high limit

*Short key press = 1 beep  
Long key press = 2 beeps*

To clear a high limit, short press the **High Limit** key and short press the **Clear** key while the high limit is displayed. . .

The high limit is deleted and the weight is displayed.

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## Using Part Look Up (PLU) Keys

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Use Part Look Up (PLU) keys to store and recall piece weight and/or tare weight for an item. You can store up to 35 PLUs.

Use the **PLU** key to set up or recall any of the 35 PLUs. There are 7 **PLU<sup>x</sup>** keys called hot keys. Use these to quickly setup or recall PLUs for the first seven of the 35 PLUs. You should assign the most commonly counted items in your inventory to these 7 keys.

Below are instructions for creating, recalling and clearing PLUs.

### Creating a PLU

#### Method 1 Using PLU key

*Remember that a PLU can store a piece weight and/or a tare weight.*

*Individual PLUs can be locked so changes cannot be made. See the Service Manual for instructions.*

You can create a PLU using three methods; by using the **PLU** key, by using the **PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key**, or using the auto-store PLU. All three methods are described below.

Using the PLU key, you can assign a PLU to one of 35 available memory slots. These are numbered 1-35. Follow these steps to create and store a PLU:

1. Create a piece weight using any of the techniques covered in the section *Using Piece Weights*.
2. Create a tare (if so desired) by one of the methods covered in the section *Using Tares*.
3. Key in a number for the PLU (1-35) and long press the **PLU** key. If you want the PLU to be available through one of the 7 hot keys on the front panel you must choose a number between 1 and 7(inclusive). . .

The PLU is created and stored.

## Method 2 Using the PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key

Short key press = 1 beep  
Long key press = 2 beeps

Using the **PLU<sup>x</sup> hot keys**, you can assign a PLU to one of first seven available memory slots. These are numbered 1-7. Follow these steps to create and store a PLU using the hot keys:

1. Create a piece weight using any of the techniques covered in the section *Using Piece Weights*.
2. Create a tare (if so desired) by one of the methods covered in the section *Using Tares*.
3. Long press the **PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key** where you want to store the PLU. . .

The PLU is created and stored.

## Method 3 Auto-store PLU

You can auto-store a currently active piece weight and/or tare weight by doing a long press of the **PLU** key. The data will be stored in the first empty memory slot. The PLU number will be displayed on the top line of the display if the action was successful.

## Recalling a PLU Using the PLU key

To recall a PLU from any of the 35 memory slots using the **PLU** key, key in the number of the PLU and short press the PLU key. . .

The PLU information becomes active and you can begin counting the items associated with that PLU.

## Recalling a PLU Using a PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key

To recall a PLU from any of the first seven memory slots using a **PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key**, short press the hot key where the PLU you want is stored. . .

The PLU information becomes active and you can begin counting the items associated with that PLU.

## Clearing a PLU

*Individual PLUs can be locked so changes cannot be made. See the Service Manual for instructions.*

To clear any PLU, with no weight on the scale long press the **Clear** key then key in the PLU number via the keypad and long press the **PLU** key. . .

The information from that memory slot is cleared.

## Clearing a PLU Using a PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key

To clear any hot key PLU, with no weight on the scale long press the **Clear** key then long press the **PLU<sup>x</sup> hot key** you want cleared. . .

The information from that memory slot is cleared.

## Accumulator Function

### Accumulating counts

*The displayed count must change by 25% since the last accumulation before a new count can be accumulated. This prevents double counting of the same items.*

### Viewing accumulator values

### Clearing accumulator values

The PC-220 has an accumulator feature which allows you to add together or accumulate counts of items to keep a running total of items counted so far. You can store up to 9999 accumulations and a total count of 9,999,999. Follow the steps below to accumulate counts and clear the accumulated totals.

With a count displayed on the screen, short press the **ACC** key. . .

The currently displayed count is added to the accumulator total, provided the count is able to be added. The accumulator step count is also incremented by 1. The accumulator information is momentarily displayed. The number of accumulations is on the top line of the display and the accumulator total is on the bottom line.

To view the accumulator information, short press the **ACC** key while no count is displayed. . .

The information will be briefly shown on the display.

To clear accumulator information, short press the **ACC** key, then short press the **Clear** key while the accumulator information is displayed

OR

Long press the **Clear** key during normal operation.

This clears all active data; piece weight, tare, accumulator and accumulator counter.

# Management Mode

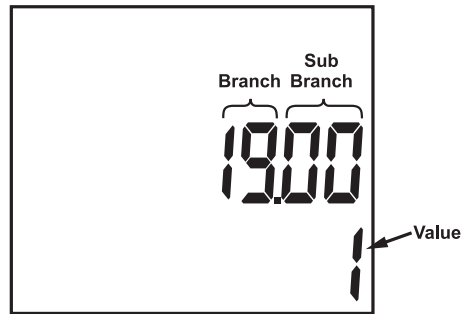


## Attention

**You MUST press the Clear key to clear a value before keying in a new one.**

*After you change a value, you must go to the next branch to accept the value.*

Management mode is a menu structure you enter to set various options in the PC-220. The display will look similar to that shown in Figure 4 when you are in management mode.



**Figure 4**  
Management mode display sample

You use the following keys to enter and navigate through the menu and set the options. Also see the note at left.



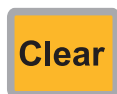
Short press this key, then key in the number 6231 to enter the management mode.



Long press this key to move to the next branch.  
Short press this key to move to the next sub-branch.



Long press this key to go to the previous branch.  
Short press this key to go to the previous sub-branch.



Short press this key to select the value to be changed.  
Long press this key to return to branch 00.



Short press this key to increment the value.  
Long press this key to increment the value 10x.

Press the  followed by the  key to exit management mode.

## Beeper Alarm

*Factory defaults are shown in bold.*

Go to branch 19, sub-branch 00

1900  
1

0 = off  
1 = on

## Keyboard Beeper

Go to branch 19, sub-branch 01

1901  
1

0 = off  
1 = on

## Weight Limit Beeper

Go to branch 19, sub-branch 02

1902  
1

0 = off  
1 = on

## Error Beeper

Go to branch 19, sub-branch 03

1903  
1

0 = off  
1 = on

## Changing Beeper Volume

Go to branch 19, sub-branch 04

1904  
1

0 = Quiet  
1 = Loud

## Changing Backlight Time

Go to branch 20, sub-branch 01

2000  
1

0 = always off  
1 = 5 seconds  
2 = 1 minute  
3 = 5 minutes  
4 = always on

## Changing Sleep Time

*Factory defaults are shown in bold.*

Go to branch 20, sub-branch 01

200 1  
1

0 = none

1 = 1 minute

2 = 5 minutes

3 = 30 minutes

## Changing Duration of a Long Press

Go to branch 29, sub-branch 00

2900  
200

200 = 2 seconds

150 = 1½ seconds

**50 = ½ second**

## Changing Minimum Sample Weight

Go to branch 61, sub-branch 00. Enter the minimum sample weight in grams on a KG scale and in pounds on an LB scale.

6 100  
10

For example: **1 lb**

## Changing Manual Resampling Range

Go to branch 61, sub-branch 01

6 10 1  
100

0 = manual resampling off

100 - 1000 = % of initial sampling size (**200**)

## Changing Automatic Resampling Range

Go to branch 61, sub-branch 02

6 102  
100

0 = automatic resampling off

100 - 1000 = % of initial sampling size (**0**)



## Changing a PLU Item Weight

Branch numbers for  
PLUs = 100 + PLU number.  
For example:  
PLU 5 = 105  
PLU 20 = 120

Go to PLU branch number (example shown is PLU 5).

Sub-branch 00  
Enter the item weight  
(grams shown below)

10500  
145

Sub-branch 01  
Enter the number of decimal places

10501  
2

## Changing a PLU Tare

Go to PLU branch number (example shown is PLU 5).

Sub-branch 02  
Enter the tare weight  
(grams shown below)

10502  
145

Sub-branch 03  
Enter the number of decimal places

10503  
2

## Protecting a PLU

Go to PLU branch number (example shown is PLU 5), sub-branch 4.

10504  
1

0 = Not protected  
1 = Protected

# Calibration

## To Calibrate the PC-220

Follow these procedures to calibrate your PC-220.

1. Press the **On/Off** key then press the **Clear** key. . . Display shows **CAL** in top line with weight displayed on middle line.
2. Place calibration weight on the scale and press the **Clear** key. . . If the weight is acceptable and stable, the display will show **DONE** in the middle line for two seconds.
3. To exit the calibration mode, press the **On/Off** key then press the **Zero** key.

## To Revert to Factory Calibration

1. Press the **On/Off** key then press the **Clear** key. . . Display shows **CAL** in top line with weight displayed on middle line.
2. With no weight on the scale, be sure display reads **0**. Press **Zero** key if not at **0**.
3. Press the **Clear** key. . . **Clear** is displayed.
4. Press the **Clear** key again. . . **Done** is displayed for two seconds.
5. To exit the calibration mode, press the **On/Off** key then press the **Zero** key.

## Acceptable Calibration Weights

Scale Capacity	Acceptable Weights
6 kg	1 kg to 6 kg in 1 kg increments
15 kg	2 kg to 15 kg in 1 kg increments
30 kg	4 kg to 30 kg in 1 kg increments
15 lb	2 lb to 15 lb in 1 lb increments
30 lb	4 lb to 30 lb in 1 lb increments
60 lb	8 lb to 60 lb in 1 lb increments



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